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BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

GILLETT & JOHNSTON.

The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

One of the gratifying results of the work of the associations throughout the country is recognised to be the growing appreciation of ringers as church workers. We have this emphasised by preachers at nearly every ringers' service, and by clerical speakers at our meetings and social functions. The ringers are part of a church's organisation, but many, we feel, will agree with the remarks of "Church Worker," in a letter which we publish in another column, that a good deal further might be done to foster the spirit that bell ringing is church work. While there can be no doubt that ringers as a whole more fully realise the true position of their calling, one cannot deny that in many belfries there is room for improvement.

In numerous instances, undoubtedly, the indifference of ringers can be traced to the lack of interest displayed in them and the absence of encouragement given to them by the church authorities. But primarily the ringers' duty is the calling of the public to worship, and while we do not entirely agree with our correspondent that much good could be done by the publication by the Central Council of particulars of the service ringing at the churches of the country, we feel that ringers should make it a point of honour to see that the service ringing is regularly and punctually carried out. If they appreciated the duty thus fulfilled they would also, we feel certain, see that their places in the church were not so frequently empty. A good deal rests with the parish clergyman. He has absolute control of the bells, and if the ringing company at his church were selected with tact and encouraged with sympathy a still greater improvement would manifest itself.

The question of putting peal ringing before service ringing, as suggested by "Church Worker," by many who have gained proficiency in the Art, is an imputation which can by no means generally be accepted. There are exceptions to every rule, but it will be found that those whose keenness leads them to excel in change ringing are so keen that they neglect no opportunity of joining in ringing, and are usually the most regular in the tower for service ringing. It is those with the least enthusiasm who are usually slackest in their attendance on Sundays. At the same time there is a good deal of food for thought in our correspondent's letter, and his suggestion that ringers should become members of the C.E.M.S. is one which has already had good results in many centres. Properly directed, ringers of England are a body who should form an invaluable source of strength to the Church. The clergy, we think, have the matter largely in their own hands, and it is one of the signs of the times that the belfry is not now the neglected church adjunct that it once was.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb., in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	STANLEY W. HULL	6
JAMES BETTS	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST OLIVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr.	5
*R. ALLAN HICKTON	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN	6
ALBERT COPPOCK	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
WILLIAM MILLER	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
ERNEST PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14¼ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK HODGKIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR C. KAY	5
DAVID HODGKIN	2	PHILLIP HODGKIN	6
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	CHARLES H. SONE	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	*WILLIAM ROBBINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Kay, Player and Wilson, the last named being on a short visit to Kent. It was also rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Allan L. Jones and Miss Sarah B. Matthews.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	GEORGE WILLIAMS	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	OWEN GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*BERNARD CLARK	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	JAMES HUNT	6
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Willshire, Junr. This peal and the handbell peal of Stedman Caters were arranged for Mr. J. A. Trollope.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. MARSHALL	*Treble*	H. GILES	4
D. MORGAN	2	A. H. COSSAM	5
W. J. STANAWAY	3	H. PACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. MARSHALL.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V and Queen Mary. First peal by the local band.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. UNWIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE, Junr.	4
GEORGE H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.	5
THOMAS JULL	3	ALBERT J. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

JIM BEACH	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	EDWIN LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

This peal was arranged for F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, who was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting. It was his first peal of Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Bailey for having everything in readiness for ringing.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ...	*Treble*	PERCY J. LENTON	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	GEORGE HOLLAND	5
ALBERT E. WYKES	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand.

MEETING AT BARLOW MOOR.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, at Christ Church, Barlow Moor. The meeting was well attended, ringers being present from Worsley, Pendleton, Didsbury, Hyde and Manchester, and the bells were kept going from 5 o'clock to 6.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, after which the members adjourned to the Oak Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent. At the close, a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Davies, conductor of the tower, for his kind reception, and for having the bells ready; also to the Church authorities for granting the use of the bells for the occasion.

HANDSWORTH RINGERS AT PENKRIDGE.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Handsworth, had their annual outing on July 15th, when they visited Penkridge. In the afternoon a quarter-peal was attempted on the beautiful ring of eight, but unfortunately came to grief. Afterwards the bells were "dropped" in good style, and "ham and egg" tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, ample justice being done to Host Bird's catering. After a stroll through the village and its charming surroundings, the party returned to the White Hart where, with Mr. Faux in the chair, a musical evening was enjoyed. The handbells were brought into use, "The Harvest Home," "Blue Bells of Scotland," etc., being admirably rendered by Messrs. C. Starkey, E. Starkey and E. Wood. Songs were rendered by Messrs. E. Starkey, T. Verry, W. G. Ellis, R. Faux, F. Ward, S. Danby and C. Starkey, and Mr. Webb, of Penkridge.

At the close of an enjoyable evening, the Chairman thanked the host for the way in which he had looked after the wants of the party.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Once the young band begins to ring Bob Minor, the rules for which I gave last week, they will be fired with enthusiasm to score their first 720, which is the extent of the changes on six bells, and the young conductor will find increased scope for his ability. But before the 720 can be rung there is just one other thing to learn. Plain leads, and bobs alone will not produce the 720 changes. There is another call which has to be made, known as a "single." The effect which it has upon the working of the bells can easily be learnt. The two bells dodging in 5-6 up and down are unaffected—they do precisely the work that would be done if no call were made. The difference comes among the bells in front. The bell that passed the treble in 1-2 (and would run straight out if a bob were called) makes 2nd's place exactly as if there were no call at all. The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 4th's place and returns to lead, as it would do in the case of a bob. The only bell that really finds fresh work at a single is the one that turned the treble from behind and would have dodged in 3-4 down, had there been no call, or would have "run in" and led after the treble, had a bob been called. This bell, at a single, makes 3rd's place, by lying a whole pull over the bell making 2nd's, and then returns behind, to come down to lead next time before the treble and make 2nd's place. Let me illustrate in figures how the single is made, and compare them with a plain and a bob lead:—

Plain Lead.	Bob Lead.	Single Lead.
536241	536241	536241
352614	352614	352614
325164	325164	325164
231546	231546	231546
213456	213456	213456
124365	124365	124365
123456	142356	124356
214365	413265	213465
241635	431625	231645
426153	346152	326154
462513	364512	362514
645231	635421	635241

Next week I shall have something to say on calling Bob Minor.

"Countryman."—You are to be commended upon your effort. You will find it more interesting to call from an inside bell, and when you can do it efficiently you will find it easier to keep others right, and to keep the bells going in a peal. For instance, if you are ringing a working bell you have one less to look after, because you well know the positions of the fixed bells, and your task of watching the others is rendered easier from the fact that you are ringing one of them.

In answer to your second question I have found that one excellent check upon finding the correct leads at which to call bobs in Double Norwich, if one is not ringing an observation bell, is to watch the bells doing treble bob work. The 6th's place bell is the treble bob bell down before the bob at 1; the 7th before the bob at 4, and the tenor before the bob at 6th, while the 5th's place bell, is, of course, the treble bob bell *up* before a bob at 5. If you grasp this and are ever in doubt as to which lead of the course you may be in, it will at once put you right.

CONDUCTOR.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

PITFALLS IN COMPOSITION.

A few remarks on the composition and proof of this method may not be out of place, in view of the recent publication of a peal which has turned out to be false.

It is well known, of course, that all the changes in this method are "in-course" or "even" changes until the introduction of a single and that after their introduction all the changes are "odd" until the next single. It follows, therefore, that a row which has occurred, say, when the treble is in 3rd's place coming down, is quite capable of turning up in some other lead when the treble is in 3rd's going up. And the same thing applies to all other positions of the treble, and gives rise to the twelve false leads which act against the lead containing rounds.

Now, in order to get out a complete proof scale, it is clearly necessary first to write out the lead containing rounds. What that is exactly will depend upon the kind of bob which it is proposed to use. If the 3rd's place bob is the favourite, the lead we require begins with the treble in 5th's going up, and ends, of course, with the treble in 4th's; but if we are using a 7th's place bob, then our lead begins when the treble is in 5th's going down as shown here: these being the changes which are produced by a plain from

354172689	537461928
351427698	(which itself comes from 129785634) or
315246789	or by a bob from 537461289. If now
132547698	we compare together each pair of rows
123456789	which have the treble in the same place,
214365879	we can find all the leads which are false
241638597	against rounds. For instance, take first
426135879	this pair,
462318597	354716298
643281579	462318597
463825197	and take the upper figure instead of 123, etc.
648352917	Here we get 147325869, and we know
463859271	that if this lead occurs we shall get the
648395721	row 354716298 the fourth change after,
684937512	that is in the place when 462318597
869473152	comes after rounds, and so on through all
684971325	the rows. Eventually we find that the

following leads are false against the "rounds" leads :—

47325869	32645879	75896243
37524869	52648379	78694235
32564879	54268379	79836245
32547698	75396842	94836275

If the tenors are kept together none of these can occur unless the coursing order of the tenors is reversed. Now let us see how the false leads affect the other leads of the course; and let us suppose that the main body of the peal is in the tittums position. We take then the seven leads of a tittums course and transpose by the proof scale to see if any false leads are likely to occur.

23456978	27869453	25394867	26748395	29583746	24637589	28975634
47325869	...	...	...	57928436	65423879	...
37524869	...	...	...	...	45326879	...
32564879	...	...	...	...	42376859	...
32547698	...	...	...	...	...	...
32645879	...	...	...	...	...	...
52648379	...	...	...	...	...	...
54268379	68295743	...	...	...	...	...
75396842	46739582	...	...	...	...	...
75896243	...	...	34958276	...	...	...
78694235	45938276	...	39857264	...	58796243	63549287
79836245	...	...	35968274	...	59847263	...
94836275	...	...	57968234	...	...	...

Examining each case we find that nothing will repeat unless the tenors are reversed or otherwise transposed. If then we have to prove a peal which is in the main a tittums peal all we need to do is to examine carefully all the leads of the peal which are not in the tittums, transposing them by the scale of false leads, a proceeding which will at once put us on the track of any repetition which may have occurred.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ST. ILLTYD'S CHURCH.—At Bridgend, on Thursday, July 13th (Investiture Day), 720 of Bob Minor: R. Evans 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, R. James 5, J. Cox (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, 1251 Stedman Caters: J. Hayward 1, W. E. Garrard 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, W. A. Garrard 4, W. J. Daubney 5, E. G. Stibbons 6, C. Charge (conductor) 7, H. G. Miles 8, J. R. Mackman 9, C. H. Phipps 10.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob, in 42 mins.: W. J. Kemp 1, E. J. Woolley 2, G. R. Fardon 3, P. R. Hislop 4, H. T. Gowlett 5, F. J. Hardy 6, J. Bullock 7, A. D. Barker (conductor) 8. Longest length and first touch as conductor in the method by the ringer of the tenor.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 16th, for the men's service, 419 Grandsire Triples: F. Colclough 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, S. Baker 5, B. Gough 6, W. Fisher 7, R. Dunn 8; and 224 Bob Major, R. Dunn 7, W. Fisher 8, the rest as above. Also 560 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by W. Fisher.

DERBY. — The Midland Counties Association. — At St. Alkmund's Church, on Sunday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1248 changes): H. G. Jenney 1, G. Ward 2, H. Day 3, A. Bowmer 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. Hill 6, J. Dyke 7, J. Pagett (conductor) 8.

WEST HAM.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, at All Saints', 1259 Grandsire Caters: H. Torble 1, A. Neale 2, R. F. Deal (conductor) 3, G W. Faulkner 4, T. Cranfield 5, J. Scholes 6, W. Theobald 7, R. Sanders 8, E. Hall 9, G. Potter 10.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—The Winchester Guild.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. L White 1, A. Collins 2, C. Groves 3, F. Tull 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Harris 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, at the Parish Church, 360 Bob Minor: G. Bertram 1, A. J. Naunton 2, G. E. Naunton 3, L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also 216 in the same method, J. Spencer conducting.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Monday, July 17th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples and several plain courses: A. Evans 1, J. W. Jones 2, H. Pitman 3, H. Edwards 4, T. Williams 5, W. Edwards 6, L. Brown 7, W. Waters 8. First touch on the bells by the local band, and first 168 for all excepting the ringer of the second.

NEW PEAL AT LLANBRADACH.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Llanbradach, Glamorganshire, took place on Saturday last, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Llandaff, assisted by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. E. Edwards), and the curate (the Rev. James Bevan).

The service was of a singularly appropriate character, and after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds for one minute. The Bishop delivered an eloquent address to the congregation, and congratulated the Vicar and his co-workers upon their efforts in obtaining such a very fine ring of bells.

Immediately the service was finished, the bells struck out in rounds, followed by firing, and, afterwards, touches in various methods were rung. Afterwards tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of by the ringers in the adjoining Parish Room, and then a sweet-toned new ring of handbells was brought into use. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and the bells again set going, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) being successfully brought round in 46 minutes by the following: S. Hunt 1, W. B. Biss 2, F. Chamberlain 3, A. Slatter 4, J. Butler 5, J. Cross 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8, the whole of whom are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

The bells are by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are entitled to congratulations upon the excellent work put into this ring, the tone and "go" being perfect.

LLANBRADACH CHURCH.

The bells are hung with iron headstocks, Heywood lubricators, and Hastings' stays and sliders. The new iron framework stands on stout steel girders. There is also fixed the Ellacombe improved chiming apparatus.

The diameters, weights and notes of the peal are as follows:—

	Ft.	Inches.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Note.
Treble	1	11	3	0	4	G
2	2	0½	3	0	25	F sharp
3	2	2	3	2	24	E
4	2	4	4	1	1	D
5	2	7⅛	5	3	8	C
6	2	8⅝	6	1	21	B
7	3	0⅛	8	0	9	A
Tenor	3	4½	12	0	22	G

At the conclusion of the ringing, refreshments were very kindly provided for the ringers.

RINGERS AT CRICKET.

BRISTOL BEATS BATH.

An interesting cricket match was played on the beautiful ground at Newton-St.-Loe on Saturday, between ringers representing Bath and Bristol, the game resulting in a win for the Bristol team, for whom W. Frampton, E. Frampton, the Rev. H. A. Cockey and S. Hopkins played a good game. Bristol won the toss, and were all out in an hour and twenty minutes for 118, F. Neate and A. Richardson bowling well for Bath. During the interval the teams were photographed by Mr. C. H. Horton, of Bristol. Bath started batting in a bad light, and were all out for 39, the top score being made by F. Neate with 14 runs. Mr. T. King was the only player that suffered from E. Frampton's express deliveries, and all will wish him a speedy recovery. The spectators were honoured with the company of Sir Richard Deal, of London and Devonshire, and he amused the party with many a merry quip. Some of the "Old Crocks" were very stiff at the start, but it was surprising how quickly the stiffness wore off, and how keen the players were after the first few overs. It was unfortunate that the two captains made a "duck's egg," as when once they get set they are a treat to watch. It was rumoured that some of the Selection Committee were round looking to see if there were any possible candidates for the coming visit to Australia, but as the writer did not see them he cannot vouch for the truth of this.

After the match an adjournment was made to the Globe, where tea was provided.—Complimentary speeches were made by Mr. W. Prescot and Mr. J. Thomas, the captains; Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. R. J. Wilkins.—A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Richardson, to the Rev. C. C. Parker for granting the use of the pitch, and this was, of course, carried by acclamation. Afterwards several ringers adjourned to the church, where touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung, and a very pleasant time was spent in Bath during the evening by some of the Bristol men. The following were the scores:—

BRISTOL.

W. Frampton b Neate	23
C. E. Cockey b Neate	7
W. Thomas b Neate	0
S. J. Hopkins b Neate	26
E. Frampton c Prescot b Neate	29
J. Thomas (capt.) c and b Neate	0
F. H. Smith run out	1
C. Rawlins lbw b Richardson	2
Rev. H. A. Cockey b Richardson	22
R. J. Wilkins not out	2
W. A. Cave b Richardson	2
Extras	4
Total	118

BATH.

A. Richardson b E. Frampton	3
W. J. Prescot b E. Frampton	0
W. Sutton b C. E. Cockey	0
T. King b E. Frampton	5
T. Hogsflesh run out	0
F. Neate c Frampton b Smith	14
F. Rich b Frampton	2
L. Smith lbw b Frampton	0
G. Harding not out	7
L. Flower b Hopkins	2
G. Hill b Hopkins	0
Extras	6
Total	39

THE CARILLONS AT CATTISTOCK.

Cattistock Church, in West Dorset, boasts one of the finest peals of carillons in Europe, which are chimed by an automatic barrel. On Thursday of last week, however, Mons. Jos. Denyn, the famous carillonneur, of Mechlin Cathedral, in Belgium, paid a visit to the village, and gave a recital on the peal of 35 bells. The great Belgian master played with consummate art airs by Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Schumann, as well as many English tunes, and produced music of exquisite quality. The little village was visited by a large number of lovers of bell music, including many Americans. Cattistock bells, of which the largest weighs nearly a ton, were declared by that famous critic, the Rev. H. R. Haweis, to be the finest in England. They were opened in 1899, the dream of a generous former Vicar, the Rev. Keith Barnes, to hear them in full song having remained unfulfilled owing to that gentleman's health taking him to the Continent. M. Denyn goes to Cattistock annually to give an exhibition on the bells.

BEDFORD.—**The Bedfordshire Association.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 18th, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. On June 22nd, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: B. Finding 1, J. W. Barker 2, E. Tingey 3, H. Sharp 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, J. H. Freeborn 9, H. Tysoe 10. 336 Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, J. Church 2, S. Cullip 3, E. Tingey 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, H. Tysoe 7, J. W. Barker 8. 387 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Steel 1, H. Tysoe 2, J. Church 3, W. Lightfoot 4, E. Tingey 5, H. Harlow 6, J. W. Barker 7, D. Thompson 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major.—On July 13th, 476 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Steel 1, H. Harlow 2, B. Finding 3, P. Inskip 4, J. W. Barker 5, H Sharp 6, F. Webb 7, S. Hall 8.—224 Superlative Surprise Major: B. Finding 1, H. Tysoe 2, F. Webb 3, H. Harlow 4, C. W. Clarke 5, C. Chasty 6, H. Sharp 7, J. W. Barker 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is no wish of mine to prolong this discussion, but at the Central Council Meeting we were told that an "official" report of the meeting would be sent to the "Bell News," after being submitted to the president for approval, and now in reading the issue of July 22nd, I find that I am reported to have seconded the amendment proposed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, to delete the whole of the words in the resolution after "communications." Now, sir, what I want to point out in this "official" report, or what we might term "Heywood's Variation," is that it ought to read, that I seconded the original resolution moved by Mr. Trollope. Therefore, it would be an absurdity for me to second the amendment. I point this out so that the Exercise and the Sussex County Association, of which I am one of the representatives, should not be misled. If reports of the Council meetings are to be officially recognised in "Bell News," and also paid for by the Council, let us have them more up-to-date and more exact, and then, perhaps, the old paper, which has served us a good purpose in the past, will still continue to prosper. But at the same time I still adhere to the original motion, that the Central Council shall give equal recognition to the "Ringing World," which paper, I think, under the present management, would send a representative capable of supplying a report that would not require dissecting by the President, and would not require payment except in good all-round support by the Exercise at large.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. DAWE,
Sussex County Association.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Pye will kindly read over again my letter in your issue of July 14th, he will see that I made no such statements about himself as he attributes to me. I quoted, it is true, certain expressions from a letter of his, which seem to me, and still seem, unfair to the Council as a body. But I never said that Mr. Pye wants "to grind his own axe"—that is what he said about others: nor, when I spoke of holding decided views and wanting to convince others, was I thinking of him.

I will not argue with Mr. Pye what degree of proficiency constitutes a "practical ringer." Nay, I will admit that, measured by his standard, I am not one myself. But is it too much to ask of so eminent a practical ringer, whose performances we all admire, that he should look indulgently upon the shortcomings of weaker brethren?

T. L. PAPILLON.

CENTRAL COUNCIL RESULTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I think Mr. Pye and myself are of the same opinion upon the results obtained at the annual meetings of the Central Council. It took a long time thrashing out the problem whether London Surprise should be a "Marvel," and it was decided "Marvel." Then the next great point to be decided was whether this one or that had properly produced London Surprise Royal, not London "Marvel," and so on. Again, in the controversy on peal values there is nothing said about striking. I have heard some dreadful stuff called peal ringing—very few changes being struck properly. I respect Mr. Papillon very much, and I don't think he is a man to enter into a silly argument. He knows what the Council have done for the Essex Association in regard to railway travelling. Formerly we could go to any meeting for single fare and a quarter for the return journey, if we showed our last certificate of payment. Now we have to pay full fares. This is the only thing done that I know of which affects change ringers, so I for one am opposed to spending our funds for these yearly excursions. Give us better railway facilities, and then, perhaps, we may alter our minds.

Saffron Walden, July 22nd. F. PITSTOW.

BELL RINGING AS CHURCH WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are having at present a good deal of correspondence and controversy on peal points and analyses, but are we doing much to foster the idea that ringing is Church work, and that ringers are Church workers, and ought to be loyal Churchmen? Let us thoroughly digest your summary of the sermon by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Winchester, and work on those lines. There are many belfries in which peals are rung and occasional practices held, but no Sunday ringing is done. There is, I believe, one famous peal of twelve which was put in perfect order more than two years ago and has never since been rung for a service; and I am afraid there are many parallel cases all over the country.

One great reason for this state of affairs is that many men take up ringing as they would golf, and as they gain in proficiency their one idea is peal ringing, breaking records, and theorising, while ringing for service as an integral part of worship is looked upon as a matter of small importance, or never thought of at all. I believe two remedies could be found. First, let ringers become members of the C.E.M.S. (many already have done so), and so be led to look upon themselves, and be looked upon by others, as an integral part of the machinery of their parish. Secondly, I believe the Central Council could do a great deal more than has been done for the man who rings regularly on Sunday and works loyally for his Church and his vicar. Surely this class of man is as worthy of recognition as the "peal snatcher," and a return of those churches, possessing rings of bells, at which ringing for service is the rule; and a rough estimate of the number of ringers who ring for service regularly, but whose names seldom appear in peal records, would be more useful than peal points and analyses, unless it can be proved that the amount of Sunday ringing is commensurate with the number of peals.

CHURCH WORKER.

MINOR METHOD RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice ringers, on 8, 10 and 12 bells do not, as a rule, favour the common and wise practice of calling seven 720's of Minor a peal. Perhaps, critically, it is not a true peal, but when it is put into practice and carried through in seven true and distinct methods, it ought, and is, and I hope will always be classed, as a peal. I and many others think it a more creditable performance, requiring much more skill, than a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major or Plain Bob. What can be more simple to ring that 5040 of the above? As soon as one gets accustomed to the two extra ropes all is plain sailing. But my object is to call attention to what is considered by many Minor ringers, the unfair number of points allotted to the higher Minor methods by the Central Council. When seven 720's in true and distinct broken-lead T.B. methods are tapped off surely it is worthy of more points than 5040 of Kent Major or Plain Bob. It requires much more skill and practice, and is deserving of more credit. Minor ringers have a friend in the Rev. H. Law James, and I feel sure he will see that we are dealt with fairly at the Central Council meetings in the future.

I had intended to write some remarks on the Devon Guild, but "North-countryman" has forestalled me, so I let that matter drop.—Yours truly,

MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last issue (page 311) are two letters upon the six-bell question. In the first letter it seems that the Devonshire Guild has deemed it wiser to abandon the idea of fixing a standard for their six-bell ringers. In my humble opinion this was a wise decision to come to.

In the second letter the writer seems to begrudge six-bell ringers the privilege of ringing seven 720's in one method, and hopes that all our guilds and associations and also the Central Council will see their way to raising the standard and so stamp out this awful scourge. Does it occur to this north country ringer that circumstances alter cases. There are those, no doubt, who, if they waited till they had a band for seven different methods, would never ring a six-bell peal. Taking fully into consideration the peculiar nature of our Art, and the conditions under which we practice it, I consider it would be very unwise to attempt to lay down hard and fast rules as to what we should, or should not ring. It is all very well for those good people, who are so happily situated that they can get as many different methods as their hearts could desire, but we are not all so situated, and, therefore, we have to do the best we can, and be contented with what we can get.—Yours faithfully,

Farnham Royal. J. J. PARKER.

LUDLOW.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Acton (longest length) 1, F. S. Wilson 2, F. Downing 3, W. R. Nash 4, A. Chester 5, G. Acton 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Nasen 8. This ringing was arranged for Messrs. W. Saunders and F. Downing, of Coalbrookdale.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, in connection with the memorial service for the late Mr. Glenton, churchwarden, and Mrs. Gates, of Bridge Street, the bells were muffled, and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major rung: H. Thorpe 1, S. Thorpe 2, G. Holmes 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. J. Peake 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Catholic Church, on July 11th, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: B. D. Buttress (conductor) 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, W. B. Kempton 4, T. W. Dickerson 5, P. Taylor 6, L. Schnider, 7.

PERSHORE.—At the Abbey, on July 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Annis 1, G. Dolphin 2, G. Bozzard 3, W. Reed 4, G. Checketts (Worcester), conductor, 5, W. Stone (Worcester) 6, F. Godfrey 7, J. Dolphin 8.

APPLEBY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On July 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Bird 1, N. Short 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, T. H. Parkin 4, J. W. Thyng 5, G. Vamplew (conductor) 6.

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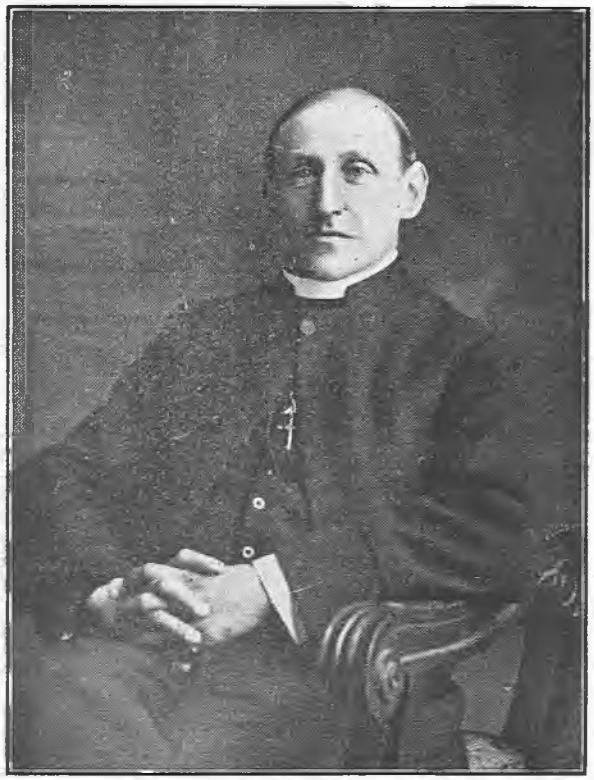
OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Founded on June 26th, 1879, the Winchester Diocesan Guild has fulfilled the objects for which it was called into existence, viz. :—(i) the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (ii) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; and (iii) the cultivation of change ringing. In so extensive a diocese as that of Winchester, embracing a large portion of Surrey and the whole of Hampshire, and stretching from Thames Ditton to Bournemouth, with the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, it is no easy task for the officials of the Guild to keep in touch with the eight districts. It is one of those dioceses which sorely needs sub-division. If the present



THE REV. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Master cannot rank as a change ringer, as that term is accepted by the Exercise, he has worked indefatigably in promoting the best interests of the society, and is well known and highly esteemed amongst ringers in most of the affiliated towers.

The Rev. Charles E. Matthews was born at Elstead, Surrey, in 1863, and educated at University College, Durham, where he took the license in theology in 1886; and afterwards at Salisbury Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1887 by the Bishop of Colchester, and priest the following year by the Bishop of St. Albans; he was licensed to the curacy of North Weald Bassett in 1887. While there he learnt to handle a bell rope, and the peal of six was rehung. In his second curacy at Ospringe, Kent, under the late Canon Griffin, he was mainly instrumental in encouraging the parishioners to erect a peal of eight bells, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, tenor 17¼ cwt., which were dedicated on St. Thomas' Day, 1891; Mr. Matthews himself giving the improved Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and organising the band of ringers.

On the death of his Vicar he migrated to Shere, Surrey, in April, 1894, and was shortly called upon to act as hon. secretary to the Restoration Committee of that ancient parish church. The bells—a peal of six—were almost unringable; and were included in the general restoration scheme. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank supplied a new oak frame, recast the tenor and added two trebles, Mr. Matthews taking the foreman of the local band to the Whitechapel foundry to see the work of casting. He also presented an Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the tower, and rang the tenor to the first peal brought round on the augmented bells on May 30th, 1896.

From 1896 to 1899 Mr. Matthews was curate of Hursley, near Winchester, and was presented to the living of Bursledon, Hants, by Winchester College, in 1899. He became Vicar of Titchfield in the same county, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, in September, 1907. Here there is a very musical ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., and a most efficient company (including two ladies), who can ring several Minor methods, and who are always in the belfry on duty before matins and evensong on Sundays—a band of which any incumbent may be justly proud.

At the annual festival of the Guild at Christchurch, Hants, on July 1st, 1895, Mr. Matthews was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. During the eight years he fulfilled these combined offices he only missed one quarterly meeting of the Guild, and raised its funds from £63 9s. 10d. to £128 12s. 8d. On the promotion of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey to the Vicarage of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, in 1903, the Rev. C. E. Matthews was unanimously elected to succeed him as Master, and has continued to fill that office up to the present time. He has been a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers since 1896, and was instrumental in obtaining the sanction of the Bishop of Diocese for the use of a special service at ringers' meetings. For this service, also, he compiled a hymn—"The Sacred Bells of England"—which is always sung at the Guild's annual festival, as well as at many of the district meeting services. Mr. Matthews' advice is often sought by and readily given to incumbents as to rehanging and restoration of peals in the diocese, while, as is perhaps only natural, he is also frequently appealed to by the clergy on matters concerning belfry rules, etc. While ever ready to give help, Mr. Matthews always points out that the control of the bells is vested by law in the incumbent, and he does not believe in the Guild interfering or coming between vicars and their ringers. For some years past he has been collecting information concerning the church bells of Hampshire, which he hopes to complete and publish in the future.

During his term of office as honorary secretary the Guild was divided into districts, a step which greatly extended interest in the organisation, the Guild being now one of the strongest in the country.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, for evening service, on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Frampton (first quarter-peal) 1, W. T. Pates (of Cheltenham) 2, H. Bennett 3, F. Forsyth (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 4, G. Doel 5, F. Townsend (of Poole) 6, W. Dyer (of Charlton Kings) 7, C. Goodenough 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Souvenirs in the shape of medallions, miniature bells and tobacco jars, made from old bells to help pay for new ones is a decided novelty so far as we are aware. Perhaps the example of Burnham-on-Crouch, in this matter, may be followed by other places where funds are short.

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It looks, from the crisis that has arisen among the powers of Europe, as if the peace movement, which everyone hoped was going to spread throughout the nations of the civilised world, may be "brought up with a round turn." Our forefathers once melted down the bells to cast them into cannon. We were hoping for the time when the churches would get their own back, so to speak, and, when there was no further use for lethal weapons, cannon would be melted down and cast into bells. No, not quite that, perhaps, for we do not think that bells made of the material of discarded guns would prove as melodious as we like them to be. But if they were, it would be possible to have "big guns" at both ends of the ropes.

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Talking of bell material, we hear curious descriptions applied to the unmusical peal sometimes. "Tubs," "cans," and "wooden" and "leather" bells are some of the terms by which they are characterised. But there is in Sussex a peal made, it is said, of steel, and they came, we believe, from Belgium. They have been in the tower for many years, and the first peal has yet to be rung upon them.

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The other day we read of a bishop who had formerly been one of the "Queen's hundred" preaching at Bisley to the riflemen assembled for the great shooting contests. He was veritably a rifleman's bishop. When are we to have a bell ringing bishop? Members of the Episcopate frequently give us words of wisdom at our gatherings and festivals, but who, we wonder, will be the first "ringing parson" elevated to a See?

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When the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association meets at Hamer, on August 12th, "nominations for branch secretary will be accepted," we are informed. But Mr. J. H. Bastow is surely the right man in the right place.

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We learn that on June 7th, 1813, there was rung at Bakewell, Derbyshire, by the Sheffield ringers, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 13 minutes. William Booth 1, Joseph Grayson 2, George Hudson 3, William Wragg 4, John Lomas 5, William Hudson 6, Samuel Dutton 7, William Roman 8. Conducted by William Booth. So that the above was the first peal of Major rung on the bells, and not the one recorded last week, unless, indeed, the bells have been recast since 1813. It is interesting to note that we have among the leaders of our Art to-day a descendant of one of the members of this band. William Booth was the maternal grandfather of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

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SIXTY YEARS A CHANGE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. C. BUCKTIN AT EAST WITTON.

Christopher Bucktin, whose life has just closed at the age of 76, was for over 60 years a change ringer. He was the son and grandson of a ringer, and was put at the end of a rope at the age of 14, ever since having faithfully been at his post in the belfry, and in his time was mainly responsible for the continuous performance of the Art in the little Yorkshire village of East Witton since the bells were put in 100 years ago. He continued at his post up to about seven years ago, when his health failed, and it was then that his fellow-ringers and friends made him a presentation of a marble clock. He was born and died in the same house, and resided with his sister, who nursed him all through with a wonderful tenderness. The funeral took place on Tuesday in last week; the bearers being his fellow-ringers. Those who followed represented a large circle of friends, and amongst them were Dr. Cockcroft, Mr. Theakston, and members of the Middleham belfry. The bells were rung muffled to a 720 of Oxford after the funeral by Messrs. Hall, Peacock, Hammell, Spence, Croft and Jacques. The deceased was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. May he rest in peace.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. DALE, HULL.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Mr. John W. Dale, of Hull, who passed away on Wednesday, July 26th, at his residence, 4 Hyde Park Terrace, Walcott Street, Hull, at the age of 52 years. The deceased was a shipwright, and had for many years worked for the firm of Messrs. Thomas Wilson, Sons and Co., and was at work on the Monday previous to his death. He had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church for about 25 years, and had taken part in 33 peals. Always present in his place at the belfry for service ringing, it would be hard to find a ringer more regular and more punctual in his duties.

The funeral took place at the Western Cemetery on Saturday, in the presence of many relatives and sympathising friends. The coffin was borne to the grave by some of his fellow-workmen. After the committal sentences had been read at the graveside, a deep impression was made upon all who had come to pay their last tribute of respect, by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. T. Stockdale, G. Hare, C. Jackson and J. W. Stickney. In the evening, at Holy Trinity, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 52 leads, representing deceased's age, was rung with the bells muffled, and on Sunday morning for Divine service 504 changes by M. Hedges, T. Stockdale, G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, E. Cutsforth, J. W. Stickney, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Merrison, D. Brown, J. Highfield and T. Harrison. The deceased was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, having joined in 1888, and also a member of the North Lincolnshire Bell Ringers.

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"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

Although the Surrey Association takes a county title, its operations by no means extend over the whole area of the county, for Surrey in its southern portion, as far as ringing matters are concerned, is covered by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Association, however, is anxious, without encroaching upon its neighbour's sphere of influence, to enlarge its scope by taking in more of the towers in mid and east Surrey. The scheme has been before the committee, and the proposal was placed before a quarterly meeting at Reigate on Saturday.

There was a very fair attendance of members, the towers represented including Croydon, Beddington, Reigate, Dorking, Ewell, Guildford, Hersham, Mitcham, Leatherhead, Nutfield, Camberwell, Hammersmith, etc. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening on the ten bells of the Parish Church, and there was a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Davis) who, in a brief address, welcomed the Association to Reigate, and dwelt upon the solemn duty which ringers were called upon to perform. He spoke of the reforms which the Associations had brought about in the belfries of the land, and said he felt that ringers, equally with the choir or the Sunday school teachers, were "Workers together with God." Obviously the motive that underlay the ringing of the bells was one of worship. They could as truly serve God in their businesses, in their occupations and even in their recreations as they could when they met in His sanctuary. When they did meet in His sanctuary their worship would be all the more real and all the more true if during the week they had taken care that all they did was with the knowledge that God was their Father, that Jesus Christ was their Saviour, and that the Holy Ghost sanctified them.

SOUTH SURREY BRANCH PROPOSED.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent tea and meeting, and, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, through indisposition, the hon. secretarial duties were discharged by Mr. C. Dean. The principal business was the discussion of the matter above referred to, the committee having passed a resolution recommending that a branch association be formed, called the South Surrey Branch, so as more efficiently to organise that part of the county, which it was found impossible to do from the centre, owing to the distance to be traversed; that the branch have its own secretary, responsible to the general secretary, and have its own quarterly meetings. The committee also recommended that the office of Master be created, and that Dr. A. B. Carpenter be asked to take the office.

Mr. Dodd (Dorking) inquired whether the committee thought the branch, if formed, would be a financial success. He thought it was doubtful. If there was a loss, would it have to be borne by the district, or would the county be responsible for it. — Mr. Dean thought it was the intention of the committee that the district should be responsible for its own funds.—Replying to another question, he said he believed circulars on the matter had been sent to Reigate, Godstone, Burstow, Charlwood and Lye.—Mr. J. Jones (Guildford) said if they only got in eight towers, with an average of six members, they would be in debt over head and ears long before the first year was out.—Eventually, it being pointed out that the recommendation could only be adopted at the annual meeting, or at a special general meeting, it was resolved that the question be adjourned, until the annual meeting, and that in the meantime the committee's scheme be printed and circulated among all the towers in the Association. At the same time, the opinion was expressed that it would be advisable to divide the county into districts.

One new member was elected, and Mr. Drewett stated that the child of the late Mr. Jackson (one of their members), for whom an appeal had been made for votes for entry into the Freemasons' Orphanage, had been successful in getting into the institution (applause).—Mr. Drewett also proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his helpful address, and for presiding. — The Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the steeplekeeper, and to Mr. Dean for undertaking the secretarial duties.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A NEW BRANCH FORMED.

A special meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held at Marlborough on Saturday, to inaugurate a new branch of the Guild, it having been found desirable, owing to the large and unworkable size of the Devizes branch (which formerly comprised the whole of the Archdeaconry of Wilts, from Bradford in the west, to Ramsbury in the east, from Wootton Bassett on the north, to Netheravon on the south) to split up the branch into two portions, Devizes retaining the western portion and Marlborough taking over the eastern part. The meeting was very successful, taking place on the lawn at St. Mary's Vicarage, under the presidency of the Chairman, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, Vicar of St. Mary's, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. James Butler, Mr. H. Brownlee West, the secretary of the Devizes branch; Messrs. C. D. Heginbothom and F. W. Bealing from St. John's, Devizes, and over 30 other ringers from Marlborough, Broad Hinton, Mildenhall, Chirton, Preshute, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, and Pewsey. All were very pleased to see the genial chairman so well recovered from his late serious accident and able to preside over such a large and appreciative audience.—Mr. Brownlee West proposed, and Mr. Heginbothom seconded, the establishment of the new branch, with the Rev. A. E. G. Peters as chairman, and Mr. James Butler as hon. secretary, and this was agreed to.—Mr. Heginbothom gave a very interesting account of the branch since its commencement in 1901.

The Vicar of St. Mary's very kindly provided a capital tea, under the large walnut tree on his lawn, which was very much enjoyed, and for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. During the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Mary's and St. Peter's were kept going, as were also those of the churches of Mildenhall and Preshute; the use of them being kindly granted for the day by the respective incumbents.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The twenty-fourth annual gathering of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Northwich on Saturday last, and was attended by 140 honorary and ringing members.—The proceedings commenced with service in the fine old parish church at 3.45, at which an address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Without detracting in the least from the excellence of addresses given by the non-ringing clergy on such occasions, this was one which could only have been prepared by a keen ringer and a keen churchman. It was based upon the words, "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured." After reference to the general application of the principle underlying the words, he referred to the work of the old ringers in respect of reform, method building, composition, etc., a work small, perhaps, and comparatively insignificant, but nevertheless good and permanent, the harvest of which the ringers of to-day were reaping. He proceeded to remind his hearers that while they were the reapers of the labours of others, that fact constituted them sowers also of what they had reaped. Future generations of ringers would reap what we were sowing, and, therefore, it was a real responsibility to pass on unimpaired what had been inherited from the past, enriched by the addition to it of the measure of the fulness of the present day's knowledge and experience in the Art of change ringing.

An excellent meat tea had been prepared in the adjoining schools, and was much appreciated by all present.—The Archdeacon of Chester, Master of the Guild, occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed. A report of the affairs of the Guild for 1910 was presented, and showed the general position to be satisfactory and encouraging. The sum of £15 13s. was reported to have been collected and sent up to the "Robinson Memorial Fund," from the Guild. After the election of officers a descriptive report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Leicester was presented by the representatives, the desirability of a wider use of the Council's literature, and of care in sending up reports of performances to the ringing papers being emphasised. That part of the report which referred to the attitude of the Council towards "The Ringing World" provoked much interest and some inquiry. Ultimately the following resolution, identical with that recently passed at the Annual Festival of the Oxford Guild, was moved from the chair, and unanimously passed: "That in the opinion of this meeting 'The Ringing World' should receive the same facilities from the Central Council as are accorded the "Bell News.'"

As the next annual festival would be the twenty-fifth, it was felt generally that it would be most fitting to hold it at Chester, the place where the first was held. It was accordingly decided to do so, and August Bank Holiday was fixed as the day.—A grant of £5 was made towards the cost of the augmentation to ten of the ring at Christ Church, Crewe.—It was decided to adopt the rule of the Central Council in respect of peals rung under the auspices of two or more associations, viz., to credit them to the association first-named.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved by the Master to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his presence and sermon, and Mr. Jenkyn suitably replied.—The incumbents who had opened their towers to the members were also thanked, as were the local ringers for their services. — Though the business part of the proceedings were necessarily somewhat lengthy, and the heat tremendous, yet a keen interest was maintained throughout.

DISS RINGERS' OUTING.

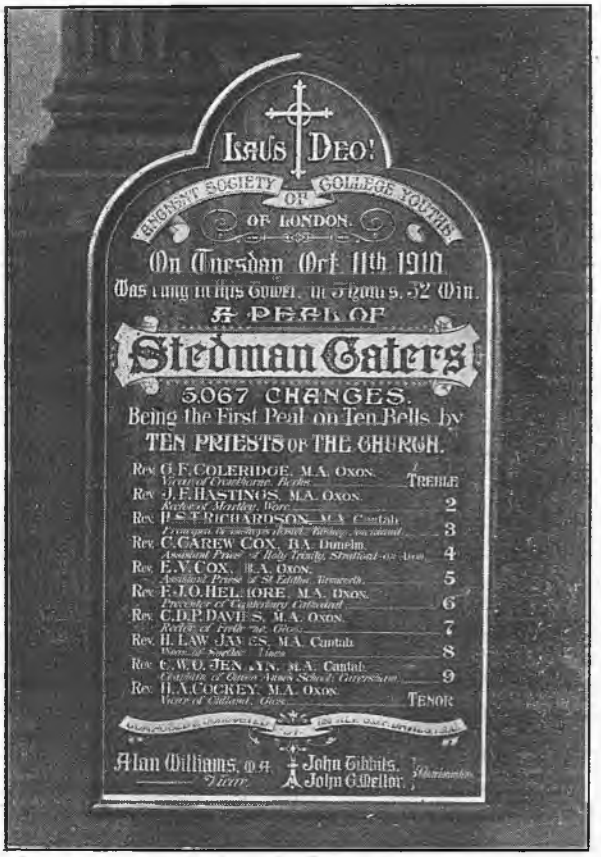
On Tuesday, July 18th, the ringers belonging to St. Mary's Church, Diss, Norfolk, had their annual outing, in glorious weather. The company, eleven in number, proceeded by brake to Pulham Market, Pulham Mary, Alburgh, Bungay and Redenhall. Two touches at each church was the order for the day, and Stedman, Superlative and Oxford Treble Bob were the methods rung. At Bungay the company found a splendid dinner waiting for them at the Cherry Tree Inn, after which the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung to the delight of the company present. Then the return journey was commenced, and home was reached after a beautiful ride, shortly before 11 o'clock. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rectors and vicars who so kindly allowed them to ring their bells.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

"CLERICAL PEAL" BOARD UNVEILED.

The fourth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in the historical town of Warwick on Saturday last, and advantage was taken of the occasion to unveil a handsome tablet recording the peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910. After the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (the composer and conductor of the peal) had given the history of the previous clerical peals, the Lord Bishop of Worcester performed the unveiling ceremony, which was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters, in which three of the clergy who rang in the peal, took part, viz.: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. C. Cox and E. V. Cox, the Rev. C. C. Cox conducting.

Evensong was held in St. Mary's Church, the choir and organist being in attendance, a kindness which was much appreciated by all the members of the Guild. The Rev. E. G. Hatton-Fraenkl, assistant



priest, intoned the prayers; the Rev. Alan Williams, Vicar of St. Mary's, read the lessons; and the hymns, appropriately chosen for the occasion, were, "Ye Servants of the Lord" and "Songs of Praise the Angels sang." The Lord Bishop of Worcester preached from the text, "O come let us sing unto the Lord," and, in an interesting and instructive address, traced the origin of the bells from the Roman period to the present. He reviewed the uses of bells, explaining how in times of national rejoicings they played an important part, and in periods of national bereavement they were tolled. The Bishop went on to say that in times gone by the belfry was a place where things went on which were not seemly, and he paid a high tribute to the good work which was being done by the Guilds of the country, in bringing about a far better state of affairs.

The President of the Guild, the Rev. Alan Williams very kindly entertained the members of the Guild and visitors to a meat tea at the Woolpack Hotel, and amongst those present were: The Lord Bishop of Worcester, Rev. Alan Williams, the Member of Parliament for Warwick and Leamington, Mr. E. M. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. Pollock, Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Hatton-Fraenkl, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. H. C. A. Bach, Rev. E. V. Cox, the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Warwick, and also the following officers of the Guild: Rev. C. C. Cox, Messrs. E. H. Adams, W. G. Dickins, J. George, A. Roberts, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and about 55 other members and friends. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. Alan Williams extended a hearty welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pollock for their presence that afternoon at the annual meeting of the Guild.—The Lord Bishop and the Hon. Member for the Division both suitably replied.—A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. L. Coleman to the Rev. Alan Williams for his kind hospitality to the Guild.

CHANGES AMONG THE OFFICERS.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Hall, presided over by the Rev. A. Williams. Letters expressing regret for non-attendance were received from the Archdeacons of Coventry and Warwick, Canan Blyth, Revs. H. A. Cockey, F. J. O. Helmore, G. F. Coleridge, C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. F. Hastings, H. Law James, H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. G. E. Over and T. Randle.—The Hon. Secretary read his report, which showed steady progress and expansion by the Guild. The membership had been increased by 26 new members during the past year, and the number of peals rung in the higher methods showed a satisfactory increase for a small Guild.—The Hon. Treasurer submitted the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £12 0s. 8d., against £12 8s. 8d. in the preceding year.—This was considered very satisfactory.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Rev. Alan Williams; Ringing Master, Mr. James George; Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. Carew Cox; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. G. Dickins; Hon. Auditor, Mr. John Ambrose. The following were elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams, T. W. Chapman, T. Dickins, A. J. Hessian, A. James, G. A. Martineau, A. Roberts. Mr. Harry Argyle was elected as representative on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

In appreciation of the St. Mary's choir's services at the Guild's annual meetings, the sum of £1 1s. was voted to their funds.

The following new rule was adopted: "That any member who has paid three shillings in annual subscriptions and becomes non-resident in the county of Warwickshire, shall remain a member of the Guild without further subscription, but shall not be allowed to vote or hold office, and shall not receive the annual report except on payment of sixpence."

The August monthly meeting was fixed to be held at Aston, on Saturday, August 26th; the September meeting at Henley-in-Arden, on Saturday, September 23rd; and the quarterly meeting at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 28th.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. L. Coleman for his past services, and the good work he had done as hon. secretary of the Guild, from its commencement. He also expressed the regret of the members that Mr. Coleman had not been able to offer himself for re-election on account of having left the county to reside in Norfolk.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Smallwood, on his resignation of the mastership of the Guild, for his past services; to the Bishop for his address; to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas', Warwick, and All Saints', Emscote, for the use of their bells; to the organist and choir of St. Mary's for their attendance at the service; and to the retiring officers of the Guild.—Nine new members were elected. There was an excellent attendance of members and friends during the afternoon and evening, the total reaching over 70.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Shoreham on Saturday week. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and kept going in various methods. Divine service was held at 5.30 p.m., and a short, but very interesting address was given by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). He gave the Association a very hearty welcome to the ancient church of Shoreham, and told the members that one of the bells was dated 1635, which was about the time the tower was built, but that the part of the church they were sitting in was a great deal older, and the well preserved old rood screen was one of the finest in that part of the country.

After service the members adjourned to the George Inn for tea. Owing to the intense heat, it was decided to hold the business meeting in the churchyard, beneath the shade of the yew tree. Owing to another engagement, the Vicar could not be present, and Mr. E. Barnett, senr., was elected chairman; Messrs. A. Ball and J. Collis, of Dartford, W. Sheppard, of Hersham, and F. G. Woodiss, of Surbiton, were elected members; and the elections of W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and W. S. Wise, of Croydon, previous to peals in towers, were ratified.—The District Representative then gave his report of the committee meeting, which was accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded him. Lewisham and Crayford were both proposed as the place of the annual district meeting, and Lewisham was decided upon by a good majority, the meeting to take place on the fourth Saturday in October.—It was also decided that a proposition be sent from the district to the general hon. secretary, that equal rights be given to "The Ringing World" with any other ringing paper.—A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address; to the organist for his services; and to the Vicar of Eynsford for the use of the bells there.—The tower was again visited subsequently, and various touches rung.

TWELVE HOURS' RIDE THROUGH DERBYSHIRE.

A motor spin for twelve hours through some of the most beautiful Derbyshire scenery will make the annual outing of the St. Mary's band, of Eastwood, Notts, a long-remembered one. The trip took place on the 19th ult., and, Duffield, reached through Heanor and Smalley, was the first place of call. Mr. Dawson, the tower keeper, had the bells ready, and after a touch of Grandsire Triples, the ten were rung. Next Belper was reached; through the beautiful Chevin Valley, and an enjoyable hour was spent in the beautiful gardens, where the rambler roses were specially good. The next stretch of the journey took the party across the Derwent Bridge, at Whatstandwell, along the hillsides covered with trees and bracken, through Cromford, by Willersley House, where Florence Nightingale lived for a short time, and on to Matlock Bath, where dinner was served. Soon, however, the party were on their way again in the fleet motor, Darley Dale being the next objective. Here some ringing was done, and an inspection made of the pretty church, the yew tree said to be 2,000 years old, and the two lidless stone coffins. Haddon Hall was then made for, and the famous building was inspected with interest by several of the excursionists who made their "escape" through the same door, as did "Dorothy Vernon" on that memorable night so graphically described by a famous writer. Tea was partaken of at Bakewell, and ringing took place on the mellow and musical peal at the church. It is doubtful if there are any bells round about to equal this ring, which are a great credit to the Whitechapel foundry. Traversing the beautiful country to Chesterfield, the party passed over the Moors of Derbyshire, which, with the light of the setting sun upon the rugged, heather-clad hills, were gloriously picturesque. Dropping down the 500 or 600 feet into Chesterfield, with the car knocking off every mile in two minutes, was a sensation that some, if not all, will remember, but the town with the crooked spire was safely reached. There was time for a stroll here, and the ringers naturally took a peep at the twisted steeple. Then the last stage of the journey was begun. On raced the car to Clay Cross, with its miserable houses and small shops, sharp corners and narrow streets, on to Stretton, where there is a splendid view of Ogston Hall and some typical Derbyshire scenery, on to Alfreton, and through some uninteresting country; a short stop at Somercotes, and then away to Eastwood. It was a race against the clock, but the Sun Inn was reached at 8.27 p.m., three minutes in front of the scheduled time on the twelve hours' journey. The member who had advocated a horse-drawn vehicle for the day, is now a confirmed motorist, a "speed merchant" in fact. Everyone, ladies included, was thoroughly satisfied with the most enjoyable day, and was loud in praise of the gentleman responsible for the time-table. The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to express their thanks to the clergy of Bakewell, Darley Dale and Duffield for the use of the bells at these churches, and to the correspondents at the respective towers. If any ringers would like a similar outing in this charming district, Mr. Edward Manners, of Eastwood, would give them all particulars and assist them in mapping out a route.

COSELY PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

The Coseley Parish Church ringers and the Princes End Cycling Club arranged a joint outing to Chaddesley Corbett (Worcestershire), six of the ringers journeying by rail to Kidderminster, while the remainder of the band joined the cycling club run. Those who travelled via Kidderminster had a fine five miles' country walk, the pretty historic village of Chaddesley Corbett being reached at 4.20. When the first contingent of ringing cyclists arrived (including Mr. John Goodman, junr., of Dudley), permission was obtained from the Vicar (the Rev. G. Griffith-Williams) for the use of the bells—a fine-toned peal of eight (tenor, 16¼ cwt., in F). Consent was readily granted, and the bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire Triples (conducted by John Goodman), and Bob Major (conducted by Wm. Fisher) were nicely tapped off. The remainder of the party had by this time arrived, and after being "snapped" by the photographer, tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel (Chaddesley). In the evening ringing was again taken up, and 504 Oxford Bob Triples and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (conducted by Wm. Fisher) were successfully brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. Mr. A. E. Law (the ringers' secretary) and a couple of the ringing cyclists paid a visit to the Vicarage to personally thank the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and then the party left for home. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and the hope was expressed that it would not be long before another visit was paid to Chaddesley Corbett.

VISIT TO SOUTHPORT.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Hunslet, when they visited Southport for their annual outing. The beautiful bells of Emmanuel Church (tenor 11¾ cwt.) were placed at their disposal by the Vicar in the morning, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The afternoon was spent by the sea, and in the evening Christ Church was visited. Here the party were met by Mr. Rimmer, and short touches of Grandsire were rung on this nice peal. The vicars of both churches were thanked for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their kindness.

ROUND ABOUT WELLS.

The ringers of Easton-in-Gordano visited the neighbourhood of Wells for their annual outing. They first went to Doulting, where they found a pretty ring of six bells, which they soon set going to Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. Next they visited Shepton Mallet, and, after dinner, rang touches of Grandsire Triples, with the help of two of the local men. The drive was then continued to Dinder and Wells, and after ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, train was taken to Cheddar, where the party met Mr. Raymond Wilkins, of Briston, and some Clapton ringers. Having obtained permission to ring, the bells were found to be in a very bad state, but 120 Grandsire Doubles was brought home. This concluded the programme, and the return journey was commenced, after a most enjoyable day. Special thanks were accorded Mr. G. H. Gale, who had made the arrangements.

AN OUTING TO BRIDGNORTH.

On Saturday, 22nd July, the ringers from the above church, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, visited Bridgnorth, a pretty old-fashioned town on the River Severn, for their annual outing. Arriving at about 4 o'clock, the first item on the programme was a climb from Low Town to the Castle Grounds in High Town. Here a splendid view could be obtained of the surrounding country. The old-fashioned church of St. Mary Magdalene was visited, and, soon after, St. Leonard's Church, with its fine ring of eight, was reached. The bells were raised in peal, and for about an hour were kept going with touches in various methods. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to Messrs. Jones' Restaurant, where an ample tea was partaken of, at which the Vicar presided. After tea a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity and presence was proposed by Mr. S. Reeves, and carried unanimously. The rest of the evening was spent in company with the local ringers, who contributed in a large measure to the success of the outing. The ringers tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar of St. Leonard's for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers, particularly the Messrs. Overton for having everything in readiness, and their company after ringing.

WEST TOFTS.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, July 9th, a quarter peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: *E. Fisher 1, A. Macro 2, E. Hunt 3, *H. Crook 4, *H. Fisher 5, L. Dickerson 6, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 7, *W. Adcock 8. *Longest touch of Major.

WAPPENHAM.—Northants. — On Sunday, July 9th, at the Parish Church, several touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round for evening service, by the following members of the Towcester and District Association: J. Slarke 1, G. Basford 2, C. Faulkner 3, T. Law 4, W. Sharp (conductor) 5.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, for Divine service, at the Old Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryant 2, J. Pigott 3, Miss S. Pigott 4, T. Collinson (composer and conductor) 5, W. Pigott 6, G. Pigott 7, H. Howell 8.

WINTERTON.—On July 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Parkin 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, C. H. Bird 4, J. W. Thyng 5, G. Vamplew 6.—360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Oliver 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, C. H. Bird 5, J. W. Thyng 6. All the above are Scunthorpe Parish Church ringers except H. Oliver and J. E. Smith (Winterton).

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association. — On Investiture Day, St. John's Guild rang at St. John's Church 796 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, H. Day 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, F. Chamberlain 5, A. Rowley 6, W. Millar 7, E. Coles 8, W. Bolton 9, C. Oram 10. Also another 796 by the same band except S. Barker 10; also conducted by W. Biss. Also 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, E. Coles 3, A. Rowley 4, W. Millar 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Bolton 7, S. Barker 8.—On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6—8 behind: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, E. Coles 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, F. Chamberlain 5, J. Hole 6, W. Millar 7, S. Barker 8.

WREXHAM.—On Thursday, July 13th, in honour of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, 1071 Stedman Caters: G. Vaughan 1, H. Moore 2, E. Lloyd 3, J. Clutton 4, R. Jones 5, W. Jones 6, E. Rowland (conductor) 7, A. Lea 8, Sam Meadows 9, W. Williams 10.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—Worcestershire and Districts Association.—On Saturday, July 15th, after meeting late for a peal, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Pardoe 1, A. Hadley 2, J. Morris 3, W. H. Johnson 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, R. G. Knowles 6, W. Page 7, C. L. Sadler 8.

OXHEY, HERTS. — The Hertfordshire Association. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. George 1, L. C. Simmons 2, C. W. Smith 3, A. H. Dix 4, H. Shire 5, F. White 6, J. E. Jones 7, G. E. Howchin 8.—On handbells, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Howchin 1—2, G. N. Price (conductor) 3—4, F. White 5—6. —Also 504 Stedman Triples: W. Boughton 1—2, G. E. Howchin 3—4, G. N. Price 5—6, F. White 7—8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds Society was held at Rothwell, on Saturday week, the day's proceedings commencing with an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which unfortunately did not terminate successfully, the heat causing the attempt to be abandoned. The business meeting was afterwards held at the White Swan Inn, with the President in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Hunslet, Calverley, Wakefield, Burley, and Manchester, and the local company.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardnes of Rothwell, was moved by Mr. W. E. Ash, and seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker. This was responded to by Mr. W. Chapman, who expressed the greatest pleasure in seeing such a representative meeting, and hoped that the society would visit them for many years to come.—A discussion followed as to the possibility of increasing the support given to "The Ringing World," and the President exhorted those present to do all in their power to extend its sale. This terminated the business, and some made their way to the tower again for touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent, whilst those with cycles ventured further afield, until the late hour brought the meeting and a most enjoyable day to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association held a quarterly meeting at Ashover, last Saturday. Owing to the very hot weather and a counter attraction, in the shape of a county cricket match, there was only a moderate attendance. Nevertheless, a most enjoyable time was spent. The Rector (the Rev. J. B. Nodder) kindly provided tea, which was taken on the beautiful lawn, beneath the shade of the trees. After tea the business meeting followed, Mr. J. P. Tarlton presiding, supported by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, Captain Coldmore, of London, and Mr. Bart Mitchell, of Derby. One new member was elected, and Bolsover was chosen for the next meeting in September.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, on the motion of Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. J. Butler, for kindly providing tea and giving permission to use the bells.—The Rector suitably replied. He hoped it would not be long before Ashover was again visited, and he expressed a desire to become an honorary ringing member of the Midland Counties Association. — The business concluded, and the tower was visited, and the bells were kept merrily ringing in various touches, the Rector taking part.—A visit was made to the Rector's poultry run, which was most interesting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, ringers from Rochdale, Milnrow, Middleton, Todmorden, Ashton, and Huddersfield, were present, together with the local bands. Mr. S. Brierley, president of the branch, presided at the business meeting, after which the bells were kept going until 9.30, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The next meeting will be at Hamer, Rochdale, on August 12th, when nominations for branch secretary will be accepted.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Alan Macdonald 2, J. Phillips (Bournemouth) 3, H. T. Gowlett 4, F. J. Hardy 5, A. Barker 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, C. H. Hughes 8. Rung as a farewell to A. Macdonald, who has since left for Vancouver.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK. — On July 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and a course of Kent.—On July 10th, 720 Kent: H. Poulson 1, H. Crick 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, R. Grimwood (conductor) 5, W. Hollocks 6. Also a course of Superlative Surprise.—At Hitcham, Suffolk, a 720 Bob Minor: J. Hoggar 1, C. W. Varo 2, A. Keeble 3, Rev. Teesdale 4, R. Grimwood 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. All the above touches were arranged for R. Grimwood, of Tooting, who wishes to thank the companies for ringing with him.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Stacey 1, P. Wickens 2, A. Knapp 3, G. Wickens, junr., 4, G. Wickens, senr., 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6. Also 720 in the same method, in which A. D. Mills took part.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The usual quarterly meeting was held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday last, and though the attendance was somewhat limited, the gathering was a thoroughly enjoyable one. Some well-struck touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including a 448 of Superlative and 288 Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was admirably served at "The London Apprentice," and the business meeting followed, at which the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, presided. On the invitation of Mr. H. Dains, St. Mary's, Islington, was chosen for the next meeting in October. The election of Mr. A. Chaplin and Mr. W. Dudley as members of the society was confirmed.—A proposition of Mr. E. Barnett, that equal support be given to both ringing papers, was carried.—The Master said it gave him very great pleasure to announce that the missing copy peal book had been found, and he would propose that the society's medal be photographed and published in "The Ringing World."

The next practice night at St. Martin's, falling on Wednesday in August week, it was thought advisable to postpone it, until the second Wednesday in September, when it was hoped a good muster of members would attend.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. Beadle, the steeple-keeper, for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

During the evening two courses of Caters and 504 Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, the latter touch by Miss E. Bennett 1—2, J. D. Matthews 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, F. J. Hairs 7—8.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 5th. Church of St. Giles. Six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Portsmouth District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsea on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Bells available from 2.30; short service 5.30; tea at Institute 6 o'clock; meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Little Comberton, on Saturday, August 12th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) at 5.30 p.m. By the kind invitation of the Vicar tea and business meeting will take place at the Rectory after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than August 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley (by request) on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 7. A walk through the private drives has been arranged.—W. H. Shuker.

NOTICES (continued).

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Cathedral (5), St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) bells available during the day. Meat tea 9d. each, Fitzwilliam Cafe, 4.30, to those who let the secretary know early.—J. Jutson, Secretary pro. tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A special general meeting will be held Monday, August 21st. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8. Business meeting at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members are requested to attend.—F. J. Hardy, 34, Guildford Road, S.W.

STAFFORDSHIRE TERRITORIAL INFANTRY BRIGADE.—If any ringers of the above, who are going to camp at Abergavenny, would like to do some ringing during their stay at camp please apply to Sergt. H. Wakley, 6th North Stafford, Sergeants' Mess, as soon as possible.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Business important. —J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on the 19th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board, to which members are invited. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E., on Saturday, August 19th. All members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations Homerton (N.L. Railway) and Cambridge Heath (G.E. Railway). Bells available from 3.15 till 9 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., which all are requested to attend. Tea will be provided at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, at 5.30, at 6d. a head, if all members and friends who intend to be present will notify me by the 15th inst.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Witley, on Saturday, August 12th, 1911. 2.30, bells available (8); 5, service, preacher, the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Nevill); 5.45, tea in the Institute. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

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