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"RAISING THE WIND."

From time to time we get requests to publish appeals for funds to assist in the restoration of bells, and in any work of this kind we are only too happy to give the use of our columns. Any service which we can render in a laudable cause of this kind we are glad to be able to give, and for that reason we commend to our readers the appeals, made last week by the Vicar of Westhall, Suffolk, and in this issue by Captain C. F. Jerram, of Talland, Cornwall. The Vicar of Westhall is asking for a balance of some £30 to put the bells of his historic church in ringing order—they have been practically silent for four years. From Talland, however, the appeal is a larger one, for, up to the present, only £105 has been collected out of about £350 required to restore and augment the ring.

In each case the appeal should come with especial force to the members of the respective diocesan associations within whose areas the towers are situated. But ringers generally are ever ready to give their mite to such a cause, and we have no doubt that from many places far afield contributions will be sent to swell the funds in question. What ringers can do in the way of practical help was instanced just recently in their ready and effective response to the appeal in connection with the recasting of Long Stanton tenor. There is not, of course, any organised means of providing contributions for purposes of this kind, although not a few of the associations do valuable work by contributing with liberality to bell restoration schemes. Some societies have special reserves for this purpose, others give out of the general funds.

It has often occurred to us, however, that something more might be done by the ringers individually. Could not the special funds for this purpose be augmented, for instance, by a voluntary contribution of a penny each by every band that rang a peal? This would not be a very serious levy, but it would help to swell a fund intended to assist an object of vast importance to the ringer. To take a couple of examples. Last year the Norwich Association rang 265 peals. This, at a penny per member, would have represented something over £8. Again, the Middlesex Association rang 153 peals, which, at penny per member, would have provided something over £5. Small amounts these, it may be said, when bell restoration at one tower may run into hundreds of pounds. Very true; but "every mickle makes a muckle," and such a sum contributed by those who enjoy peal ringing might be used with no inconsiderable advantage. We throw the idea out as a suggestion to those who care to consider it. At any rate it may open the way to something further being done by ringers in connection with bell restoration.

St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM G. MILLER 6
HENRY DAY 2	SIDNEY DAWE 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
JOSEPH E. SYKES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. G. Miller, one of the St. John's Guild, who was leaving Cardiff for the West Coast of Africa on the 11th inst., the ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new sphere.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
† FREDERICK SEAGER 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
CLARENCE GOOCH 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
* ALBERT BROWN... .. 4	JOHN SNELLING... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and

Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.

* WALTER ALCOCK Treble	JOSEPH SHARP 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr... .. 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
GEORGE H. HOWSE... .. 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
* FRANK MEDHURST 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LOVIE Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN... .. 5
CECIL O. SAYER... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	† ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOHN PICKERING 4	* GEORGE PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

*CHARLES E. FISHER... ..Treble	ALFRED E. ACKFIELD ... 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
ROBERT G. MILES 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

*PERCY POTTERTreble	GEORGE WILSON 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING... .. 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMSTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEYTreble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on the 71st birthday of Mr. J. Prewett, father of the conductor and hon. member of the Association.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS HILLTreble	JAMES TYLER 5
*WILLIAM HILL 2	BERT HORTON 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	AMOS COOPERTenor

* First peal away from the tenor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Hill and B. Horton. All the ringers belong to the local band. J. Tyler, C. Tyler and W. Hill were proposed members of the Dudley and Districts Guild previous to starting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM STEELETreble	ALFRED SMITH 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN... .. 3	HENRY GARNHAM 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* 50th peal as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FRED W. HILL 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	WILLIAM TAYLORTenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE... 5
GEORGE TIPTON 2	E. R. TREVOR CORBETT... 6
ERNEST JONES 3	ALFRED FULLOCK 7
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 4	FRED W. TAYLORTenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a centenary peal for the opening of the bells. First peal of Major on the bells; also first in the method by the above Guild. It is also the first peal of Major by all except ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor, and was rung at the first attempt.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

A. VICTOR MORGANTreble	JOHN W. JONES 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	CHARLES GREEDYTenor

Conducted by SIDNEY DAWE.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Kent Major for the Association. First peal of Kent Major for all except the ringer of the 5th.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKETreble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
JOHN F. BALLINGER 2	THOMAS PENDRY 6
CHARLES L. SADLER... .. 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 7
GEORGE WALTERS 4	*W. W. BASTINTenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal by W. Bastin, who was elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Phelps, a prominent parishioner.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in E.	
ALFRED A. DOBINSON	...Treble	HENRY BOXALL	... 5
BERNARD CLARK	... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN	... 6
WILLIAM SMITH	... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING	... 7
JOHN H. WHITE	... 4	*WILLIAM J. HILLS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. Mr. Dobinson belongs to the local society. This is the first peal on these magnificent bells since the rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" being all that can be desired. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Hon. Henry Cubitt, C.B., Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
SAM THOMAS	...Treble
*ARTHUR WARD	... 2
*JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE	... 3
*JAMES E. L. COCKEY	... 4
*MAURICE WARD	... 5
FRANCIS WARD	... 6
WILLIAM S. PLANT	... 7
CHARLES HAYNES	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as the ringers' tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. G. Williams, for over 24 years Vicar of St. John's, Ranmoor, and an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, who was interred at Fulwood, on the above date, the first portion of the service being conducted in Ranmoor Church. The ringers are all members of the local company.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
JAMES MOTTS	...Treble
WILLIAM MOTTS	... 2
EDGAR PEMBERTON	... 3
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER	... 4
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	... 5
DAVID COLLINS	... 6
WILLIAM GRIMES	... 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	...Tenor

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung upon these bells by eight members of the above Association, on Whit Monday, June 6th, 1892, in Ten Hours and Thirty-two Minutes. It was also rung to commemorate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Robert Brundle, father of the ringer of the 5th. Alfred W. Grimes was spending a few days in Suffolk.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	...Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD	... 5
WILLIAM R. JOHN POULSON	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	6
ARTHUR SYMONDS	... 3	*THOMAS REED	... 7
ARTHUR KEEBLE	... 4	*JOHN KING	...Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th are of Monk's Eleigh, Ipswich, Hadleigh, and Polstead respectively, the others belong to Lavenham. This was C. A. Catchpole's 50th peal. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. Dean F. E. Carter for the use of the bells.

HAWKHURST.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM HEWETT	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	... 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	... 2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	... 6
CHARLES TRIBE	... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS	...Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN	... 5
WILLIAM FISHER	... 2	ALFRED DAVIES	... 6
GEORGE PIGOTT	... 3	WILLIAM SHORT	... 7
JOHN BASS	... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrence, grandfather to the ringer of the 4th.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

*VICTOR BLACKWELL	...Treble	ROBERT SANDERSON	... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN	... 2	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	... 6
†ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL	... 3	†REGINALD L. INCE	... 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES	... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	...Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

JOHN TRINDER	...Treble	ERNEST VERRIER	... 4
HARRISON SMITH	... 2	HENRY G. CASTLE	... 5
SIDNEY WALTER	... 3	STANLEY G. WHITE	...Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

First peal on the bells.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double-Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL	...Treble	CHARLES LAYTON	... 4
DAVID HORNE	... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD	... 5
CHARLES WEOBLEY	... 3	GEORGE JORDAN	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK J. BLIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED W. BOWERS ... 4
*FREDERICK J. MOORE ... 2	THOMAS H. STEVENS ... 5
*JAMES OLDING ... 3	*FRANK HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. BOWERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal by the local band.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER ... 5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. SPENCER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

PETTESTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight and Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4
*GEORGE R. FINCH ... 2	ROBERT MILES ... 5
HENRY PUTTOCK ... 3	*WILLIAM B. REEVE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in five methods.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob.

CHARLES FRED LING ... Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS ... 4
†WILLIAM SABAN ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 5
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 3	DAVID COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Being 720 each Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Reverse College Single, Single Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. MAYES ... Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	GEORGE W. NEWTON ... 5
JOHN WILLIAM BARKER ... 3	FRED BLOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

SELLACK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... 3
EDWARD SUMMERS ... 2	*WILLIAM GARDINER ... 4

WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN ... Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
JIM BEACH ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

The band tender their sincere thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. H. Harding for making arrangements.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

*MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	GEORGE LINES ... 4
JAMES HOUGHTON ... 2	WILLIAM JACQUES ... 5
PEARL INSKIP ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* Fiftieth peal.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN ... Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4
JIM BEACH ... 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
EDWIN LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. GODFREY ... Treble	*F. GODFREY ... 4
W. NEED ... 2	†J. DOLPHIN ... 5
S. ANNIS ... 3	*W. CHARLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. DOLPHIN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells and rung by local men. The ringer of the tenor who is 67 years of age, is totally blind. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Lawson) for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Godfrey for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	CORPL. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
*ALBERT CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS... .. Treble	*J. P. HYETT 4
E. DOWNES 2	J. K. ARMSTRONG 5
A. F. DOWNES 3	W. J. BULLOCK... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	†WILLIAM SMITH 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair. † First peal of Stedman on handbells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STANLEY EDWARD ANDREWS 1—2	THOMAS HAINEs 3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5—6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire: GEORGE YATE.

First double-handed peal by S. Andrews and R. Narborough, and first double-handed peal of Minor for the above Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday. Members were present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Newhys, Glodwich, Oldham, and the local company.—The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Clegg, of Glodwich. It was the first meeting since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the ringers were highly satisfied with the way the bells run.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 5th, at St James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins., rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Burbidge, of Melksham: T. J. Hector 1, Jesse Francis 2, A. E. Archard 3, A. West 4, W. Burbidge 5, C. Raison 6, G. H. Harding (conductor) 7, A. K. Harrison 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On April 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles in 41 mins.: J. Taylor 1, H. Hastings 2, M. Harris 3, R. Green 4, H. Kettle (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6. First quarter-peal in two methods on the bells by a local band, and by all the ringers.

RINGING CONTEST.

NINETEEN TEAMS AT CLIFFORD.

The Glasbury (Herefordshire) competition, which was instituted last year by Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed Park, took place on Empire Day, at the neutral tower of Clifford, where there is a lovely peal of eight, as vouched for by the ringers of the 19 bands which attended to try their best to wrest the magnificent shield from last year's winners, Glasbury. The competition consisted of a six-score Grandsire Doubles, and the same number of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, the bands being drawn to ring in the following order: Builth, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury, Cradley, Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's), Foy, Bodenham, Ross, Glasbury, Talgarth, Brecon, Whitbourne, Leintwardine, Welshpool, Lugwardine, Llangattock, and Bredenbury. Mr. Harry Withers again acted as adjudicator, and when the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Trumper) had safely "housed" him in a room at the Vicarage completely out of sight of the church, the draw took place, and, the ringers having finished their practice course, the competition proper started.

Lunch, which Capt. Kidston provided, was served in the Parish Room by Mr. T. J. Stokoe, of the Crown Hotel, Hay, after which Mr. J. Cartwright, of Foy, proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Kidston for the very great kindness he had shown to them in providing the shield and prizes, and paying all expenses of the day, including return railway fares. It would do a great deal in the way of promoting the objects of the Guild. The competition had brought together the pick of the ringers, and they had heard some very fine ringing.—Mr. J. Overton, of Bridgnorth, in seconding, said nothing would create the kind of feeling that was wanted better than those gatherings.—The vote of thanks was then heartily accorded with "three times three," and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Capt. Kidston was received with loud cheering on rising to reply. He said it was a genuine pleasure to him to be there that day, and he hoped to see them even in larger numbers next year (applause). Another year he thought of adding a little handbell ringing to the competition (applause). They were indebted to the Rev. Trumper for allowing them to come to that lovely spot to hold their competition (applause). The tower was a neutral one, and so all had been placed on an equal footing.

MEDALS FOR WINNERS.

The Captain added that they did not ring for filthy lucre, but for the honour and glory; and he had provided for the winners a memento of the occasion in the shape of medals suitable for attaching to their watch chains, which he hoped would remind them of the occasion to their dying day. (The medals were handed round and were greatly admired.) Continuing, the Captain said there were a large number of towers attached to the Guild, and he hoped to see many more entering the competition another year. In conclusion, he asked them to show their gratitude to the Rev. Trumper for allowing the use of his bells.—Hearty cheers having been given, the Rev. Trumper briefly replied, remarking that he was himself an old bell ringer. He congratulated them on the fine ringing he had heard.

The competition was then resumed, and when the last band had rung and the adjudicator "unearthed" with his book of faults, these were at once totalled up by Capt. Kidston, and proved that St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, were first with 62 faults, and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, second with 68 faults.

The first prize medals were silver with gold centres, and the second, bronze, and each bore the inscription: "Glasbury Bell Ringing Competition, Empire Day, 1913." The ringers then partook of tea, and before leaving, Mr. C. A. Morgan took photographs of the winning bands and the whole group of ringers. The day's proceedings were most enjoyable. Subsequently, Capt. Kidston personally thanked the hon. secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) for his services, and congratulated him on the success of the day. — Mr. W. Short (instructor to the Hereford Guild) also rendered valuable assistance during the day, being "on guard" to testify as to the bona-fides of the ringers.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning Branch was held on Saturday week at Wargrave, the 18 members present representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Hurst, Twyford, Henley, and the local band, the methods practised were: Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. A course of Triples on handbells was rung.—Tea was provided by the Rev. B. S. Batty.

On Whitsun Saturday, five members of Stoke Poges and Fulmer bellfries had a very enjoyable cycle run to Norwood Green, near Southall, where they were met by Mr. W. Emmett, the foreman of the ringers, and Mr. C. Edwards, of Heston, and with their assistance rang a 720 each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, upon the pretty ring of six bells (tenor 7 cwt.), which were recently recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers were: A. Bateman, W. Henley, W. Walden, K. G. Hawkins, and G. H. Gutteridge, who wish to return their best thanks to everyone concerned.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN THE NORTH.

A number of Yorkshire ringers, with their friend and councillor, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, viz.: Messrs. G. B. Bolland (Tong), W. Idle (Dewsbury), J. Cotterell, F. Salmons, J. Ambler (Halifax), G. Naylor (Lightcliffe), H. Oddy (Thornhill), P. J. Johnson (Holbeck), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley) had an enjoyable outing at Whitsun. The rendezvous chosen this year was Darlington and Newcastle, and the party duly arrived at the first mentioned town about 11 a.m. on the Saturday. They were met by Mr. Bradley, of the local staff, and made for the historic and interesting Church of St. Cuthbert, where was found a musical peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), upon which touches were rung. The fine Gothic work of the interior of the church was much admired. The party then proceeded to Hurworth to sample the finest peal (by repute) of six in the county. The visitors were met by Mr. Simpson, and after a delightful walk through this beautiful rural village the bells at the church (tenor 18 cwt.) were raised, and set going to various methods, the tone and "go" of the bells adding another to the laurels of the famous Loughborough founders. Returning to Darlington after tea they rang at St. John's, where the veteran, Mr. J. Moncaster, met and welcomed them.

Newcastle was subsequently safely reached about 8 p.m. Mr. C. L. Routledge had most kindly made all arrangements in the northern city, and joined the party at their headquarters, the Ellis hotel, where a most pleasant evening was spent in handbell ringing, etc. On Sunday morning five of the party were at the fine Cathedral tower at 6 o'clock, and found Mr. T. Groombridge, of London, who had just arrived after an all night journey. The splendid peal of ten was soon set going at Treble Ten, the tone and "go" of the bells being much admired. At 9.30 a.m. a start was made for All Saints', where Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were rung on the peal of eight (tenor 19 cwt.). After dinner the parks and Jesmond Dene were visited in company with London friends, and escorted by Messrs. A. Hillier and J. Kemp, of Newcastle. The beautiful scenery in the district made the party reflect how greatly indebted the city is to the munificence of her townsmen who have placed such delightful woods and parks within such easy reach. Evening saw the party at Gateshead, where touches of Treble Bob were rung, Mr. Stewart having everything in readiness.

On Monday a treat was in store for the grand peal of eight at Gosforth (tenor 22 cwt.) had been placed at the visitors' disposal for a peal attempt. Here Mr. Bird conducted them to the model ringing chamber, and a start was made for a peal of Treble Bob, but after one and a half hour's good ringing the peal was lost. In passing, the writer would like to comment on the excellent arrangements here for deadening the sound of the bells. With a tenor 22 cwt., and a most sonorous note, both inside and out the bells sound delightfully balanced, and if other authorities with rings of bells would only take the same steps, we should hear no more complaints of the noise of bells.

Next a visit was paid to the Durham and Newcastle Association meeting at North Shields, where all visitors were most generously entertained to dinner by the Association. Then some made their way to Whitley Bay to take part in a peal, while others adjourned to Newcastle to hear the Council peal at the Cathedral, and some found their way to the County Hotel to spend a convivial evening with the various ringers there assembled.

Tuesday saw some of the party at the Central Council meeting, while the more adventurous tried a river trip to North Shields. Tuesday evening brought the break up of the party, after a most pleasant outing. The opportunity is here taken of thanking all the clergy and steeplekeepers for the kindly manner in which they received their visitors, to whose lot it has rarely fallen to meet such an excellent band of genial companions as the Newcastle ringers headed by Mr. C. L. Routledge. No pains or trouble were spared by them to make the outing a success, and the especial thanks of the party is tendered to all their Newcastle friends for their efforts, which will long remain a pleasant memory with those who visited the city of the North.—P. J. J.

CHORLEY MEN AT BLACKPOOL.

A most interesting and enjoyable outing, in which the Chorley Parish Church band of change ringers and friends participated, took place on Saturday week, when Blackpool, St. Annes-on-Sea and Lytham were visited.

On reaching Blackpool the party proceeded immediately by electric car to the pretty village of St. Annes-on-Sea, about six miles along the sea coast, where the Vicar of the Parish Church had placed his bells at their disposal, and a few good touches were brought round.

Next they proceeded to St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, where Mr. Miller, the veteran ringer, and two of his band were waiting to welcome the party, and here again, through the Rector's kindness, ringing was indulged in. On returning to Blackpool, a company of twelve sat down to tea, and afterwards thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Annes, and the Rector of Lytham for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Loft-house, the secretary, for having made such splendid arrangements. The evening was spent at the various places of amusement.

ON THE THAMES.

For their first annual outing, the Hurst bell ringers visited Henley-on-Thames; and in the lovely grounds of Friar Park spent a most en-

joyable afternoon. They then went on by steam launch to Reading, tea being served on board. The evening was spent in the biscuit tower, and the half-day trip was thoroughly enjoyed.

BILSTON.

The St. Leonard's, Bilston, ringers, visited Pattingham on Saturday week, calling en route at "The Firs," Castlecroft, the residence of the hon. secretary's father. The party had a cordial reception, and after refreshments, rang some touches on handbells. At Pattingham they were met by Mr. Poynton, who conducted them to the belfry, and on the fine peal of eight several touches were brought round, including 336 Grandsire Triples, by: J. Hammond 1, J. Harper 2, F. Roberts 3, A. Horsman 4, J. Bate 5, F. Colclough 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.—After tea, touches were rung with the local band, and then a pleasant hour was spent with the Pattingham men and the handbells.—Thanks were accorded the Vicar, and the return journey was undertaken, the outing being a most pleasurable one.

A VISIT TO LYDFORD.

The ringers of Buckland Dinham, Frome, by the kind invitation of Mr. H. J. Helps, late of the Manor Farm, Buckland Dinham, paid a visit on Whit-Monday to West Lydford, where the bells have recently been rehung, and a new one added. The party from Buckland Dinham included Messrs. F. Prescott, H. Beauchamp, R. Willis, W. Prescott, E. R. Prescott, H. Carver and P. Bray. They were met at the station by Mr. H. J. Helps, who now resides at West Lydford, and driven to the church, where they were received by Mr. Welchman, the captain of the West Lydford tower, who, by-the-way, has for many years held the office of churchwarden. During the afternoon, when the weather had most considerably put on its best behaviour, several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of the West Lydford party also taking their share. The bells were fully tested, and the ringing concluded with a fall in "Queen's." Before the return journey, the whole party was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Helps to a substantial tea, which spoke unmistakably of Somerset hospitality, and was much appreciated by all the visitors.—Mr. F. Prescott, the visiting captain, expressed the thanks of the party for the kindness shown by Mr. and Mrs. Helps, and also for the courtesy of Mr. Welchman in the tower, at the same time expressing the hope that at a very early date the West Lydford party would be able to pay a visit to Buckland Dinham.—Suitable replies by Messrs. Helps and Welchman brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The grand old ring of six with a tenor of 18 cwt., in E, at Yalding, Kent, have been quarter-turned and rehung with steel headstocks and all modern fittings, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The old oak frame has been strengthened with new timber and massive iron braces and tie bars. Guides have also been fixed to steady the ropes in the rather long draft. On a recent evening several members of the Kent County Association met to try the bells, from Maidstone, Boxley, Linton, Peckham, Hadlow, Horsmonden, Marden, etc., and 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung. All the visitors expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, and it is to be hoped that the local ringers will now take up change ringing, a thing impossible with the bells before they were rehung.

The same firm has also the following restorations in hand: Recast the ring of six and rehang them in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Fenny Stratford, Bucks. Recast the ring of five, add a sixth and hang the peal in a new steel frame with all modern fittings, at Stutton, Suffolk. Recast the tenor and fourth and rehang the ring of five in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Cosgrove, Northants. Rehang the heavy ring of six at Hoo St. Werburgh, Kent, with modern fittings. Rehang the ring of five in steel frames with modern fittings, and add a sixth at Melbourn, Cambridgeshire. Rehang the three middle bells of the heavy ring of five with modern fittings, at Eastry, Kent, Mr. Bowell having done the tenor not long ago.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch took place on Saturday at Westbury-on-Trym, about 20 members attending. The bells are a peal of six, and during the afternoon Cambridge Minor was rung on them, while a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on Mr. Condict's handbells. Service was afterwards held in the church, and tea followed at Mr. Clarke's. At the subsequent meeting, the curate-in-charge (the Rev. A. J. Bartlett) was voted to the chair, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. George's; or, if not convenient there, at Abbots Leigh on July 12th. Various methods were rung on the tower bells in the evening, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung on the splendid peal of handbells belonging to Mr. C. H. Edwards, who has made the generous offer to present them to his company when they get the tower bells made into a peal of eight.

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Minor (including peals in 10, 14, and 21 methods), 17; Treble Bob Minor (including one in 14 methods), 8; Surprise Minor (including peals in 10 and 14 methods), 11; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent, 1; Double Norwich, 3; Superlative Surprise, 1; Norfolk, 3; London, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; total, 50.

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THE CUMBERLANDS & THEIR BADGE.



The ringing of two peals by the Royal Cumberland Youths on the occasion of the marriage of the German Kaiser's daughter to Prince Ernst August of Cumberland, and the announcement that the bridegroom was a descendant of the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths, probably aroused a good deal of interest and curiosity among those not acquainted with the facts. The story of the connection between the Royal family of the Cumberlands and the ancient ringing society bearing the same name is a matter of history, but as some thousands of our readers may be unaware of the association, the occasion is not inopportune for recalling the circumstances.

The Royal Cumberlands are believed to have grown out of the London Scholars, a society which was established in the City of London to promote the art and science of change ringing at some time prior to the year 1702. The precise date of its origin is not known, but there seems to be no doubt that it was established long before the end of the seventeenth century. Of its performances some few records are to be found. The first known peal by the London Scholars was a 5040 of Grandsire Caters rung on January 15th, 1716 or 1717, at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, and this is supposed to be the first peal of Caters ever rung. The Society also rang the opening peal on the ring of twelve bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on March 14th, 1727—6000 Grandsire Cinques—and on November 24th, 1729, rang 6204 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The change of name came about the year 1746. In July, 1745, Charles Stuart, grandson of James II, landed in Scotland with the object of raising a rebellion against George II, driving him from the throne and restoring the House of Stuart. Charles at first met with unbroken success, and got as far south as Derby, whence he might have advanced on London. Instead, however, he retired to Scotland, where he again defeated the king's army at Falkirk. William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, second son of George II, and the most skilful General the country possessed, was then sent against Charles, and on April 15th, 1746, so decisively defeated him at the Battle of Culloden that the rebellion was completely crushed. The Duke was hailed as a National Deliverer, and so general and enthusiastic was the popular feeling in his favour that it became the rage to adopt the name "Cumberland" on every possible occasion, and the London Scholars, following the fashion, called themselves the Cumberland Youths.

When the Duke entered London in July, 1746, on his return from Scotland, by the old North Road, through Kingsland and Shoreditch, the Society expressed their loyalty and joy by ringing at Shoreditch Church, and, in commemoration, the Duke had the medal, illustrated on this page, struck and presented to the Society. The medallion is about $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, with a Battersea enamel portrait of the Duke, surrounded by a band of dark green enamel inscribed "PRO-PATRIA-ET-AMICO," the whole being enclosed by a chased floral border. The exact date and circumstances of the presentation of the medal are not known, and the silver plate which is appended to the decoration, and which bears the date 1772, is probably later than the medal itself. This oval badge is also of silver, bearing in relief on a hatched ground a large gilt bell. On the field is the inscription:—

WM. MANLEY, ESQR., of ROCHESTER, KENT,

MASTER of the Society of Cumberland Youths, 1772.

Round a marginal belt is engraved

"HEALTH AND STRENGTH—CONCURS TO SUPPORT—THE NOBLE ART."

The medallion and badge, which are worn suspended by a red ribbon, are among the most cherished possessions of the Society, and are still worn by the Master on all special occasions.

The Royal Cumberland Youths, in the course of their long history, have many famous records to their credit, and many celebrated men have adorned their ranks. To this day the Society holds the record for the longest length of Treble Bob Royal—a peal of 12,000 in the Oxford variation, rung at St. Leonard's Shoreditch, in 9 hrs. 5 mins. on March 27th, 1784. To enumerate their many noteworthy performances would require more space than is at disposal in this number, but it is worth while mentioning, in these days when handbell peal ringing has reached such an advanced stage, that to the Royal Cumberlands belongs the honour of having rung the first peal on handbells retained in hand both at home and abroad. Of these two, the former was achieved in 1828, and was conducted by the well-known E. Giles, and the latter in the year 1855 in Paris, where, some members of the Society being on tour through the Continent, rang the first peal of the kind ever accomplished beyond the shores of Great Britain. This was conducted by the celebrated John Cox. The mention of this famous ringer and composer recalls the fact that

many giants of their day in the Exercise have been associated with the Society, and one may specially mention among the ancient worthies George Gross and his two sons, William Shipway, and Messrs. Jones, Reeves and Blackmore, the authors of the "Clavis."

In this article we have endeavoured to touch really upon one point only, namely, how the Cumberlands got their name. With that other famous London society, the College Youths, their history in the past was the history of the progress of the Exercise, and no one can tell what we of the present day owe to the efforts of the men who kept these societies alive and maintained, and improved the standard of ringing.

ODD CHANGES.

At the conclusion of the peal at Cardiff, on Thursday week, Mr. W. G. Miller was presented with a dressing case by his fellow ringers, as a parting gift, and with their best wishes for his future success and prosperity. Mr. Miller sailed on Wednesday for the West Coast of Africa.

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Another blind ringer! At Per shore, on Saturday, Mr. W. Charwood rang the tenor to his first peal. He is 67 years of age and totally blind. We congratulate him upon his performance.

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Mr. James C. Comb, to whose death we briefly referred last week, was one of the ringers who did not care for long touches. "Don't make it more than 500," he often used to say; but he rang one peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. He was a capital Grandsire ringer, and for upwards of 40 years he was one of those who met regularly at St. Clement Danes. He was at the time of his death the oldest member of the College Youths. He was also a member of the St. James', Bethnal Green and Hackney societies, and quiet and amiable in disposition, he was greatly respected at Highgate, Hampstead, Gospel Oak, etc. He passed away at an advanced age, from senile decay, and was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at New Southgate. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by J. Barry, G. J. Smith, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As several statements have appeared as to the weight of the tenor bell of York Minster, I would ask you kindly to publish this to prevent wilful inaccuracy being attributed to the founders.

The whole of the twelve bells were cast by Mears at this foundry. In 1844 eleven bells were cast to agree with the old tenor which had been saved from the fire. Five years later the old tenor was recast, the present bell being invoiced, in May, 1849, at 50 cwt. exactly.

By an oversight the weight of the first bell has never been corrected in reprints of our catalogue, consequently the bell has been reputed to weigh 53 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs., which was the weight of the original tenor.

The many ringers who have succeeded in ringing peals on the Southwark Cathedral bells, which we have lately restored, will be interested to learn that the recast Southwark tenor, 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., is slightly heavier than that of York.—I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HUGHES (Mears and Stainbank).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Tong on Saturday week, and was well attended by members from Pudsey, Mirfield, Guiseley, Burley, Bolton, Bramley, Halifax, Holbeck, Headingley and St. Michael's, together with the local company. The business meeting was held at the Greyhound Inn, the President occupying the chair.—On the motion of Mr. G. A. Jowet, seconded by Mr. W. Walland, the best thanks of the members was given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements.—Mr. G. Bolland responded.

The President then gave a report of the Central Council meeting, which raised some interesting discussions, and every one present got a better insight into the Council's hard and tedious task to meet all sides.—A vote of thanks to the President for his report was carried, on the proposition of Mr. G. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. J. B. Jackson.—The tower was again visited, when some good practice in Minor was secured.

WARWICKSHIRES ON THE WARPATH.

WHERE CHANGE RINGING IS UNKNOWN.

Perhaps there is nothing more interesting than piloting a party of change ringers through a district in which change ringing is absolutely unknown, especially so when the party includes two capable lady ringers. Such was the writer's pleasant office on Saturday week, when a little tour of about thirty miles was successfully negotiated by a few members of the Warwickshire Guild. The programme was due to commence at Whitnash, near Leamington, at 12.0 noon, but, without going into details and apologies, the motor-cycle contingent did not arrive until 12.30. Here we found a pretty peal of six, very easy to handle, and a touch or two of Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The Rector informed us that he used to do a little ringing, but could not be persuaded to take a rope with us. Our next objective was Chadshunt, nine miles south, and far removed from the hurry and bustle of life. The church stands a mile distant from the village of Gaydon, and alone in its ancient glory. Here we picked up another member, who told us that Chadshunt was at one time a larger village than Gaydon, but appears to have been razed to the ground about the time of the battle of Edge Hill—in fact, it was part of the battle ground itself. How the church escaped like demolition is a problem not easy to solve. Perhaps it served too useful a purpose as a stable. We found a ring of six of some quality in very fair going order, and, with the addition to our band, some Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles was accomplished. Hailstorms on the way had delayed our arrival here considerably, and so a move was made as soon as possible on to Kineton, where lunch was very welcome. We could not ring in this quaint old town owing to bells and tower being out of order, and, after lunch, our two lady members had to make all speed back to Warwick. The rest of us wended our way four miles to the base of the Edge Hill, where nestles the old-world village of Tysoe. This was the premier attraction of the outing, for here Messrs. Taylor had been at work last year, and both bells and tower had undergone thorough restoration. Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon and Birmingham fame, was waiting for us patiently, and the whole village appeared to have assembled to look at these strange men who could ring changes without talking—for we started with a plain course of Kent Minor. The bells are a fine-tone ring of six, and go magnificently, and the locals outside were heard to whisper that we "had rung bells before." Some Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were brought round—a local man standing in for some part of the time on the tenor. Another refused to do so, saying, "he did not want to be mesmerised!"—Tea was enjoyed at the Vicar's kind invitation, and a course of Grandsire Triples was given on the handbells. Oxhill was our next port of call—a light ring of five, which went well to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a few miles farther on another ring of five awaited us at Butler's Marston, with a tenor about 15 cwt. These proved very noisy indeed in the tower, but are nice bells, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles sounded well upon them. This was the finale to a round which, it is hoped, may do something towards exciting an interest in south-west Warwickshire in change ringing. It proved most enjoyable to all concerned, and our best thanks are due to the respective incumbents for their permission to ring, and also to the local ringers at every place who had everything in readiness for us. In all the towers visited, except Whitnash, there had never been any change ringing done before, and a rather unique experience of the afternoon was that we never climbed a stair to ring; in every case the ropes came down to the ground floor.

C. C. C.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday week at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and was attended by a fair number of ringers, not quite up to the average. A short but very interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Dawson) and the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, who livest," was sung. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, under the supervision of Mr. H. J. Sudell, captain of the local band, and some lady friends.

At the meeting following, five new members were elected. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Colce) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his very instructive address, and for so kindly presiding at tea, and also to the Rev. W. E. Andrews (Homerton) for placing his bells at the disposal of the members. The Rev. O. R. Dawson replied, welcoming the members once again to Clapton. He hoped that they would soon come in much greater numbers to hold their annual meeting, as they did just over a year ago.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies who had so kindly waited at tea, and to Mr. Sudell and the local ringers for their exceedingly hearty welcome.—Much use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, being rung. Mr. J. Thomas rang two bells to a touch of Stedman Triples, on which feat he was heartily congratulated. A visit was paid to St. Paul's, Homerton, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung.—A hearty welcome was given to the Association by Mr. Dymont, and other members of the local band, some of them joining in the ringing.

FROME.—At the Parish Church, recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: S. J. Hector 1, H. J. Scammel 2, W. F. Bishop 3, Jesse Francis 4, A. K. Harrison 5, A. M. G. Daniel 6, G. H. Harding (conductor) 7, S. Francis 8.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIALY REPORTED FOR "THE RINGING WORLD."

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE LADIES' GUILD.

The question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was before the Newcastle meeting, the following motion being on the agenda: "That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject."

The President said the Rev. G. F. Coleridge had undertaken to introduce the matter, but he thought he (the President) ought to make an explanation. A year ago, Miss Parker, the secretary of the Ladies' Guild, spoke to him about it, and asked him whether he did not think they ought to have representation. He was then in doubt whether they would be able to muster a sufficient number—seventy-five—to claim representation, and it was suggested that the Council might possibly see their way to reducing the qualifying number in the instance of the Ladies' Guild. That suggestion had been withdrawn by Miss Parker, as she believed that in another year they would number 75 members or thereabouts. She had also written since the agenda came out to say that in her opinion, and that of her advisers, it would be desirable to postpone the whole question for a year. He wrote back, after consulting Mr. Davies, to say that their opinion was, that having been put on the agenda, and in view of the fact that there were a large number of ringers throughout the country that wanted the question discussed, it would be better to let the subject be discussed. The position of the Ladies' Guild was this. They were not definitely at the moment asking for representation on the Council. If they did so ask in another year, it would not be accompanied by any request that the rules of the Council, so far as the qualifying number was concerned, should be altered for them. The direction that the discussion ought to take that day, if he might say so, was that of ventilating the matter. He did not think it was desirable that any resolution should be formulated. It was a matter upon which a large number of ringers felt very strongly one way or the other, and he doubted whether the representatives there dare take on themselves to express a very definite opinion as to what the associations they represented thought about it. They might, therefore, open up the question, and go back to their associations and find out their feeling, so that next year they could go to the Council with definite views.

SHOULD LADIES BE ADMITTED?

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he had often noticed at those meetings that a subject which was very abstruse was followed by one which was very much lighter and more interesting to many people. It was so that day. A subject of Superlative complexity, was followed by a matter of superlative grace and beauty (hear, hear). After a facetious reference to the moving times and the aggressive tactics of certain ladies desiring the franchise, the speaker went on to say that many of them would have soon to decide whether women should be represented on the councils of the church, and the question before them that day was whether the ladies should be, not only able to vote for representatives upon the Council, but be represented by one of their own sex. He was not going into the question whether the men cared for the presence of ladies in the belfry—a great deal might be said about it on both sides—the simple question before them was whether the ladies should be represented on that Council. The only answer he could find in his own mind was "Yes." There was nothing to prevent any guild or association sending a lady representative to that meeting, and so, when the Ladies' Guild came up to the number of 75, they would be perfectly right, he took it, in sending their representative. One or two questions, however, cropped up. For instance, they were the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. But was it a fact that everyone in the Ladies' Guild was a church bell ringer. One or two, he knew, were only handbell ringers. He would not move any resolution on the subject, although if it were thought well after the discussion he would do so.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he had two lady ringers in his tower, and Miss Alice White, the president of the Ladies' Guild, was a ringer in his own diocese. He could only say from his experience, that he thought the time had come when lady ringers would have to receive their proper recognition and place in that Council. In many places they were setting a most splendid example to the men, and his own experience was that they were the greatest possible help in the tower (hear, hear). The question of the representation of ladies in other church matters had come up, as Mr. Coleridge had said, and the church had discovered what an enormous amount of good they could do. It was only recently they had been welcomed in the belfries, and the time might come when they would serve on some of the important councils of the Church. He hoped that Council would next year welcome a representative from the Ladies' Guild.

LADIES' REPRESENTATION OPPOSED.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he felt he must oppose the introduction of ladies to that Council for every reason. The argument that ladies were not represented was quite fallacious, for the ladies had voted already as regards representation on that Council, because the members of the Ladies' Guild were also members of the ordinary associations. What more did they want? He also opposed it on the ground that it was best for the ladies if they could be kept out of the

belfries altogether ("No, no"). He was glad to say, as regards his own belfry, they had been saved from such an awkward predicament as having ladies there. They were threatened with it, but they had got over the difficulty. It was much too soon after the formation of the Ladies' Guild to consider the question of representation. He did not see what good it was going to do. They were said to have rung a peal—

The President: I don't think that is quite fair.

Mr. Burton said they could not ring the peal without a man in the belfry.

The President: You cannot say that.

Mr. Burton said the fact of that peal seemed to have made a few hot-headed people lose their heads. Then there was the territorial point. The Council had already had to consider whether it was right to have representatives there at all who did not stand for territorial divisions. They knew they must have representatives from the College Youths on the Council, because they looked upon the position of that society's representatives as a historical position, but if they could choose they would not have societies, who had no territorial position, there at all. Apply that to the Ladies' Guild and where were they? They were what would be called plural voters. They would vote with their associations, and then send their own representative there in an unduly privileged position.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought Mr. Burton was wide of the mark in some respects. He spoke of the delegates of the College Youths coming there out of respect for the society as a historical foundation. He (the speaker) believed the rules of the Council laid down the fact that any society that had a membership of 75 could claim a representative on the Council (hear, hear). If the ladies liked to form an association, and had sufficient intelligence to ring peals, he thought they had sufficient intelligence to be represented on that Council. He had great pleasure in supporting Mr. Coleridge's remarks.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he should be quite willing to agree to ladies being represented on the Council, but with regard to the wider question, he was very much in sympathy with Mr. Burton. It might be only prejudice, but he felt that ringing was not a suitable exercise for ladies. He was not sufficiently up in medical knowledge to know, but he doubted if bell ringing was as suitable for ladies as for men, from that point of view. He was very much more doubtful as to the advisability of having mixed bands for ladies and men in the same tower. In other sports they did not find them mixing.

Voices: Golf, Hockey, Tennis.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said wherever they found them mixing in games they would find separate rooms, which would not be easily possible in a tower. He thought if ladies wanted to be ringers they had much better have bands entirely of ladies.

OXFORD GUILD'S DEBT TO LADIES.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn remarked that he would like to say how very much the Oxford Guild owed to the work of the ladies throughout the diocese. In many a benighted country place he could tell them of the excellent work that had been done in promoting the cause of the Guild, in providing instruction, and in organising generally.

The President said he thought there were very few representatives who would be ready to vote on the question without first feeling more accurately the pulse of their associations. To vote for the representation of the Ladies' Guild on that Council did not necessarily imply that they were in favour of mixed bands of ladies and men in the tower. There was also the very nice point of whether a Guild which might be composed of a large number of handbell ringers could very fairly be represented on a body of church bell ringers. This would want thinking out. He did not suppose that they as a Council could have very much to say as to how far this ladies' movement would go, but if, as it appeared likely, it was to go forward it was questionable whether it would be wise to exclude them from their Council, if there was a reasonable prospect of getting them there on fairly logical terms. The whole matter seemed to him to be extremely complicated. He had been asked several times for his opinion, and he had declined to give it for the reason that the question had not been sufficiently ventilated. The members might try before next year to assure themselves of the feeling of their associations, and in all probability public opinion would become more crystallised before then, and they would be in a position to pass some resolution.

The subject was then allowed to drop.

THE REGULATIONS FOR RECORD PEALS.

Mr. George Bolland moved: "To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902 and incorporated in 'Rules and Decisions' to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers, stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal." He said people had been ringing record peals and not giving due notice. On Easter Monday, the Kent Association rang four peals in one day, and those peals made 20,000 odd changes. To his mind, he thought they ought to have given seven days' notice of the attempt. The Yorkshire Association held the record on six bells, and he should not like it taken from them without due consideration. He moved this resolution, therefore, in order to jog the memory of those contemplating long peals.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that the regulations did not apply to what was done by the Kent Association, because that was four separate peals.

Mr. Bolland: It is the only time there has been four peals rung in one day.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Council's regulations dealt with peals of record length at one standing.

The President said Mr. Bolland's point fell to the ground on that account. These four peals were not making a record length.

There was no seconder for the resolution, which, therefore, fell to the ground.

THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The President said in accordance with their regular scheme, the South of England was the proper locality for their meeting in 1914. Three places had been suggested: Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester. The Standing Committee had come to the conclusion that Winchester would be the best of the three.

Mr. Griffin moved, and Mr. Narborough seconded Winchester.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested Portsmouth as providing better facilities for ringing.

The President pointed out that ringing was not the first object.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said if the Council decided on Winchester he would do everything in his power to help the hon. secretary in regard to the meeting and finding accommodation for the visitors.

Winchester was then carried unanimously.

THANKS.

The Hon. Secretary, amid applause, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Routledge, as President of Durham and Newcastle Association, and the other members of the Association who had so kindly helped them to have an exceedingly pleasant and agreeable time. Speaking for himself, he owed Mr. Routledge a deep debt of gratitude for the pains he had taken in regard to that meeting. He had taken a great burden off his (the hon. secretary's) shoulders, and had carried through the whole business of making the arrangements from first to last. The members, he was sure, fully appreciated the trouble he had taken to ensure their enjoyment (applause). — The President seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation. — Mr. Routledge, in replying, said the Durham and Newcastle Association felt highly honoured at getting the Council to go so far north. It was a herculean task to get to Newcastle from the south, and they felt flattered that they had got such a fine collection of men to come there and sample their good city (applause).

In proposing a vote of thanks to the President, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said so large a gathering in that northern town showed what interest there was in the work of the Council. He was sure that year by year the strength of the Council was increasing, and gradually becoming, what from the first they hoped, by careful nursing it would become, the same authoritative body in regard to ringing that the Marylebone club was in regard to cricket (hear, hear).

The motion having been carried, the President briefly replied, and the meeting terminated at 6 p.m., having lasted from 11 a.m., with an interval of an hour and a half for lunch.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of this Society was held at Norton on Saturday, and proved very successful, about 25 ringers being present from Beighton, Bolsterstone, Dore, Dronfield, Eekington, Killamarsh, Leeds, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield, and Worksoy. The methods rung during the day included Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Oxford and Violet Treble Bob Minor, and some very good striking was heard. — A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local company closed the proceedings.

SALISBURY GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ENFORD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Enford on Saturday last, and the afternoon being very fine and pleasant, a goodly number of ringers attended from Fittleton, Beechingstoke, Enford, Potterne, Devizes St. John, Great Cheverell, Southbroom, Market Lavington, Upavon, Marlborough St. Mary, Christchurch, Swindon, and Chilton. The bells were kept going, with short intervals, during the afternoon and evening, and the bells of Upavon and Fittleton were also in use, many of the ringers availing themselves of the opportunity of visiting these towers in addition to that at Enford.

Tea was very kindly provided in the Parish Room at Enford by the Vicar and Miss Branfoot, when 50 ringers, with the Enford Church choir, and several visitors, sat down to an excellent spread, which was thoroughly enjoyed. — The Rev. W. H. Branfoot, the genial Vicar of Enford, presided, supported by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingstoke, and Master of the Guild; the Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, chairman of the branch; the Rev. P. J. Dale, Rector of Fittleton; and Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary. Evensong was afterwards said by the Vicar in the church, the nave of which was fairly well filled. The short service was most impressive, the music and the singing of the choir being like the "go" of the bells—most excellent. Everyone enjoyed that simple service very much, and after it was concluded, the tower was re-visited and the bells pealed forth again their sweet melody.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Miss Branfoot for the generous and cordial manner in which they welcomed this, the first visit of the Guild, to Enford; a visit so thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated in it.

A DOUBLE MEETING.

KENT ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD AT WOODCHURCH.

An interim meeting of the Ashford Division of the Kent Association, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Woodchurch on Saturday week. The Guild assembles annually at this tower, but on former occasions, the meeting has been convened in the depth of winter. The present experience, however, proved that summer was a far more pleasant time of the year for the visit. The members were pleased to notice that the belfry has undergone complete renovation, and presents a far more comfortable appearance. Change ringing has also been taken up, and the young band has made a capital start, under the tuition of Mr. C. Tribe. All these alterations are due to the energies of the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall), who intimated to the Guild members over twelve months ago, his intention of endeavouring to revive method ringing in the parish. Now that a start has been made, it is hoped that change ringing will continue to progress. The new band ring Bob Doubles proficiently, and two of their members participated in several courses of Bob Minor on inside bells. The other ringing consisted of many 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor. The towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Rye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rolvenden and Biddenden.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and it was decided that the combined meeting of the Sussex and Kent Associations at Rye on the 21st inst. would suffice for the June meeting of the Guild.

The Rector and the Woodchurch band were invited to attend this gathering, and, in reply, the reverend gentleman said he would do all he could to get his ringers to be present. He would like to be there himself, and offered to drive some of his own ringers in his conveyance.

Mr. Percy Milton, of Woodchurch, was elected a member of the Guild, and it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden on the 14th inst. The Guild were very unlucky with their last monthly peal at Appledore. The place for rounds to come up was reached, but a shift course had taken place during the last ten minutes.

The Rector extended to the visitors a very warm welcome to Woodchurch. He thought it was good for them to meet together, for by so doing, it produced a harmony of bells and hearts. He owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Tribe for all his labours in assisting the Woodchurch ringers, and he heartily thanked him. When they came again, he would be pleased for the party to visit the rectory and partake of tea, prior to the ringing. Continuing, he referred to the great progress made in the status of the ringer during the past twenty years. Ringers had become Church workers, and were reverent and of good behaviour. They were grateful that such an improvement had taken place.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business.

Another combined meeting is to be held by the Kent Association on June 21st, when members of Ashford District will meet the Sussex Eastern Division at Rye. It is hoped there will be a large attendance, in order that the meeting may be a great success.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at the historic Church of St. Andrew's, Clewer, near Windsor, when Miss F. Bailey, of Clewer, was married to Mr. Frederick Spring, of Holly Bush Hill, Stoke Poges. The bridegroom has been a much respected member of the Stoke Poges belfry for several years, and also a member of the choir since quite a small boy. By the courtesy of the Rector and ringers of St. Andrew's, six Oxford Guild members visited the church to ring as the wedding party left. A 360 Bob Minor was rung by: G. H. Gutteridge 1, A. Bateman 2, D. F. Gibbons 3, J. J. Parker 4, W. Henley (conductor) 5, J. L. Bateman 6; and a 720 of Oxford Bob, conducted by G. Gutteridge. The bells are a nice musical ring of six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the ringers, who represented Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Stoke Poges and the Whitechapel Foundry, united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spring every happiness.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District of the above was held at Somersham on Saturday week. The proceedings commenced with a tea at the Black Bull Inn, at 4 p.m., followed by a meeting at which, in the temporary absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Hamilton took the chair. Among others present were: The Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary), and Messrs. W. J. Goss (Ramsey), T. Creasey, T. Metcalf (Somersham), F. Rowlinson, A. J. Abrams, D. Crashley (Chatteris), E. Townhead (Sutton), etc.—Mr. G. D. Coleman was elected to serve on the committee with Mr. W. J. Goss, and several new members were admitted. — It was decided to hold the next meeting (with the consent of the authorities) at Huntingdon some time in October.

Afterwards an adjournment was made to the tower, where, despite the bad "go" of the bells, 360 Bob Minor and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round, besides a touch of Bob Major on handbells. The tower was visited during the evening by the Rev. A. H. Walker (Vicar), who had just returned from a holiday, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who took part in the ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

NOTICES.

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POSTPONEMENT.—The unveiling of the peal board at Cripplegate, commemorating the "John" peal of Cinques, is unavoidably postponed to Saturday, June 28th.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 24th; Southwark Cathedral on June 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 2. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, June 14th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in school room at 5.30. All ringing friends will be welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 14th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea, 8d. each, will be provided in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their secretaries on or before Tuesday, June 17th, as, a large attendance being anticipated, the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea (9d.) at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send work by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by June 16th. All subscriptions are now due.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Greens Norton on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Service in church at 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 o'clock. Dinner 12.30. Ringing at 2 o'clock.—Frank Causebrook, Hon. Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, June 21st. Tower open from 4 to 8.30.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 290th anniversary of this Society will be held on Friday, the 27th June. All friends welcome.—R. A. Strong, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. S. Bulpit and W. Benthall, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send

notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. and St. Nicholas' by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., Shottery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Western Division).—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bull Inn at 5.30, to members who notify me by June 25th, at 9d. All ringers and friends invited.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of Beddington, has removed to 41, Alston Road, High Barnet, Herts.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Puttenham was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild held on May 31st. There was a large attendance, and a short service was held. At the service, the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Clarke) gave an appropriate address. Church bell ringers, he said, were the oldest band of workers in the English Church, and he had great pleasure in welcoming them to Puttenham. He hoped that the work they were engaged in would always prosper, and that they would carry out the duty of ringing in the spirit in which the church wished them to do: namely, to help those around them in times of joy and in times of sorrow, by sympathising with them in the changing circumstances of life.

After the service, tea was served in the old Schoolroom, and subsequently a business meeting was held.—During the day touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

TALLAND CHURCH, CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The tower and four bells of Talland having fallen into a state of disrepair, which makes the bells very dangerous to ring, a scheme has been set on foot to collect about £350 to effect a thorough restoration and add two more bells to make a ring of six, at the earnest desire of the ringers. Since Christmas, £105 has been collected locally, and from friends; but in such a poor parish it is difficult to see how the entire balance can be raised, and I, as treasurer, have, therefore, decided to appeal to all the ringers of England (through "The Ringing World") to help us.

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