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RECRUITING.

Although summer, by the calendar, is still with us, it is not too early for those bands which are below strength to look round for 'material' to bring their numbers up to a quota, not only sufficient to ring all the bells for Sunday services, but to create a reserve so that bells shall not be silent when there are absentees. Summer months, which provide many ringers with longer hours of labour—in the garden or harvest field—or hold out to others inducements to find recreation in the open air, often play havoc with belfry companies, and not infrequently many weeks are lost in early autumn in getting back into the stride. Where a band has, in addition, to fill up gaps this loss of time is additionally detrimental to progress, and those who are responsible for the organisation of ringing companies should, therefore, seek out their pupils without delay.

Sometimes, we are afraid, in the desire to draw in new ringers, the right material is not always selected. Our art has advanced a long way from where it was even twenty-five years ago, and those with whom it rests to enlist recruits should see to it that they get the right type of men. No one with an enthusiasm to learn to ring should be excluded, but there is no room for the half-hearted and lukewarm. With these it is hardly worth while to waste time in endeavouring to get them interested; they will always be a drag on the wheel. Even if eventually they learn to ring a bell in changes, they will likely enough be a source of annoyance to the rest, for these are the men who become the cause of 'meeting short.' But in addition to men who are keen, it is not too much to suggest that men of quick intelligence should be enlisted. Ringing, when its mysteries are revealed, is a fit subject for study by brains of the highest calibre, and it will appeal to men of this type if once their interest can be gained. Then there is another qualification which ought not to be over looked, and that is that a new ringer should, for obvious reasons, be a good Churchman.

If these points were borne in mind and acted upon, a further contribution would be ensured in the effort to raise the status of the ringer and advance the art, and we believe they could be combined with success, particularly if the person responsible for organising a band would discuss the subject and work in conjunction with the incumbent and churchwardens, whose influence would be of great value. And while dealing with this question let us add this: Too often the numerical strength of a band is insufficient, and when 'recruiting' is in progress, enough members should be enrolled to give a margin in order that the service and practice ringing may not suffer when, from any cause, one or more members may be absent from the tower.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	*THOMAS RODEN	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	8
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	SAMUEL GROVE	9
JAMES E. GROVES	4	JOHN NEAL	10
MORRIS J. MORRIS	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	11
†CHARLES BEECH	6	THOMAS H. REEVES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve. Herbert Knight has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM CATHERALL	5
JOHN HAYES	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
ARTHUR NEWELL	3	SAMUEL JONES	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROLAND LEWIS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
GEOFFREY LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in a Surprise Method. † 100th peal for the Association and also first peal in a Surprise Method on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	FRANCIS BIBBY	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
GEORGE H. RANDLES	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged for Mr. K. Hart, who was spending a holiday in Chester.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FRANK SHAW	5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH	2	RESHTON GRIMSHAW	6
MISS ELLEN SHAW	3	WILLIAM BARNES	7
JONATHAN WHEWELL	4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung as a farewell to A. T. Houldsworth, who has been a ringer at the above church for over 21 years.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On July 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: *B. F. Calcott 1, R. Kendall 2, A. V. Wood 3, G. Heley 4, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 5, *L. Turner 6. * First 720 of Treble Bob.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	6
*GEORGE S. MORRIS	3	HARRY BROUGHTON	7
DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DENTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for J. T. Dyke of Midsomer Norton.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. GROOM	5
*SIDNEY C. ROWE	2	*GEORGE S. ROWE	6
PERCIVAL WOODS	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	7
*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ...	4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY

First peal in the method. The above band all reside in the parish of Debenham, and this is the first time that a peal of Cambridge has been achieved there under such conditions.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM DUDLEY	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	*SIDNEY W. CORDEN	6
LIONEL H. PAGE...	3	HENRY T. WILSON	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	4	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	*Tenor*

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* Proposed a member in tower previous to start of peal, and first peal in the method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*JOSEPH HARPER...	*Treble*	FRANK VOYCE	5
EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	2	WILLIAM BISHOP	6
JOHN J. BEVAN	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
†GEORGE WILKS	4	*ALBERT BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell.

ISLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY FRANKS	*Treble*	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ...	2	HERBERT LANGDON	6
JAMES GEORGE	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
THOMAS LANGDON	4	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the conductor's sister, Miss Amelia Bullock, to Mr. Walter Firman.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Monday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, A. J. Turner 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. Errey 4, A. Simmonds 5, R. J. Dawe 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8. Rung to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Piper's wedding day.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR B. BELLAMY ...	*Treble*	JAMES S. WARD...	5
JOHN R. MAIN	2	*AMOS SMART	6
JOHN J. MAWLEY	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
LEONARD J. WYMAN	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the Vicar's birthday. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON, N.E
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE M. KILBY	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	GEORGE B. LUCAS	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	HAROLD W. CLARK	7
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON	*Treble*	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
JOHN HAYES...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
ARTHUR NEWELL...	4	JAMES H. RIDING... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Conductor's 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method on these bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMPSON	7
GEORGE WILSON	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6104 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM OLOVER	5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
GEORGE MAYERS...	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
CHARLES CUTTING	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, August 16th, on the occasion of a garden fete to welcome the new Vicar of St. Mary's (Rev. H. Footman), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: P. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, W. Johnson 2, C. Taylor (first on inside peal) 3, W. Chambers 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, F. Attrill (first quarter) 8. Ringers of 1, 3 and 8 belong to Carisbrooke, remainder to Newport.

BLACKPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)
On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

A. HAGUE	...*Treble*	W. WILDE	5
J. SMITH	2	F. GREENWOOD	6
L. GREEN	3	T. CROOKALL	7
C. SHARPLES	4	*J. WINTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. HAGUE.

First on the bells by an entirely local band, also first since bells were rehung by Mears & Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.
* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN	...*Treble*	HERBERT LUDKIN	4
WALTER BATTLE...	2	THOMAS A. ROGERS	5
JOHN WILKINSON...	3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Dunning for kindly having everything in readiness.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor about 16 cwt.

*CHRIS BOWERS	...*Treble*	†DAVID HORNE	4
GEOFFREY LEWIS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
E. WILLIAM TURNER ...	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. CAMM.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER	...*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Association and by all the band. The ringer of the second has now rung peals in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

APPLEBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	...*Treble*	*HERBERT COWTON	4
HAROLD EASTOE	2	WALTER GODDARD	5
ANYAN PEART	3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal, First peal on the bells, the tenor dating from 1623.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM DUGGAN	...*Treble*	FRANK E. DOWNES	4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES... ...	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
PERCY H. YOUNG	3	GEORGE SOLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. GODDARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 17½ in G sharp.

WALTER GODDARD ... ...1—2	WALTER AYRE ... ...3—4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...5—6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE. Witness: MRS. GODDARD.
First peal of Doubles by all; first peal 'in hand' by 1-2 and 5-6.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with 4 different callings. Tenor size 17½.

WALTER GODDARD ... ...1—2	WALTER AYRE ... ...3—4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS... ...5—6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE. Witness: MRS. GODDARD.
First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

DEATH OF MR. A. T. MORRIS.

A GENIUS AT PEAL 'TAPPING.'

The death occurred on August 7th, at the Cottage Hospital, Dovercourt, after only a brief illness, of Mr. Arthur T. Morris, of Harwich. The deceased will be remembered principally for his exceptional gifts in peal 'tapping,' for he succeeded in executing peals by this means in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise. A good deal of controversy raged round his performances, but whatever else may be said of them, they were exceedingly clever, and involved a vast amount of concentration and practice.

At Harwich, where he had taught many young men to ring, he will be much missed. On Saturday, August 11th, several touches were rung on the parish church bells, with muffled clappers, and, on the following day the bells were rung half-muffled for service.

Councillor T. A. Bernard, of Harwich, writes of the deceased ringer that his death will be regretted among a large circle in the Exercise.

'More especially will he be missed,' adds Mr. Bernard, 'by the local band and those ringers throughout the country (and there are many) who owe the foundation of their ringing knowledge to his teaching.

'On the tapping of peals, of which the late Mr. A. T. Morris was one of the greatest exponents, I shall not dwell, except to state that this was a safety valve for his overbounding enthusiasm for ringing. He had not hundreds of peals to his credit, for his opportunities, like those of many another ringer, were few. Harwich is not an industrial town, and there is, consequently, no encouragement for ambitious young men to stay there. It is, therefore, very difficult to keep a first class band in Harwich, which accounts for the fact that the late Mr. A. T. Morris invariably had three or more pupils, who, in most cases, as soon as they had a fair knowledge of ringing, left the place. This would have discouraged most people, but not so Mr. Morris. A lad had only to express his desire to learn the art and he was at him "hammer and tongs" every available minute. Thus he did a tremendous amount of good for the Exercise.

'In his life, as in his ringing, Mr. Morris set a great example. He was deeply respected by all who were fortunate enough to know him, and for these reasons he will indeed be greatly missed.'

DATE TOUCH.

At Kingsley, Staffs, on Saturday, August 11th, a date touch of 1,923 changes was rung in 1 hr. and 8 mins. in the five following Treble Bob methods: 720 Oxford, 360 each of Duke of York, Woodbine and Kent, and 123 of Violet: J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 1, A. Edwards 2, J. Berrisford 3, H. Carnwell 4, J. Walley 5, E. Edwards 6. Messrs. Wheeldon and Walley hail from Norton-le-Moors.

A WEEK-END IN WALES.

O land of my fathers, O land of my love,
Dear mother of minstrels who kindle and move.

At midsummer last the Worcestershire question arose, 'Shall we go?' and when some half-dozen 'Ayes' responded this tour from its beginning seemed most promising. A trio of 'Brum Boys' and another of Stourbridge stalwarts, induced Old Tom Salter, of Kidderminster and the writer to complete the team, and then began the task of organising the venture. Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, and Mr. Wm. Evans, of Brecon, were applied to for information and assistance, as well as the Superintendent of the Line, G.W.Ry.; and between them, travelling, bed, and board, were ultimately fixed up to our satisfaction, and a most enjoyable, varied and economical holiday was the result.

Assembly at Kidderminster Station at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4th, was ordered, but not carried out until an hour later. I am used to holiday crowds in and near London, but I found that Birmingham and the many large industrial towns around can grow a 'crowd or two,' and after several trains in 'triplicate' had passed outwards, we began our journey for Presteign, in Radnorshire, via Bewdley, Tenbury, and Leominster. The guard, finding us to be tourists travelling 'en bloc,' furnished us with a first-class compartment, wherein, between touches and tunes on the handbells, we discussed the improbability of any peal attempt for Saturday. In common with several hundreds of other passengers we were left stranded at Wofferton Junction Station, and no train for Presteign available till late in the evening, and no Sunday service to Brecon. Of what use was Superintendant Nicholls' special passport for our team to travel by a Midland route not usually permitted? Optimism is a really good thing at times, even hope 'Withers,' when there is no refresher in sight, and so an hotel was sought where we might eat our pocket lunch and quench the thirst on a hot day with ale, Johnny or 'Bass.' The Council of operations sat at one o'clock, and suggested going on direct to Brecon, cutting out Presteign—14 miles distant, and no return train after 6 p.m. At the dangerous crossroads in front of our inn stood a uniformed scout of the A.A. on duty. By appealing to him we were able to secure a four-seater Ford from the neighbouring village of Brimfield, and into or on to this we were stowed with Salter as a centerpiece. We reached the church at 2.30 p.m., and were met by Mr. A. Talbot, district secretary. The latter half of this drive was very beautiful, the Black mountain range of hills 18 miles away being on our left, backed by the distant 'Sugar Loaf' at Abergavenny at one end and the Brecon beacons at the other, whilst on our right rose Radnor Forest with Plynlimmon, and further on Snowdon, a name we method ringers will remember so long the mountain stands.

The Rector of Presteign, the Rev. H. S. Kewley, is a practical ringer, and we owed him a threefold debt of gratitude, but fate denied us the opportunity of personally offering him our sincere thanks. He gladly consented to our attempt, and hoped we should set up a record, met our train at the station due in 1.30, and arranged for tea for us at the Bull Hotel. It was much regretted by everyone that no time was available to enjoy the welcome so kindly provided, and we made for the station at once, contenting ourselves with the first peal of Surprise in the county; but, that doesn't fill the aching void of the inner man. More than once the loss of our tea was referred to, a sore point in more than one bosom, because nobody had the chance of getting a square meal between early breakfast and our arrival at Hereford, via Leominster, at 8 o'clock. At Hereford Station we learnt that three of the staff were bell ringers—like the late Mr. Potter, general manager of the G.W. Ry., who learnt to ring as a choirboy in Dorsetshire—Mr. A. L. Annetts, of Shrewsbury, whose two sons are helping to make progress at Abergavenny; Mr. F. Downes, of Holmer, who with his four brothers, has greatly assisted the restoration fund for rehanging the peal of five bells, and adding a treble; and the guard of our train, an old member of the Brecon Society. I may also add, re Holmer, that all the money required has been raised, and the order placed with Mr. J. Groves, of Birmingham. Resuming our journey at 8.45 via Hay, we again won first-class honours and the applause of onlookers en route to Brecon, where we arrived at 10.30 p.m., and were met and welcomed by Mr. Wm. Evans, a resident and tradesman for 28 years who has consistently done his best to keep St. Mary's bells 'mouth-upwards,' especially on Sundays. He politely escorted us to the headquarters for two nights, 'Rutland House,' and he having previously reminded us of the Welch Sunday closing of licensed houses we were prepared accordingly; in fact, one of the station staff informed me he had conveyed a case of 'glass cylinders,' with screw stoppers at one end, to our house.

Sunday, August 5th. Breakfast at 8, ringing at the Parish Church at 10 o'clock. London and Cambridge for 11 a.m. matins, the local band present and introductions made. After the service we had an early dinner, hot and well served by Mrs. Woods, the ordered motor-car arriving at one o'clock to convey us five miles out to Llanfigan Church, through a pictureque valley of the River Usk away under the Brecknock Hills, the highest peak, known as Brecon Beacon, 2,907 feet, and, on the opposite hand, Lord Hereford's Knob, 2,263 feet high. We were made welcome by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Davies, M.A., a Welsh scholar who often preaches in the native tongue), and handed the keys of the church and tower. 'Go, Cambridge,' was called at 2.29, and rounds came at 5.35 and the octave lowered 'in peal.' Indeed, at each tower we visited the bells were raised and lowered in this way. The privilege of ringing the first peal of Surprise in the county was again enjoyed, and it was also the first 8-bell peal in the newly-formed Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

The church, with its quaint name of an early British saint, is a beautiful little model of Welsh architecture, consisting of nave, chancel and western tower, north aisle and south porch. The tower arch is open to the nave, and on the left-hand side is a stone inscribed: 'This tower was restored, the bells recast and rehung and four new ones added to complete the octave by John Llewellyn Morgan in memory of his father, David Morgan, of Llandaff, 1920-1921.' The bells are a sweet little peal, the work of Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, not tuned on the full-toned Simpson principle, and almost a replica of the bells of Northam, Devonshire. Of the tower itself I would add a note. There is a raised pointed central roof in the middle of the lead flat on the top, giving a three feet gangway all round clear of the battlemented walls. On each side of the square, some two to three feet high, are fitted oak horizontal louvres, which enable sound to go out and upwards, a feature which ought to be copied in many of the towers in our crowded towns. At Llanfigan the only houses near are Church Cottage, the Rectory, half a mile off, and one or two farms more distant. It is an ideal place for a summer picnic, where the band could ring all day long, or roam the hills and gaze upon the 'land of my fathers.' As regards the latter, our timekeeper, Mr. Evans, did so in preference to ringing the treble, which was heartily offered to him. As an instance of the love for our old church that our Nonconformist friends have, I may mentioned that the Morgans, of Cardiff, carry on a large drapery emporium there, and are the leading Dissenters of that city. Our tea at the adjoining cottage was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick and their bonnie family of three pigeon pairs. The delight of the children when handbells were rung to several tunes was well worth carrying the bag full of metal (not Brummagem scrap) up the mile of steep incline.

Returning to Brecon, our unloading was effected at the Priory Church, a most spacious and beautiful cruciform building. Here we met the Rev. E. A. D. Roberts, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the verger, who gave us an hour's enjoyment. One was really glad when they said, 'Let us go up into the house of the Lord.' The noble building, said to be the finest in Wales, has just been raised to the dignity of a cathedral, and only on the previous Tuesday Dr. Bevan, of Swansea, a former Vicar of St. Mary's, Brecon, was elected first Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. The tower was open for our inspection, and a long, difficult climb was experienced in gaining the belfry, a room 40 feet square, the passages, formed in the solid walls of masonry, not giving room enough for some of the well built ringers whom I know. The bell-loft contains a ruinous set of bells, cast by Rudhall. Originally six, one is reputed to have been stolen, and two of the five left are badly cracked. The east end of the north aisle has recently been restored as a memorial chapel to the South Wales Borderers, and the 5,777 men of those regiments who fell in the Great War are remembered in an illuminated volume bound in leather. A new stained glass east window has yet to be erected, and a few days previous to our visit an ancient banner belonging to the Borderers and sent to Windsor Castle, had been presented by his Majesty the King. This will be hung with others now to be seen in the chapel.

For a week the St. George's ensign was flown from the flagstaff on the central tower, which was also illuminated at night by numbers of electric lamps placed round the battlements and seen for many miles around, to mark the historical accomplishment of a new See, in spite of the Welsh Disestablishment Act. A sum of £8,000 and upwards had to be assured before the project could proceed, and this financial difficulty has been overcome. Better far than all the outward rejoicing was the impressive effect of masses of wild flowers, the common harebell self-sown, blooming in profusion upon the grey old walls of the tower, regardless of moisture, sweet emblem of faith. Their bright blue heads were silently nodding in the wind, prophesying those larger bells that will eventually be placed here, and — who knows? — perhaps the first ring of twelve for the Principality.

Here is a quite modern instance of unexpected interest in church bells by a Brecon resident. The late Alderman Thomas Williams, who died in 1922, left by will land for a recreation ground and stained glass windows for the parish church of St. David's (a growing suburb of Brecon on the Swansea road), also money to provide a peal of six bells. It remains for the cathedral authorities to furnish a ring of ten, and the Brecon ringers will then have to get busy training young hands to man the bells of Brecon.

(To be continued.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD

This society has had an annual outing for a number of years, and the 1923 trip that took place on the first Saturday in August can be termed better than its predecessors. The Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and Mr. C. Tribe fixed up the travelling arrangements, and Mr. Tribe conducted the correspondence to obtain permission for ringing at the various churches required, and hearty thanks are due to these gentlemen. Two charabancs were chartered, one starting from Ashford, and the other from Appledore. The first destination, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was reached shortly before nine o'clock. Here Mr. W. Latter met the party, and continued with them for the remainder of the day. Great satisfaction was expressed with the light Simpson-tuned eight at St. Peter's, and several touches in the standard methods were tapped off. About three attempts, however, had to be made for a touch of Stedman, but perhaps someone derived good from the failures, which provided practice for one still in the infancy of calling. On loading up again, the charabancs soon invaded Sussex by way of Withyam, where ringing was not practicable owing to tower repairs. Not far distant, the peal of six at Hartfield was at the party's disposal. Here the bells took a bit of managing, the ropes and sallies being rather clumsy—quite large enough for ladies' hands. However, Grandsire Doubles and short pieces of Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, and the ringers had consolation in the fact that a nice-going ring of eight awaited them at Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, where the Vicar welcomed the society. This light peal, Simpson-tuned—perhaps not quite so good as Tunbridge Wells, yet very musical—were soon set going, and the members thoroughly enjoyed their touches at this tower. It was somewhere around mid-day when they left, and sped away along several miles of pretty Sussex country to East Grinstead. On approaching the town, the stately tower of St. Swithun could be seen and the excursionists wished they could have had a ring on the fine eight contained therein, but owing to ringing complaints, permission could not be obtained. There was one thing, however, which they did enjoy at East Grinstead, and that was the luncheon, the Master having made arrangements for this. In the afternoon there was a delightful trip back into Kent, and a call was made at Edenbridge where Mr. Steddy and other Edenbridge ringers, and Mr. Edwards (Penshurst), kindly met the party, and what a beautiful peal of eight they found: medium weight, Simpson-tuned, and the best peal heard during the day. They were loath to leave, but there were other towers to visit. Mr. Edwards accompanied the visitors to the remaining places, Hever (six bells) being the next halt. In this church they were shown the tomb containing the remains of the father of Anne Boleyn, and just opposite the church is an interesting old inn, named Henry VIII., in the grounds of which the ringers partook of a splendid tea, Mr. Edwards having kindly arranged this. The chief feature of the ringing at Hever was a touch of Bob Minor rung entirely by members of the Stone contingent. The evening towers included in the tour were Chiddingstone and Penshurst. The party did quite well at the former place, but could not ring at Penshurst owing to choir practice. The route home was via Tonbridge, where the two charabancs parted company. This report would lack completion without making reference to all who contributed in any degree, large or small, to the organisation of the day's pleasure, including those ringers outside the Guild who rendered great assistance, and thanks are given to them all. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

BARLBOROUGH RINGERS' BIG PARTY.

On Saturday, July 28th the Barlborough ringers had their annual outing. The party, which consisted of ringers and their friends, to the number of 62, journeyed through Derby to Shardlow. There a touch of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was successfully brought round. The party then journeyed to Loughborough where dinner was partaken of at the King's Head Hotel. After dinner, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s bell foundry was visited, where the various processes of bell founding were a source of great interest. The new war memorial—a wonderful carillon of bells—was visited at the time when a recital was being given by M. Gustaaff Nees, of Molines, and his playing was much enjoyed. Nottingham was the next place visited, and a much-needed tea was partaken of at Morley's Cafe. The rest of the evening was spent at Nottingham, and Barlborough was reached at 12.15 a.m. The outing was a jolly one, and much enjoyed by all.

WEST WALES' EXCURSION.

St. Catherine's, Goveinon, and St. John's, Morriston, members of West Wales Association, held their annual outing on Monday, August 6th, when they visited Aberdare, which was reached after a pleasant ride. The church, with its fine tower and spire, was immediately visited. Mr. Roberts had the bells in readiness, and a few good touches of Grandsire Triples and plain course of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles for the juniors were rung. The Vicar came to the belfry and welcomed the party, who were shown over the church. Afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was tapped off in good style, conducted by Mr. J. Williams, the bells being lowered in peal. This was very much appreciated after call changes. After dinner a most enjoyable time was spent in the beautiful park. A move was then made to Merthyr to try a fine peal of 8 (tenor about 20 cwt.), which were raised in peal, the 'go' being found to be splendid. Some of the local ringers joined the visitors, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles rung. A very enjoyable day was spent, and home was not reached until after midnight. Best thanks of the band are due to the respective Vicars for permission to ring and to the local ringers, who assisted to make a most successful outing.

HARWICH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 18th, St. Nicholas Guild, Harwich, had their outing, and, accompanied by a few friends, visited Hadleigh, Suffolk, by charabanc, the party numbering 21. Hadleigh was reached about 3 o'clock. The tower of the fine old church, with its beautiful stained glass windows, was first visited, but the ringers were greatly disappointed to find that the tenor rope had gone out for repairs. They had, therefore, to be content with touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on the front six. Afterwards the company sat down to a capital cold spread at the King's Head Hotel, with their veteran, Mr. Job Brewster, in the the chair. Tunes on the handbells, also Grandsire Triples, double handed, were very much appreciated. The journey was then resumed to Stratford St. Mary, to the accompaniment of a thunderstorm. Mr. Featherstone, one of the local ringers, met the party, and had everything in readiness. Touches of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob were brought round on this fine peal of six, and then the homeward journey was commenced, the company having spent a most enjoyable time. The ringers wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeeper at Hadleigh, and Mr. Featherstone at Stratford St. Mary, and all others who assisted in making the trip a success.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We read with interest Mr. Sharples' letter of the 3rd inst., but if it is intended to have any bearing upon ours of the previous week, we are sorry that we miss his point. If our view is correct, we hasten to write that we have no objection to names relative to numbers, and we think our previous letter should be quite clear.

We were dealing only with those methods numbered in the Collection, and we believe that No. 22 has been named 'Lancashire' and again 'Immanuel,' and as the matter stands now there may be still further alteration.

For more than twenty years we have been ringing and recording 'Surprise' Minor methods, many of which have since been relegated to other classes and changed names. There are now a certain number in the Collection, and the Surprise class were named in the Press some time back. The committee have revised these names, and still no definite law is laid down by what is supposed to be a governing body. We are sorry if it is possible that Mr Sharples has misconstrued the text of our letter, and in passing would be glad to know what is the latest name given to his 'Lancashire Surprise' if 'Immanuel Surprise' is No. 22?—Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,
St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

LADY RINGER MARRIED AT FYLINGDALES.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the marriage of Miss Betina Wellburn, daughter of Mr. George Wellburn, of Mount Pleasant Robin Hood's Bay (a churchwarden of St. Stephen's Church), to Captain Wm. Beedle, took place at the Parish Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdales, in the presence of a large congregation. The service was fully choral, Mr. Wm. Conyers, an old ringer of this church, presided at the organ, and the Rev. A. M. Bury, M.A., the Vicar of Ravenscar, officiated. As the happy couple left the church the bells rang out merrily, and at intervals during the day touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Later, with the good wishes of a crowd of friends, Capt. and Mrs. Beedle left for Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bride has been one of the ten lady ringers at St. Stephen's Church since 1919, and took part in a number of quarter-peals, including one of Grandsire Triples on handbells (double-handed).

A peal attempt by some of these ladies was arranged some months since, but abandoned owing to the sudden serious illness of the Vicar. Unfortunately, no further opportunity has presented itself. Miss Wellburn was a reliable ringer and an excellent striker, always rang at the heavy end, was always present for service ringing, and regular in attendance at practices. She carries with her the good wishes of her fellow-ringers in her new sphere.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR PRESIDENT HARDING

RINGING AT BOSTON, U.S.A.

Americans in Boston, U.S.A., were impressed by the muffled ringing done at the Church of the Advent, on August 10th, on the occasion of the funeral of the late President Harding.

The following description of the ringing was given by 'The Boston Herald':—

'Bells, fully muffled, sounded from the tower of the Church of the Advent for half an hour before and for 15 minutes following the solemn high requiem mass celebrated at that church yesterday morning. The bells were tolled by eight bell ringers, who had performed the same service many times before at the death of a British king.

'The bells, cast after the British fashion, in sets of eight, rang touches of Grandsire Doubled and Bob Minor, sounding the changes at the church at 9.45 and 10.30 a.m. and at 11.30 and 11.45 a.m. They were also rung at the Perkins Institution for the Blind between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

'Mrs. Margaret Shurtleff, president of the Boston Guild of Bell Ringers, which was formed by the English bell ringers several years ago upon their arrival in the United States, led the ringing of the bells, assisted by Richard Newton, Philip J. Allfry, James Lakir, William Bashford, Alexander Matthews and Joseph Goodhead. The bells were tolled at 5 o'clock in the evening, the hour when President Harding was buried at his home in Marion, O.'

MEMORIAL RINGING IN LONDON.

In memory of President Harding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Thurstans' Four-part, was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in 50 minutes with the bells half-muffled, six hours after the President's death: E. Alex. Young 1, T. Benney 2, A. B. Peck 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. D. Mathews 6, W. Rushton 7, F. G. Symonds 8.

'FLIPPANTLY FACETIOUS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—My gentle remonstrance with your would-be 'funny' correspondents seems only to have stimulated them to fresh exertions, and I am sorry that I spoke! I can appreciate real humour as well as most people. But if such 'humour' as that of 'Samiwell Peppery' and 'Irenæus' in your last issue satisfies the majority of your readers, I am content to remain in a minority; and minorities, we know, must always suffer.—Yours,

CONSTANT READER.

MR. J. W. PARKER'S 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

It has been suggested by a well-known ringer that the following transposition of the original peal, with the odd-course first, should be published, and the figures are given below, for this form is likely to prove the more popular for this original composition:—

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DEATH OF VETERAN KENT RECTOR.

An honorary life member of the Kent County Association and 55 years Rector of Horsmonden, the Rev. Hugh Forbes Smith Marriott has passed away at the advanced age of 82 years 10 months. The funeral took place on Saturday at Horsmonden, when the deceased was interred by the side of his late wife. The respect and endearment in which the veteran rector was held was evinced by the large number present at the last sad rites.

After the funeral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the local ringers with muffled bells, and this was followed by 720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

August 26th is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples on record. It was rung in 1718 at Norwich, and the peal board, with its quaint wording, is still in existence.

It runs: 'On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples, which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their projections have proved errors, until it was undertook by John Garthon, who, with long Study and Practice, have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England; the extent of this peal being 5040 changes; have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that it was ever rung true was in three hours and a half, without any changes alike or a bell out of course, by these men, whose names are underwritten against their Bells as they rung.'

Then follows the names of the band: James Brook, John Briggs, William Palmer, Robert Crane, Henry Howard, William Callow, Tho. Melchior and Tho. Barrett.

On August 26th, 1751, John Holt took part in a peal of Double Bob Major with the Union Scholars. In that year Holt rang no fewer than nine peals with the society. He was in every peal rung by the Union Scholars from the time he joined in 1745 until he left them in 1752.

'A complete peal of Bob Major St. George,' was rung by the College Youths at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, 'being the first that was done upon the bells.' This 5040 was conducted by Benjamin Annable.

At Otley, Yorks, on August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob was rung in 7 hrs. 15 mins., 'being the longest peal in that method rung in England.' William Woodhead, of Wakeford, was one of the band, and the fact is recorded on a peal board in Wakeford tower, recording a 6030 Grandsire Caters rung in 1820.

'On Monday, August 24th, 1868, eight veteran change ringers, whose united ages amounted to 553 years, ascended the Parish Church of Guiseley, near Leeds, and rang in masterly style a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. 30 secs.'

'Bell's Life,' which was the ringer's journal of that day, recorded the above interesting performance, and added the further details: 'The following are the names and ages of the men: J. Hanson, of Huddersfield, aged 78, treble; J. Kendal, of Otley, 73, 2; C. Iles, of Leeds (formerly of Otley), 74, 3; W. Senior, of Earlsheaton, 68, 4; H. Hubbard, of Leeds (formerly of Norwich), 64, 5; T. Dawson, of Bradford, 62, 6; I. Illingworth, of Bradford, 66, 7; W. Dumbleton, of Pudsey, 68, tenor. The peal was ably conducted by Mr. H. Hubbard, and witnessed by various ringers from different places.'

The recasting of the bells at Seaford, Sussex, with the addition of extra metal, and the rehanging of the peal in a new frame is to be taken in hand at once. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Apropos to our reference last week to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Shoreditch on August 23rd, 1788, it will be of further interest to know that the board recording the performance, which now hangs in the belfry at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, has just been thoroughly renovated, through the generosity of Mr. E. A. Young, secretary of the Central Council.

At Kington Magna, on August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Florence Hannam, daughter of Mr. Frederick Hannam, three generations of the bride's family took part in ringing the five bells: Fred Hannam, aged 61; William Hannam, aged 33, and Harry Hannam, aged 12.

Mr. G. H. Daynes writes that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Cubitt Town on June 26th should have been credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. The report was sent in without the name of the association, and the omission has only just been brought to his notice.

Ellesmere, Salop, is not alone in having two bands of ringers. At Loughton (Essex) a similar state of affairs exists. The Sunday ringing is done by a band of paid call change ringers, but a voluntary change ringing band has been permitted to practise one night a week (except during the war) since 1883.

For forty years, therefore, this arrangement has been going on and the change ringing band has rung peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. There have, of course, been the usual losses by removals, etc., but with help from West Ham, Leytonstone and Woodford, the band has kept going, and now there are several young ringers coming along, who have reached the Grandsire and Stedman stage.

'Doubtful' is informed that all peals of Treble Bob will run true to Bristol Surprise, but all peals of Bristol will not be true for Treble Bob.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Linton on August 11th was Tom Saunders, not Sanders, as published.

Where the Record Peal of Major was Rung.



ST. CHAD'S CHURCH, OVER, CHESHIRE.

It was at this church, standing in the fields at Over, Cheshire, that the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 10 hours on July 21st last by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The 17,280 changes constituted the longest length ever rung on eight bells by one set of men, the previous record having been the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904.

FATALITY TO A RINGER.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of Mr. C. G. Earl, a ringing member of the Leigh-on-Mendip Church (Somerset). The deceased, who had been a ringer for 25 years at the above church, met with a fatal accident, being knocked down by a motor while on holiday.

The funeral took place on August 16th, deceased being carried to his last resting-place, which is close to his beloved tower, by his fellow-ringers. Deep respect and sympathy were shown, ringers from Doulting being present, also Mr. J. W. Pemberton, who conducted the deceased's first and only peal, and happened to be on holiday not far away.

Muffled touches were rung on the bells after the funeral. Mr. Earl will be sadly missed by his colleagues in the belfry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marrott), who also entertained the company to tea. Unfortunately the weather was against a large attendance, but there was a muster of 35, of whom 29 arrived for tea. The Ringing Master was an absentee (on holiday) for the first time. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Huseley Williams.

Mr. C. S. Bird presided at the business meeting, when Heston was selected for the October meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and his kind hospitality, which was very much appreciated; to the Rev. H. Williams; to the organist; to the Misses Riggs and Griffen, for the able way they attended to the ringers' needs at the tea table; also to Messrs. Parker and Preston of the local band.

Ringing again took place at St. Peter's until 7.30 p.m., when a messenger arrived asking that the bells should cease, owing to illness in the vicinity. Fortunately the hon. secretary had previously obtained permission to ring at St. Mary's, where the bells were soon set going to Cambridge, etc., until, at 9.15 p.m., a rope broke, and suddenly brought the ringing to an end.

With a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary's a most pleasant meeting terminated.

OFF TO AMERICA.

Mr. G. R. Turner, who has been a ringer at East Crompton, Lancashire, for 17 years, is off to New Jersey, U.S.A., and, as a farewell service touch 720 New London Pleasure was rung on Sunday morning by: G. R. Turner 1, S. Heywood 2, J. Ogden (first in the method) 3, H. Oates 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Mr. Turner carries with him to his new sphere the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

720's IN SUFFOLK.

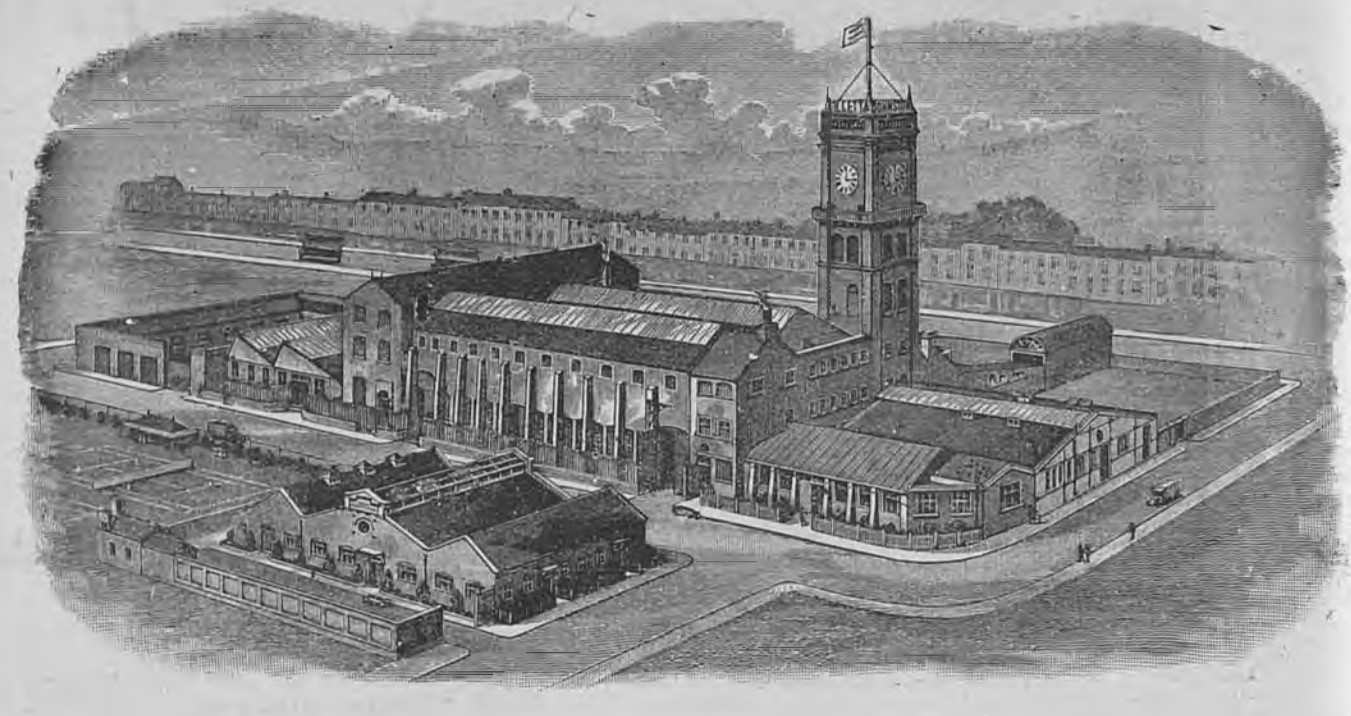
At Preston St. Mary, Suffolk, on June 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by L. Poulson 1, M. Symonds 2, H. Lister 3, K. Whittell 4, R. J. Poulson 5, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 6. Also 720 of New London: A. Symonds 1, J. Poulson 2, H. Lister 3, K. Whittell 4, L. Poulson (first in the method) 5, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 6.—At Monks Eleigh, on Wednesday, June 26th, 720 Double Court: H. Whymark 1, K. Whittell 2, H. Lister 3, L. Poulson (first in the method) 4, R. Grimwood (conductor) 5, R. J. Poulson 6.—Also 720 of Double Oxford: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, R. J. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, H. Lister 5, R. Grimwood (conductor) 6. First in the method by all, also first on the bells.—At Finborough on June 26th, an attempt for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob came to grief within one lead of the last hob, standing as above, except T. Sparrow, of Combs, at the 3rd. These 720's were rung to oblige Mr. Grimwood, who was spending his holiday at his native place of Hitcham.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Saturday, July 28th, at St. Barnabas Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for the marriage of Mr. J. Child (nephew of the late Cecil Valentine), one of the Linslade ringers, to Miss B. L. Lancaster. The Linslade ringers were assisted by Messrs. J. Nicholls, T. Seabrook, A. Butcher, and J. Arnold, of All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, 672 Superlative Surprise Major, for morning service: W. Pervin 1, E. Cartwright 2, J. Saddington 3, W. Smith 4, Pryce Taylor 5, J. Hutchby 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, John Oldham 8.

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THE OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

WYCOMBE SECRETARY REVIEWS PAST ACTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is always a pleasure to read your well-reasoned leading articles, and the recent one with reference to the Oxford Guild is equally acceptable. But if you will allow me, in justice to the Wycombe ringers, to give, as briefly as possible, a resume of the tactics adopted by them prior to their decision to sever connection with the Guild, it will be seen that all constitutional methods you suggest in your 'leader' have been tried, but found wanting.

At a previous annual meeting of the Guild a resolution from High Wycombe, strongly supported by the then branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell), was proposed, asking for the festival to be held at a place other than Oxford. This was defeated; the result being received with ironical cheers. Nothing daunted, the Wycombe men framed another resolution to the effect that the three Archdeaconries be visited in turn, and a referendum of towers taken. This was submitted to a largely attended branch meeting, under the chairmanship of the master, and carried with only two adverse votes by unattached members; and the general secretary undertook to place the same on the agenda for the ensuing meeting at Oxford. This motion, with its recommendation from the branch, was duly submitted to the annual meeting at Oxford. What was the result? One parson characterised this resolution from the largest branch of the Guild as 'hunkum'; while another brilliant cleric termed it 'an insult to the committee,' both these comments being allowed to pass unchallenged from the chair. The height of absurdity was reached when one of the parsons suggested, with regard to financial difficulties, that members unable to pay their expenses 'should ask their wives for the money.'

At the last annual meeting the Wycombe men refrained from attending, partly from disgust, and also not to prejudice in any way another resolution to alter the venue, thinking that as the feelings of this part of the district were well known, the generally-accepted British axiom of fair play might prevail. But again failure, or rather selfishness! Now, sir, I think you will agree that all constitutional methods have been tried; or, if you prefer it, the 'gloves kept on.' Now they must be discarded, for exceptional diseases demand exceptional remedies. You say you fear disruption or a 'split.' Quite so. Great as the regret at severance after a membership of 20, 30, 40 years, or even a longer period in the Guild, we feel that there is a plenitude of ringers in this district to form a strong and healthy Guild of its own, and whose festivals could be held at various venues without fear of stagnation.

Our dear old friend, Tom, in his annual report, speaks of 'foolishness,' but the fool's part of the business is a continued obstinacy which prevents clear insight into the future. The Master expresses his anxiety to hold the meeting wherever the members wish it, which is, of course, Oxford, because of the excess of votes on that particular occasion. Why was the custom of over 30 years' standing altered? Was it to gratify a passing whim, or what was the reason? I have been as brief as consistent with a statement of facts, but, owing to space, there are many points necessarily not touched upon, but after a 'leader' and giving a couple of columns 'with the wind up,' perhaps you will kindly indulge us with this reply.—Yours truly,

GEO. TWITCHEN.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT BECKENHAM.

The Southern District of the above association held an enjoyable meeting at Beckenham on Saturday last. The clerk of the weather could not have known that a meeting was arranged, or he surely would have been more generous in his selection on this date. The rain commenced to fall in the morning, and ceased only at short and very infrequent intervals. The attendance, in consequence, was not as large as was expected. However, shortly after three o'clock, the bells of St. George's were set in motion, to the tune of Cambridge Minor. This was followed by some Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were also rung during the afternoon and evening.

A special service was arranged for the ringers, and the Vicar delivered a very interesting and instructive address.

In this connection it may be suggested that a weekly choir practice for ringers would do much good, and then, at these services, the organ would no longer play hymn solos!

Tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, and was greatly enjoyed by the comparatively small number who sat down. The business meeting was afterwards held, and the next meeting announced to take place at Fulham on September 1st.

The tower was again visited, and touches in various methods were rung. The thanks of the members were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the special service; also to Mr. W. Smith for making the visitors so welcome and for the excellent tea arrangements.

Ringers attended from Chelsea, Roehampton, Camberwell, Lambeth, Southwark, Streatham, Beddington, Ealing, etc.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held on Saturday last at Bishop's Waltham, and was attended by members from Curdridge, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ringwood, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester and the local band. The methods rung on the peal of six comprised Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the White Swan Hotel. The business meeting was mostly of a routine nature, the local tower becoming affiliated to the district through some members rejoining the Guild. Owing to Mr. F. W. Rogers, one of the representatives on the Guild Committee, having been elected recorder of peals, it was necessary to elect another member, Mr. W. Tate, being chosen.

It was decided by vote to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham in November, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and those concerned for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Unfortunately no ringing could be done owing to serious illness very close to the church. Members and friends attended from Camberley, Ealing, Guildford, Hersham, Putney, Stoke Poges and Old Windsor. Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. J. Smith occupied the chair. The Vicar welcomed the members, and explained the reason for their being unable to ring. One honorary member and one compounding member were elected.

Several members expressed their views on the future of the Guild as affected by the division of the diocese, and it was then resolved that the secretary write to all towers in the district and ask them to give their opinion on the subject to the representatives attending the next Guild committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding.

A few courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Barker with the young members of their band from Stoke Poges concluded the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Corringham on Saturday, August 11th, and was not so successful as had been anticipated, members being present from Gainsborough, Stow and Messingham, in addition to one of the local company.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided at Mrs. Prescott's house, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Prescott for providing the tea were unanimously passed, after which the members had the pleasure of listening to some interesting remarks from the President in connection with St. Lawrence, the patron saint of Corringham.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for taking the chair and for the address which everybody had enjoyed.

The members then adjourned to the church for evensong, which was said by the Rev. R. Thornton, Vicar of Corringham, and afterwards further ringing took place until about 8 p.m., when a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

'ALL BUT THREE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Criticus' suggests that at some time we may have to use the strange words 'Pasallatria' and 'Pasallatessera' as names of methods. I think not: they are already and deservedly obsolete. I remember when the Central Council was asked to pass the report in which these words found an experimental place, the late Mr. A. T. King asked what they meant. The perpetrator of the 'crime,' who at this distance of time shall be nameless, told the astonished and amused Council that they were three Greek words meaning 'all but three,' and three others meaning 'all but four.'

When Mr. King replied that they certainly were not, we were told, to our further amusement, that there was such a thing as 'dog-Latin,' and so one might suppose that these words were dog-Greek. As Greek is still spoken by the Greeks, it is nonsense to talk about dog-Greek: nor did dog-Latin ever mean false use of words such as this.

In Greek Passallatria means either (1) 'Universal slavery' or (2) 'The playing with pegs.' Passallatessera can only mean 'Four things furnished with pegs, or gags.'

But why go to Greek for ringing terms? Of all languages Greek is the most unsuitable. In this case an epithet is not required, merely a column heading: the English words 'All but three' and 'All but four' answer all requirements, and will no doubt always be used.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 19th, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Greenough 1, W. Lawrence (Ealing) 2, F. James (conductor) 3, C. Gregory 4, R. Prior 5, B. Cordery 6, A. Webb 7, T. Busby 8. For evening service, at East Hagbourne, a 504 of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, W. Lawrence 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, A. Webb 4, W. Webb 5, T. East 6, R. Rice 7, W. Goodenough 8, followed by 504 Grandsire, conducted by R. Rice, in which Miss Butler took part. During the singing of the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' the clergy, choir and congregation went in procession to the ancient village cross, which stands at some little distance from the church. Here the remainder of the service was held. The Vicar preached an eloquent sermon from an elevated position on the topmost stone of the base of the cross, and the closing hymn was heartily sung by a large number of villagers and visitors, accompanied by an harmonium.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS. — On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Pountney 1, I. Evans 2, C. Wallater 3, H. Coley 4, A. Ward 5, F. Ward 6, J. Davis (longest touch as conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, A. J. Turner 2, W. Pelling 3, E. J. Pannett 4, A. Errey 5, R. J. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. Also 336: E. W. Pannett 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Boyes 3, W. Pelling 4, E. J. Pannett 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Errey 7, W. Ward 8.

CHAILEY, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on August 5th, for evening service, 240 Stedman Doubles: W. Pelling 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. J. Turner 3, A. Errey 4, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 5, E. W. Pannett 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: E. W. Pannett 1, W. Pelling 2, J. Feist 3, A. Errey 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, August 5th, at 9 a.m., 504 Grandsire Triples, rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Kennington and Miss Elsie Heelas, who were married at the above church, the bridegroom being one of the ringers: N. Dales 1, H. Mingay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton 4, S. Bromfield 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. B. Budd 7, F. Holden 8.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (Leicester) 1, N. Dales 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton (conductor) 4, H. Mingay 5, J. Morris (Leicester) 6, S. Bromfield 7, C. Taylor 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss F. Wyman 1, P. Etheridge 2, A. Songhurst 3, S. Kenward 4, G. Illman 5, A. J. Bull 6, O. Sippott (conductor) 7, G. W. Welch 8.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—For Sunday evening service, on August 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: Miss R. Laver 1, T. Wyatt 2, L. Moore 3, F. Derrick 4, Mrs. H. Knight 5, H. Knight (conductor) 6.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 336 of Grandsire Triples: C. Grimes 1, O. Attwood (Bredds Norton) 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Lloyde 8.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Nicholls 1, L. Nicholls 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, G. Seymour (conductor) 4, W. Cherry 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at Christ Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, H. A. Hearl 6, J. H. Shepherd 7, J. I. Wells (Birmingham) 8.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at St. Barnabas Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, jun., 2, T. Silvester 3, E. Jacobs, sen., 4, Ray Linter 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, for service, 720 of Bob Minor: A. Howell 1, W. Wade 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. Keeling 4, E. J. Butler 5, W. Watson (conductor) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles with the local ringers.

ACTON.—Sunday, August 12th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: *C. Brown 1, Robert Fardon (first in the method as conductor) 2, *S. D. Breeze 3, *Miss Phyllis Moss 4, H. Wincote 5, Robert Holloway 6, †J. W. Fruin 7, E. W. Coulson 8. *First in this method. †First away from treble in this method.

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, August 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Almond 1, A. Saunders 2, J. Fleuty 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells.

GREAT YELDHAM.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, A. Saunders 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, J. Fleuty 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, August 12th, 584 Grandsire Triples.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, T. Beadle 3, E. Morris 4, W. Lidbetter 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier 7, H. Beadle 8. For evening service, at All Saints, Fulham, 10 courses Double Norwich. Both were conducted by Ernest Morris, who hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples: F. Verney, F. Castle, Mrs. H. Baker, G. Webb, A. Castle, H. Baker, G. Billeness (conductor), A. Webb. The brothers Webb from Lyminge, Mr. and Mrs. Baker (Frittenden), the conductor (Hawkhurst). The three latter were staying in the district, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Lyminge lasting 2 hrs. 33 mins.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Hutley 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, H. Stott 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Simpson 1, G. Duck 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—At St. Paul's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 12th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Davenport 1, Mrs. W. Crabtree 2, Rev. R. Marle 3, Miss R. A. Bell 4, John Robertshaw (Heptonstall) 5, Miss H. Bell 6, W. Holmes 7, W. Crabtree (conductor) 8.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, August 12th, for Welsh service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Williams 1, J. Shaw 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, W. Crane 6, A. E. Pegler 7, J. L. Jones 8. Composed by S. A. Cullington. Arranged for Mr. James Shaw, of Hyde, who was spending a holiday in Wales.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Potter 1, F. Gurr 2, G. Hewitt 3, R. Eade 4, H. Coomber 5, Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. Messrs. F. Gurr and R. Eade hail from Withyham.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, GLOS. — On Sunday, August 12th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, E. Withers 3, C. Sabin 4, A. Parnell (Cardiff) 5, H. Withers 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, C. W. Locke 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes), taken from Holt's Original: B. Guy 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. R. Acock 5, J. Hope 6, P.-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to P.-Sergt. Hastings who is leaving for Dursley.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Steed 1, A. Richardson (conductor) 2, D. Vincent 3, D. Findlay 4, H. Harrington 5, F. Harrington 6, W. Hart 7, J. Draper 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Lovell 1, Miss G. Manning 2, Rev. J. F. Hastings (Worcester) 3, W. H. Wilson (Dublin) 4, H. J. Goodenough (conductor) 5, C. Edwards (West Ealing) 6, A. S. Medd 7, E. Gar-

WITHAM, ESSEX. — On Sunday, August 19th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, J. Chalk 3, H. Dorkin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a course of Woodbine Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, V. Glass 2, J. Chalk 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorkin 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The August meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon, and 34 sat down to an excellent tea in the Mission Room of St. Andrew's, Auckland, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Parry Evans), who, unfortunately, was unable to be present, as he was away for his well-earned holiday. The Rev. G. O. Williams acted as host, in the absence of the Vicar. There were ringers present from Holy Trinity, St. John's and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, the Cathedral, Newcastle, and St. George's, Jesmond. A postcard was read from the president, Mr. Storey, from Sutherland, expressing sincere regret to be unable to be present. In his absence the vice-president for the Southern District (Mr. G. W. Park) presided over the meeting, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Auckland and Shildon for the use of the bells, especially to the Rev. A. B. Parry Evans for so kindly providing such an excellent tea.

The Rev. G. O. Williams, who is in charge of the parish in the absence of the Vicar, responded. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar, and said the Vicar will be very pleased to welcome the ringers at any time.

The Rev. G. O. Williams was elected an honorary ringing member, the Rev. A. Brown, of Houghton-le-Spring, a ringing member, and Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon, who was elected in the belfry previous to starting a peal, had his election confirmed.

This not being a business meeting, there were no minutes to be read, but the certificate for the first place for the six-bell towers for the Sunday service ringing for 1921 and 1923 was presented to Mr. G. W. Park, who received it on behalf of St. John's, Darlington, by the Rev. G. O. Williams. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for more ringing. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. This brought a very successful gathering, in most glorious weather, to a close.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, August 25th, commencing at 3.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterley meeting will be held at Morville, near Bridgnorth, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5, followed by meeting; a good attendance is requested.—W. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —Next meeting at Lower Peover, Saturday, August 25th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. I should be glad to receive subscriptions for 1923, which are due.—H. W. Theobold, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Tea will be arranged for those advising Rev. C. H. N. Ivens not later than August 22nd.—F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes St., Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare (near Axbridge), on Saturday, August 25th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A. A tea will be provided (for which a small charge may be made) for those who notify me not later than August 28th.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Will those intending to be present notify Mr. W. A. Hudson, Hemingbrough, nr. Selby, on or before Wednesday, August 29th? Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members who intend to be present are asked to advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lee, Tantobie, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 28th.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford Station) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., Queen's Hotel, at 1/6 per head for those who notify H. E. Page, East Markham, Newark, not later than Tuesday, August 28th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE, AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT, SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Doncaster (Parish Church) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors to make their own arrangements for tea. Arksey bells (8) will be available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown and H. Walker, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton (6 bells) on September 1st. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, September 1st, at 5 p.m. The bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 1st. Service in St. David's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by meeting and tea. Those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, August 28th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Butleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells from 2 p.m. —W. Farley, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock; 1/- per head to those who advise me by September 5th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Our next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, September 8th, when ringers and friends will be welcomed. Ringing from 3. Tea will be arranged for 5 o'clock for all who kindly let me know by the 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Grimley on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting o the above district will be held at Halesworth (8 bells) on Saturday, September 8th. The bells at Chediston (6) will also be available. Both towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. C. Lambert, Dist. Hon. Sec., 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Megson's Cafe. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6. Those intending to be at tea must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, September 6th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Otley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells of Parish Church (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head for all who make application to Mr. W. D. Clough, 2, Orchard Street, Otley, not later than first post Tuesday, September 4th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Bells of Guiseley parish church (8) also available throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready all day.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

SPECIAL NOTICE.— The Jasper, Whitfield, Snowden, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llandilo on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—J. Hammond, Hon. Sec., Garthmor Neath.

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OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

A very pleasant time was spent on August Bank Holiday by a few members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, on the southern borders of the county. The first place visited was Longdon, where a peal in seven methods was attempted, but after ringing nearly two 720's the holiday spirit crept in, causing a stand. The Vicar had provided lunch, and afterwards a start was made, an hour in advance of scheduled time, to Forthampton which is in Gloucestershire. Here two local ringers joined the party, and attempted, with success, some of the more advanced methods. The next place of call was Chaceley, the young ringers again taking advantage of the opportunity to ring something out of their ordinary routine. After a stop at a friendly farmer's, Eldersfield was reached, and more ringing done. Mr. H. Price, of Longdon, who is a worthy son of the late Mr. C. Price, well known to the older Black Country ringers, acted as pilot, and also took part in most of the ringing.

The methods rung during the day consisted of London and Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Stedman Doubles. The party included Messrs. J. J. Jefferies (who was chosen Ringing Master for the day), J. Bayliss, Sidney T. Holt, W. Ranford, C. Camm and R. G. Knowles. These towers all contain some excellent peals of six, the tone being grand, though some need the attention of a bell hanger.

Being situated out of reach of train or bus service, the 'push bikes' were useful.

Bidding good-bye to one of the party at Eldersfield and dropping the pilot on the way, Upton was reached about eight o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Camm provided a welcome cup of tea, and thanks are due for their hospitality on this and previous occasions. The band also wish to thank the respective Vicars for the use of the bells, and hope in the future to visit some of them for peals.

LONDON.—On Friday, August 10th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. H. Keighley 1, H. Winter (first quarter inside) 2, S. Anoye 3, H. Taylor 4, G. W. Harris 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, T. H. Taffender 7, W. Hardy (first quarter-peal) 8.

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