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METHOD NAMES.

There was strong opposition at the Central Council meeting to the proposal to change the unsuitable names which have been given to methods, but, as our readers have been already informed, a decision to take action was eventually carried by a small majority. A special Committee has been appointed, and they will be expected to bring up recommendations which will accord with what, we are sure, is the opinion of most ringers outside the Council, namely, that for the future the names which are to be given to methods are such as will give dignity to the science. Into the general question of method nomenclature there is no need for us to again enter at this moment, except to point out that, while a good deal was made of the question of tradition, this is a two-edged weapon, and as much argument could be found in history for changing names and methods, as for retaining them.

At the moment, however, we desire to turn our attention chiefly to the remarks of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was chairman of the Analysis Committee, responsible for the names to which exception has been taken. Mr. Carpenter took strong objection to some of our editorial remarks upon this subject, and were we to let his statement remain unchallenged it might leave the impression that we admit his impeachment. If the Analysis Committee is unrepentant—so, too, are we. But what did Mr. Carpenter's statement come down to in fact? That we had unfairly stated that the Committee threatened to resign if their report was not accepted as it stood, and that we said the report was 'foisted' on the Exercise. A member of the Committee said at the Salisbury meeting, when it was proposed to refer the report back: 'We either wish this report to go through or the matter placed in the hands of some other Committee.' If that is not threatening to throw up the job, we should like to know what is. Moreover, that the Council took this view is revealed by the fact that one gentleman, speaking immediately after this statement had been made, said members might refrain from voting for an amendment to refer the matter back, 'because the Committee have threatened to resign. This impression was never contradicted, and, we think, there is ample evidence that we did not go one word beyond the truth in what we wrote. The only other criticism which was made of our comments was the use of the word 'foist.' The palming off of these names on the Exercise by a threat to resign, resulting in the Council accepting the report 'willy nilly' justified this description, and while it is furthest from

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our wish to hurt anybody's feelings, there has been no exaggeration of language on our part.

When the Analysis Committee had this matter in hand they had a fine opportunity to give a lead to the Exercise in the choice of method names, but in a section in which they already found such titles as Oxford, Kent and Rochester, as well as others of a like character more recently introduced, they went into horticulture. From first to last the Committee have not told the Exercise the reason for this step. There has been ample opportunity, but they have remained silent. We can only imagine it was a whim, but having once committed themselves, fancied it would be infra dig. to go back upon their choice. It is hardly likely there would have been so much said had they, while leaving old names alone, found something more suitable for the unnamed methods, but, by their selection, they went out of the way to accentuate the absurd nomenclature which permeates ringing, and it was time someone had something to say in the matter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, June 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW	... Treble	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ...	7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	... 2	HARRY SEAR	8
JOHN W. CORNFORD	... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	9
THOMAS NEWMAN	... 4	HENRY T. WILSON	10
RICHARD BEVAN	... 5	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	11
WALTER SEAR	... 6	RICHARD G. WILSON ...	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

WILLIAM MESSAM	... Treble	JOHN HOYLE	6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY	... 2	ALBERT HARMAN	7
FLY.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN ...	3	EDWARD HULL	8
ALFRED H. WINCH	4	ARTHUR DEAN	9
GEORGE MARRINER	5	DAVID ANSCOMBE ...	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Versailles Treaty: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Arthur Dean, who, by her untiring efforts, greatly assisted in raising the necessary funds for the rehanging of the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST HUNT	... Treble	*SIDNEY R. GARDNER ...	6
FREDERIC C. RICE	... 2	†FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	7
JOHN MALYAN	... 3	EDWARD D. LIVERMORE ...	8
THOMAS J. HELL	... 4	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	9
HENRY G. LIGHTFOOT	... 5	†WALTER AYRE	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal of Royal by all except the conductor. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells, and as conductor. * First peal on ten. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the Eve of the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	FREDERICK TYLER 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JOSEPH GOULD 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*E. W. MENDAY Treble	W. LEWINGTON 5
R. WHITE 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
J. HANDS 3	A. D. CULLUM 7
R. T. HIBBERT 4	H. SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by A. D. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to J. M. Button.

BARNES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. COOK Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	*GEORGE C. ILES 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	*CHARLES F. W. HUNT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince of Wales. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*REGINALD BECK Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
RONALD BECK 2	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL 6
GERALD GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First touch of Major.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Friday, June 27, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

On the light 8, tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 5
JOSIAH MORRIS 2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
THOMAS H. BENT 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Lee, wife of the Vicar. First peal in the method in the county, and by all the band. Messrs. J. and E. Morris have now rung each of the twelve bells in this tower to peals.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED. RIGBY Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
†FRED. BLACKLIDGE 2	*HERBERT LUCAS 6
*E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 7
†ALFRED BLOGG 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (183). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. † First of Oxford 'inside.'

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
*WILLIAM D. WASE 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Mossford for having everything ready.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HARRY KIRBY Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
GEORGE BUTLER 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
*WILLIAM PERVIN 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

H. Kirby's first peal away from the tenor. * 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Saddington, of Loughborough.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON Treble	GEORGE LADD 5
THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE ... 2	FREDERICK W. STORES ... 6
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	WALTER H. WOOD 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Dickinson, parents of the ringer of the treble, who were married at the above church on June 26th, 1864. Also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR BOLTON Treble	*CECIL ROBINSON 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	†WILLIAM AINSWORTH 6
†GEORGE P. KIMBALL 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	*ALFRED J. RING Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in any method. † First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

HARRY R. ROPER Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 3	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 7
JAMES ROSE 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS... Treble	WILLIAM KEERLE 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	GEORGE W. MOSS 7
JAMES FLETTY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal by G. W. Moss since May 20th, 1910.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	HERBERT HOARE... .. 4
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
JOHN H. RODEN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the Brothers Hoare, of Woodston, Peterborough. They were proposed members in the tower.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and College Single.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER... .. 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. W. Dixon, who was interred at Teynham Church on Saturday, June 21st.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST WELCH... Treble	†ALEC TAYLOR 4
THOMAS TAYSON 2	*HERBERT TAYSON 5
GEOFFREY TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First in five methods. † First in five methods with a bob bell. First in five methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Umpire: EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on a working pair. This and the peal of Caters were arranged for the Brothers Moorhouse, who were elected members prior to starting.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

WALTER F. WHITEHEAD... 1-2	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

*JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10

Umpire: EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Hare.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING... .. 1-2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7-8
GEORGE W. HARRIS... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
Umpire: F. W. CHORLEY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above was held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st, when members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Turvey, Clapham, Threlkley, Harrold, Biddenham, Higham Ferrers, Roughton, Emberton, Weekley, Great Staughton, and the local company. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and a good touch of Woodbine Treble Bob was brought round. These bells were dedicated on Whit Sunday by the Bishop of St. Albans, after having been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon foundry.

Tea was served at the Swan-with-two-Necks Inn, when the members were the guests of Mr. Cyril Johnston.

At the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Clarke in the chair, Cople was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, July 19th, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor of the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, with which everyone was delighted. The ringers afterwards visited the tower again, and London, York and Cambridge Surprise were brought round. Five of the bells have been recast and hung in ball bearings, and entirely new fittings have been provided. Great credit is due to the Croydon firm for the work they have done.

TWO MORE BELLS FOR BRIDSTOW.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been given the order for two additional bells to complete the octave at Bridstow, Herefordshire. This tower is well known as possessing an enterprising band of Minor ringers who have rung methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and regularly ring Surprise for services. The metal for a new treble is being given by ringers only. The Bridstow band have subscribed handsomely, and they are being helped by ringers from each tower in the Ross district, as well as other ringers, only about £3 still remaining to be raised. The new bells are to be ready early in September.

BELL DEDICATION AT WELLINGTON.

A NEW TREBLE.

From the fine old embattled Norman tower of their parish church, the people of Wellington, near Hereford, will henceforward have the pleasure of listening to 'the music of a peal of six bells. Up till now there have been only five, and the sixth just added has been provided out of a sum of £300, the gift of an anonymous donor, who, it may be said, resides in the parish.

The additional treble was dedicated on Sunday at evensong by Preb. E. B. Bartleet, Vicar of Much Wenlock, in the presence of a large congregation. After the second lesson, a procession was formed at the entrance to the chancel, consisting of the bell ringers, the churchwardens, sidesmen, and the clergy, those taking part being Preb. Bartleet, the Rev. C. P. Lee (Vicar of the parish), Mr. F. G. Morton and Mr. E. Ballinger (wardens), Mr. Arthur Jay, Mr. Thomas Stokes, Mr. J. Prince, Mr. George Cousins, Mr. J. Jordan, Mr. Alfred Parker (sidesmen and ringers), and Mr. C. Edwards (Diocesan Ringing Master).

Headed by a surpliced chorister carrying the processional cross, they proceeded by the central aisle to the base of the tower, which is open to view from the church proper. Here they ranged themselves in a circle round the hanging bell ropes, and Preb. Bartleet conducted a short but impressive ceremony of dedication, beginning with the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' one of several beautiful compositions in the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers' service. This was sung to the well-known tune inseparable from the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation.' Dedicationary prayers were offered by Preb. Bartleet.

Then, for the first time, the new bell sent forth its message o'er the village, in a few 'rounds' rung by Mr. Charles Edwards, of Brampton, Madley, the Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and secretary of the Hereford District, whose great services to this uplifting art in the diocese unquestionably entitled him to the honour. As the last note of the new bell died away, the solemn music of the Nunc Dimittis, played by Mrs. Lee on the organ, stole through the church, and ordinary evensong proceeded with a sermon by Preb. Bartleet, based on the text, 'All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.'

The new bell weighs just over 5½ cwt., and in merry peals rung after the service the improvement in the compass of the 'tower' was very noticeable.

NEWBURY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 21st, St. Nicholas' ringers, with ringers from Beeton, Brightwalton and Thatcham, had their annual outing, and made an excursion by charabanc. East Hagbourne was the first stop, and was reached after a delightful ride over the Berkshire Downs. This fine peal of eight was soon set going to Grandsire Triples, and after an hour's ringing the party left for Drayton, passing through the cherry orchard country. The bells at Drayton were raised in peal, and after an hour's good ringing the band left for Appleton, where they were met by Mr. G. Holifield, who had kindly arranged for dinner at the 'Thatched Tavern.' Afterwards the visitors were met at the tower by the brothers White, and Mr. Holifield, junr. The celebrated peal of ten were soon tapping off Grandsire Caters, thanks to the help of Appleton ringers. Then taking to the motor coach again, the journey was resumed to Backland, where another 45 minutes' good ringing was done. Wantage was next on the programme, and here the party were met by Mr. Gregory, the foreman. The bells were raised in peal, some very good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the bells were lowered for service. After an excellent tea at the Swan Inn, and a look round Wantage, the party left for East Ilsley, an hour's ringing on this light peal of eight bringing the day's ringing to a close. Then, after supper at the Star Inn, a move was made for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m., all tired, but happy, and having spent a most enjoyable day. The conducting during the day was done by Messrs. S. Quintin and H. W. Curtis with two short touches called by 'Willie.' Next morning, for ringing at 7.30 a.m., there was a full muster. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the visitors desire to convey their best thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success.

THE MISSING BELL.

To the Editor.

Can you information give me—
Information wanted quickly—
Of a meeting of some delegates
To the Central Council meeting,
Held in the small town of London,
Where these men had all foregathered,
Representatives of ringers,
Of the very cream of ringers,
Men whose reputations gave them
Positions over all their brethren?

It is whispered in this village
That these men whose heads were bursting,
Bulging out with facts and figures
Of the 'Slow and quick' in Stedman,
Met one night up in a belfry
At a church in dear old London,
Named, I do believe, St. Martin's,
Where there is a ring of twelve bells,
Twelve bells filled with sweetest music.
There 'tis said, in all their glory,
Fresh from splendid Council meeting,
These great experts then foregathered
Full of vim to show their prowess,
Now that they could ring these twelve bells
Even better than their brethren.

So they doffed their coats and whatnots,
Gathered in their hands the sallies
To produce the sweetest music
Known to all the assembled ringers
As the music culled from twelve bells,
Cinques, with tenor standing steady.
Off they went, their ears did listen
Long to rounds that sounded sweet.
But, alas! 'tis said in sorrow
No one called the word 'Go Cinques.'
Each man bashful as his neighbour,
So the word was never uttered.

'What a shame!' said one poor listener,
'We have missed the rarest treat
Because,' said he, 'you see, the fourth bell
Has no man upon the sally,
And to ring quite all the changes
With this bell left out,' said he,
'Would have been a feat worth hearing
And their faces good to see.'

Said another member, smiling,
'Have they any ears at all?'

Is this true, Oh, Mr. Editor?
Tell us quickly, if you can,
That it's only a wee rumour
Spoken by a jealous man.
These men's ears could not be putty,
They must function now and then,
And that no one missed the absence
Of the fourth bell from the rounds
Is a rumour.

Tell us quickly, Mr. Editor,
All the truth about this tale,
For it causes ribald laughter
'Mongst the men

ICHABOD.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. John's Church, Hensingham, on Saturday, when members were present from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont, and the local company. Previous to the meeting a service was held in the Church, in the course of which the Vicar (the Rev. E. Freeman) unveiled a peal board, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung muffled in memory of members of the association who fell in the great war, and whose names are inscribed on the board.

The meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar, and supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Holmes).

The next meeting will be held at Bridekirk on September 27th. Numerous touches were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF MR. SAM THOMAS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, who succumbed on Tuesday of last week to the attack of pneumonia, from which, as previously mentioned, he was suffering.

Mr. Thomas, who was 54 years of age, was a typical Yorkshireman, who came of ringing stock, and by his death the Exercise in the North of England has lost one of its most capable exponents. Born at Wath-on-Dearne, where his father was clerk and sexton at the Parish Church, Sam Thomas began to ring at an early age. His first connection with the Belfry began in this way. Sam was in the choir, and during a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities the choir boys used to jangle the bells for the service. The treble was Sam's bell, and at this time he was not nine years old. On one occasion he pulled at the bell until it set, and then it had to remain until his courage came back sufficiently to touch the thing again. That was the beginning of an interesting ringing career.

Mr. Thomas could ring a few six-bell methods before he left his native village, taking part in these performances with his father, grandfather, and an uncle. In the autumn of 1888 he came to Sheffield to the Botanical Gardens, and joined the Parish Church company in November, 1889, ringing his first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the 30th of the same month, the peal being conducted by Mr. C. H. Hattersley. He rang his first peal of Stedman Caters in 1890, and Double Norwich and Superlative in 1892, the latter being the first Surprise peal by the Yorkshire Association.

On going to live further out of Sheffield in 1896, Mr. Thomas joined the Ranmore company, and at that church, with a local band, five of whom had never started for a peal before, called his first peal, one of Bob Major, on Diamond Jubilee Day. The band, under Mr. Thomas's tuition, made steady progress, and eventually reached the 'Surprise' stage. But his interests were by no means limited to his own tower. On the formation of the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society in January, 1890, he was elected treasurer. The society was enlarged to the Sheffield District Society in 1898 for the purpose of holding monthly practices in the higher methods. Mr. Thomas was elected President of the Old East Derbyshire Society in 1901, and on the amalgamation of the two societies in 1903 was elected to a similar office, while in 1909 he was appointed trustee. Since then he filled for several years the office of secretary.

Mr. Thomas has always been an enterprising ringer, and was a leader of Surprise ringing in Yorkshire. At a monthly meeting, held at Chesterfield early in 1901, the first practice of Yorkshire Surprise took place, and a few of the faithful, although scattered over an area of some thirty miles, resolved to meet for special practices, and the result was the first peal on February 5th, 1903, followed by the first peal of Peterborough Surprise in April, 1904. In view of the present discussion about names it is not out of place to recall that there is an interesting story attached to the naming of Peterborough. It came to the band unnamed, and, as, after ringing Yorkshire, Mr. Thomas counselled ringing another method before attempting London, the new method was looked upon as a kind of half-way stage, and jocularly dubbed Peterborough—half-way between York and London. London Surprise was scored on December 9th, 1905, Double Norwich Royal followed in 1906, and Bristol Surprise was rung in May, 1911. Throughout the whole of these performances Mr. Thomas was entrusted with arranging the meetings, and put in charge of the conducting. Progress was by no means easy; discouraging failures and other obstacles had to be surmounted, but Mr. Thomas's determined spirit backed by a loyal and enthusiastic band, triumphed. Mr. Thomas composed and conducted the first peal of Original Major ever rung, and other methods were added later. He was, although not a prolific composer, a very capable one, and has peals of Treble Bob, Superlative, Peterborough and Double Norwich Caters.

Mr. Thomas did his share of spadework among beginners, and when the new peal of bells was put in at Dore in 1909 he was entrusted with the formation of a new band to whom he acted as instructor. This took all his spare time for a couple of years, and his services were recognised by the presentation to him of some solid silver table ware.

Since the war business claims have kept Mr. Thomas from following the art as much as formerly, and his name appeared in peals only very occasionally, but his heart was still in ringing. He was a fine type of man, as punctilious in his ringing as in all the affairs of life, he endeared himself to a large circle of friends, by whom his death will be severely felt.

To the bereaved relatives the full sympathy of the Exercise will be extended.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, June 23th, for evening service, 1,239 changes of Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Culmor 3, F. Norris 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skelington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

A WILLIAM PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will any ringer wishing to take part in a William peal of London, probably in August or September, kindly let me know as soon as possible. The peal most probably will be attempted in the Metropolis, but if desired can be arranged at Feering, Essex.—Yours truly,
WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rye Mill, Feering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Foxearth on Saturday, June 28th, when members were present from Lavenham, Foxearth, Cavendish, Belchamp Walter, Melford, Pentlow, Tooting, and Braintree.

A service was held in the beautiful Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Bassett), who also gave a very helpful address upon the words, 'Members one of another.' He gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and dwelt upon the principle of co-operation as applied to change ringing.

After the service the ringers sat down to tea in the Clubroom, the District Master being in the chair, supported by the Rector; Mr. D. Ward, churchwarden; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association; and the district secretary.

At the subsequent meeting, the following ringing members were elected: Mr. F. Webb, Braintree; Messrs. W. F. Parbury and H. Brockwell, Foxearth. Hon. members: The Rev. R. W. Croft, Vicar of Kelvedon, and Mr. D. Ward, of Foxearth. Life member: Mr. H. Richold.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services, was proposed by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and seconded by the district secretary, Mr. W. H. Dyson, and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Feering, in October, and a bi-meeting at Rayne, about the end of August, subject to the consent of the authorities.

During the day the following methods were rung on the bells: Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Double, Norwich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern branch was held at Upper Arley on Saturday, June 21st, when a representative gathering attended. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. S. Spooner) officiated, and gave a very interesting address on the bells.

The business meeting which followed was held in the Village Schools, owing to the wet weather, a previous invitation of the Vicar to hold the meeting on his lawn having to be abandoned.

The Vicar, on taking the chair, thanked the branch for their presence, and gave them a hearty welcome, on behalf of himself and his church officials.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the Rowley Regis company to hold the next meeting at their church in September.—The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for arranging the service, for his appropriate address, and for presiding at the meeting. Among those present were Messrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), R. Mathews (Association Ringing Master), W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern Branch, Selly Oak), A. J. Skelding (secretary, Northern Branch), T. J. Salter and J. Woodberry (Kidderminster), J. Price (Old Hill), W. Farrow and Miss Farrow (Smethwick), W. Cooper (Stourbridge), W. Cooper (Wordsley), J. Bass (Wollaston), J. Lloyd (Brierley Hill) and A. Marton (Birkenhead).

The Secretary tenders many thanks to Mr. W. Steward, of the local company, for the very efficient manner in which he carried out the catering arrangements under very trying conditions. A few touches of Cambridge, London and York Surprise brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The June monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. About 30 ringers were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Exhall, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Shilton, Southam and Stoke, together with the local band. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., some delay having been caused by a funeral being in progress at the appointed time.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Brewer) presided.

After tea an opportunity was afforded the members to hear the new peal of handbells recently purchased by the local company, touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully rung.

Ringing was indulged in after tea on the tower bells, the methods successfully brought round including Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Stedman Slow Course, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise. The falling of the bells in peal brought a very pleasant and successful gathering to a close.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The fourth annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church Ringers took place on Whit-Monday. On previous occasions the places visited have been within the limits of the North of Lincolnshire. This year it was decided to take a longer journey to Loughborough and Newark. The party started soon after 7 a.m., the route mapped out being via Checker House Crossing, Lime Tree Avenue, Edwinstowe, Rufford and Nottingham. Amidst some very fine scenery, especially in the vicinity of the Dukeries, the party rode merrily and steadily along, reaching their destination at 11.30. They were met by Mr. H. F. Stubbs (manager at Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry), and some of the local ringers, who conducted them to the Parish Church, the consent of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Briggs) having been obtained for the use of the bells. During the ringing, Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover, joined the visitors. Afterwards the bell foundry was visited. Mr. Pryce Taylor (who, to the regret of the ringers, was unable to meet them owing to being at the Central Council meeting) had kindly granted an inspection of the works and the use of the foundry bells. The visitors were met by Mr. Smith, who escorted them round the moulding department and minutely explained the intricacies of bell founding, and most willingly answered many questions put to him respecting bell casting. Mr. Stubbs then took the party round the fitting shop, and afterwards entertained them with several tunes on the carillon in the foundry, which were very much appreciated. After ringing a few touches on the foundry bells the visitors next made their way to the park for the purpose of hearing the war memorial carillon. During the afternoon a recital was given by M. Antoon Brees, deputy carillonneur, Antwerp Cathedral, the party thus having an opportunity of hearing the tone and beauty of this famous carillon.

At 4.15 p.m. a start was made for Newark, where an excellent tea awaited them. Afterwards, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Walker) the ten bells at the Parish Church were at the disposal of the ringers for about an hour, and at 8.40 the charabanc was once again brought into requisition, and home was reached about 10.15 p.m. The best thanks of all are due to the incumbents of Loughborough and Newark for the use of the bells; Mr. Pryce Taylor for so kindly granting permission to inspect the works, the use of the bells, and also making other necessary arrangements; Messrs. Stubbs and Smith for their very kind welcome and courtesy; the local ringers who met them at the two churches; the caterers for the excellent tea provided, and any others who helped to make the outing so pleasant and enjoyable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Middlesbrough and Stockton on Whit Monday, when members attended from Stockton, Ripon, Saltburn, Darlington, Thirsk, West Hartlepool, Skelton, and the local company. A committee meeting was held in the Middlesbrough Church House, when several business items were brought forward for the general meeting, and the meetings were arranged for the year as follows: September meeting, Richmond; Easter, Masham; annual meeting, 1925, Ripon. A short service was held in the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, conducted by the President (the Rev. A. Simpson), the address being given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, Vicar of Ormesby, who, in the absence of Canon Lawson, Vicar of Middlesbrough (who is seriously ill), gave the association a most hearty welcome to Middlesbrough. By holding such services as these, said the preacher, they were doing a great deal of good, and as change-ringers they were looked upon as church workers, and they held out a helping hand to others who perhaps did not attend church as regularly as the ringers themselves.

Dinner was provided at the Bucks Clifton Hotel, and was presided over by the President, supported by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, Vice-President J. W. Passman, and the secretary.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm for his address; to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. Cole for officiating at the organ.—A resolution was passed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Canon Lawson, wishing him speedy recovery.

The secretary's report was read, in which several items of interest were reported. He urged the members to take a more active part in ringing matters, and get up to the pre-war standard again. He hoped they would practise higher methods, and make ringing more interesting to their own towers. The Sunday Service ringing scheme had been completed, and it was now up to the ringers to make it a success.

The retiring officials were re-elected for the next twelve months.

The ringers then adjourned to the ten-bell tower at Stockton until 5.30, when they were invited by the President and Mrs. Simpson to join them at tea in Holy Trinity Church Room, and their hospitality was much appreciated. The handbells were brought into use for an hour, and then the ringers returned to the church to ring Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal, which ended a most enjoyable day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. White, of Appleton, has just carried out repairs to the bell fittings at Caversham.

It will be noticed that the annual commemoration dinner of the Yorkshire Association is to be held at York on September 20th, instead of on Sept. 13th, as at first announced.

Will those who propose attending the salmon and green pea supper at Lydney on Saturday, July 26th (to start at 6 p.m.), kindly send their names as early as possible to either of the following: J. W. Davies, 5, Railway Terrace, Lydney; J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.; or J. Austin, 38, Lyson's Avenue, Gloucester.

The Oxford Guild Festival on July 26th is to be held at Reading instead of at Oxford, owing to the large number of American visitors who are being entertained by the Colleges.

To-morrow is the 36th anniversary of the first occasion on which Mr. J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, viz., at St. Alban's, Rochdale, in 1888.

One hundred years ago next Wednesday John Pennington, bell founder, of Stoke Climsland, died. He was the last representative of a line of founders which began with Thomas and John Buir-dan at Exeter (1601-1624).

James Barham, of Leeds, Kent rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817. He was then 91 years of age.

'The whole peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes,' was rung at St. Lawrence, Reading, on July 8th, 1734.

John Holt took part in a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster on July 8th, 1750.

It was here, on July 7th, in 1751, that the Union Scholars first rang Holt's Original, which Holt called from manuscript.

CHURCH BELLS AND THEIR PURPOSE.

The following article appeared on Saturday in 'The Times' Educational Supplement, and is another welcome evidence of the growing realisation of the place which bells occupy in our public life:—

'Signs of movement in the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral have made it necessary to stop the ringing of the Cathedral bells. Many will miss them who were, perhaps, scarcely conscious of them while they were regularly active. We become accustomed to all sounds, whether they were welcome or unwelcome when first we heard them, and just as the distress once caused by the noises of a factory or a railway station is lessened by time, so the first sharp pleasure which comes with the music of chimcs or of running water is blunted by long enjoyment.

'Many a don in Oxford and many a canon in other Cathedral cities has grown deaf to the song of his own steeples and can no longer share the freshman's magic or the traveller's stilled amazement. Not until some accident temporarily deprives him of it does he become aware of the value of his possession. Then the air, emptied of bells, seems suddenly harsh and cold. Noises of the modern world are robbed of their ancient compensation. The rumble of wheels rises to an angry thunder; horns and petrol engines and street-cries become an aggressive tyranny. The city seems not to be the same city, to have lost, not charm only, but an establishment in the past, a part of its spirit and authority.

'It matters nothing that the bells themselves may be modern; the idea which raised them to their high place, which gave them the world as their audience, and invested their speech with a significance that no other music so simple can possess is an idea which could not have had its origin in our own times. Nor does it matter at all that church bells should preside over a city, full and turbulent, or should swing in a Cathedral tower. In the country they have the same properties of peace and healing. They do not need a crowd to hear them, for magnificence is no essential part of their strength. They accord with all their circumstances, plain or splendid, enriching what is spiritual in them, purifying what is of the world.

'If they toll amid trees, the trees, acquiring a new dignity, mourn with them; if they ring in joy across sunlit meadows, the meadows lighten to their rejoicing; if they peal suddenly above the trappings and decorations of a fashionable wedding, none who is not obsessed by a desire to see or be seen can fail to observe the airy satire or to wonder if the bells be not laughing at what their ringers would have them celebrate. But bells are seldom cruel, save when they are misused. If, as has too often happened, they are made to proclaim some shameful triumph, then indeed they have their ring of scorn for those who can hear it among the crackling of bonfires and cheers of partisans. These are bells abused; but let them be used after their purpose and design, and their music is among the earliest pleasures of children, who set their songs to it, and among the longest and clearest memories of old age.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 410.)

AN UNREPENTANT COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was the first to oppose the proposal for the renaming of methods. He said the question had arisen because the Analysis Committee got into hot water over what they did in naming the methods, but he would like to say first of all that the committee was entirely unrepentant. They did a very difficult job to the best of their power, and they did not see anything at all to sneer at in using the names of the beautiful works of God for these methods. They felt that the whole thing was entirely a matter of taste. As they had read the 'Ringing World' for some time past they had some examples of taste. He did not say a word about anonymous contributors, even those who tried to be funny, neither did they take much account of what he might call Mr. Burton's violence, because they knew him (laughter). When he had something to say he said it with all the emphasis he could. But the committee did feel that they had not been quite rightly treated by 'The Ringing World' itself. He was very unwilling to say anything of the sort, because he felt what a great deal 'The Ringing World' did for the Exercise (hear, hear). He felt they owed a great debt to it (hear, hear). At the same time he thought 'The Ringing World' owed a certain debt, which, perhaps, had not always been realised, of setting an example to the Exercise. He did not think the comments which 'The Ringing World' made in its leading articles on this subject had been quite fair, and to some of the expressions used he took great exception. In commenting on the meeting at Salisbury—which he regretted he was prevented from attending—'The Ringing World' talked about a threat to resign on the part of the committee, and then, later on, spoke of foisting upon the Exercise something or other. It was a very good word to use, because it sounded nice, or nasty, but surely there was no case of foisting anything upon the Exercise when the report was accepted by the Council at Salisbury. As far as the committee were concerned, they ceased to have anything more to do with it officially, though the Council, of course, could do as they pleased with it. The committee did their best, and he was sure everybody present did not understand the amount of work that was involved. Mr. Beeston was at it, he might almost say, night and day for years. From what had been said the idea might be gained that the committee just sat down and rushed off in about five minutes the suggested names, and that was all. First of all, they went into the whole matter of those methods that had more than one name in actual use. That was the trouble the late Mr. King found. It was difficult to know, from the name, what method it was that was being rung, and so the committee, with much labour, found out what was the earliest name that was actually in existence for a method. They also found, incidentally, that the Methods Committee had made a mistake here and there.

The Rev. H. Law James: I admit two mistakes—in fact, I have found a third.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, continuing, said Mr. Trollope, in the interesting letter which appeared in the preceding week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' pointed out, in effect, that the Methods Committee realised that the job was one which they would not undertake. In reading that letter one could not help thinking Mr. Trollope must have felt inclined to write down, 'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.' He might think the committee were fools, but they did not rush in. It was put upon them, and they did their best, and were entirely unrepentant. He quite conceived that they had done what some people did not like. He did not know if they would have liked it called 'Picture Palace Surprise,' or 'Whisky and Soda Delight' (laughter), but they went to another source, and he was not at all ashamed of it, although some people seemed to sneer at the beautiful things they saw around them. No doubt some members of the Council might think they could do the job easier, although angels feared to take it on. The only thing he could say was 'Let them.' There was one other thing he would like to say and that was, how did they propose that these names should be enforced by the Council? How were they going to get the Yorkshiremen to give up ringing Woodbine and Violet? They had rung them for some couple of hundred years, and what was good enough for their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers was good enough for them, and he did not think they would get them to alter. With regard to the other flower names, a peal had recently been rung in which these names had been used and adopted by ringers of the first 720. If the Council were going to have a committee, let them consider what the committee were going to do, and whether they were going to be able to do anything useful. It was the late Mr. King's wish to know what it was that was being rung, so that the committee might, in the analysis, give the right value to the performance, and that seemed to him to be the only thing that mattered. People outside they could ignore; their own idea of names was that ringers ring 'Treble Bob Majors,' and, hav-

ing said that, they thought they knew all about change ringing. By all means let the Council appoint their committee if they liked and try it. Personally he did not think they would do much good.

'PARSON'S RUIN'

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the mover of the resolution seemed very much in earnest, but he must confess he (Mr. Burton) had left him somewhat cold. He could not realise quite the importance of the subject. He happened the other day, quite by accident and not by design, to go into the American bar at Wembley, and he looked on the list of some fifty drinks all with most peculiar names, such as 'Parson's Ruin' (laughter) and 'Bishop's Joy' (laughter). He was told the Bishops drank the former and the parsons the latter (renewed laughter), but he was also told that both drinks were equally nice. The ringing would sound just as sweet, whether they called a method Violet, or Daisy, or Woodbine, or any other name. They called their daughters 'Daisy,' and 'Lily' and 'Violet,' and a name that was good enough for a girl, was it not good enough for a method? ('No,' and laughter). He did not think they were likely to get any good by trying to enforce names. Names were something which they could not enforce by law, they must trust to public opinion. With regard to methods, it was a matter of taste. They were at liberty to approve of the names as they thought fit, but whether they approved of a name or not they would not be deterred from ringing a method if they thought it worth being rung. If a man brought out a new method, why should he not name it what he liked? Some of the names were of great antiquity, and when he first became interested in change ringing he used to think they were pretty names, and wondered what Violet and Woodbine were like. They never struck him as being at all improper. The grievance, if there was one, was very minute, and was not worth dealing with by appointing a committee to choose names. He hoped the resolution would not be pressed, or that the Council would not take any action with regard to it.

ANOTHER COMMITTEE NOT WANTED.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he was not particularly against flower names. That was not the thing which the Methods Committee found fault with. What they objected to at Salisbury was the alteration of the names they had already published. Mr. Carpenter had said the job was put on to the Analysis Committee. It really belonged to the Methods Committee, so far as the six-bell methods were concerned. They issued the 'Collection,' and they ought to have named the methods. If they had done so it would have saved a good deal of trouble. On behalf of the Methods Committee he opposed most strongly any further committee for this purpose. In about twelve months' time a new edition of the Collection would have to be published, and the whole thing revised. He supposed the Council would expect the Methods Committee to revise the book, and, in doing so, it was only natural that the names should be revised, too. Mr. Carpenter told them they could not go to a man and say, 'You must call a method such a name.' They couldn't, but the 'Collection' had become a standard work for the Exercise; future generations would take up that book, and would forget what other people had done years before, so that they now really had an opportunity to put new names to the methods, if necessary. That was why they wanted to be careful to have good names. He had not much to say against flower names, but they were not quite suitable. The best thing that could be said for them was that they were well in the traditions of the Exercise. Some flower names were good and some were not; some place names were good and some were not, and some adjectives were good and some were not. The question of taste in a matter of this kind was a thing which they could not teach people. If they got a special committee, what were they going to do? They would not get any better men than the Analysis Committee. It was, however, the Method Committee's job, but they did not particularly want it.

AN OLD TRADITION.

The Rev. H. Law James said with regard to these names, he had to thank the Analysis Committee for correcting two mistakes he made in the names in the Collection. The methods in this Collection were his, and although the Collection was sent round to the committee and they passed it, if the author had the right to name the methods he had the personal right to do so, but he did not think he had. Mr. Trollope, in his letter, took that point of view, and also stated that his (the speaker's) brother put out Bristol without a name, and was under the impression that it was the Rev. E. B. James's idea. It was, however, an old tradition of the Exercise, and the reason he (the speaker) objected to naming the Minor and Major Methods was that he objected to interfering with the old traditions of the Exercise. He had in his possession a book printed in 1753, in which the method they knew as Oxford Treble Bob was called Union Bob, and if they went to the old records of the College Youths and Cumberlands, they would find the peals called Union Bob, because the Union Scholars rang the first peal in the method in 1718. The Union Scholars named the method because it

was the custom of the Exercise to do so. The Council told the Methods Committee to put in the names of the Major Methods in the Collection which they were to print. Mr. Carpenter said it was a hard job to name methods, and he granted that it was. He wished the Council would allow him to cross out all his names and publish the Major Methods with the names printed over the methods which had been rung, leaving the rest blank, so that those who rang them could name them. The question of names was a matter of taste, and the only complaint he had against the Analysis Committee was that they wanted to publish the old College Single, as they pleased to call it, as a single method. Going carefully through the old methods they found that in the old days a single method was a method with places above the treble; a reverse method had the places below the treble; and a double method, places made on either side of the treble. According to that idea, Cambridge Surprise was a double method, but actually it wasn't. They had gone on since then, and they could not go back, but the Analysis Committee wanted them to do so. The method with places in 3rd's was College Bob, but the committee made a mistake in calling it College Single Reverse. Then, too, there was Canterbury Pleasure, which they called Reverse, whereas it was the old method which was 'Reverse.' The two errors which he made in the original publication were in regard to Stedman Slow Course and London Bob. There was one other mistake printed originally, and that was No. 25 of the 3rd's Place Delight Methods, which was printed as Evening Star. He believed this was Carlisle Delight. It was one of the seven old methods known as Surprise Methods, but this one was not Surprise. The Collection would soon want revising, and he hoped the Council would leave it to the Methods Committee to bring it up to date. He was quite sure if the Analysis Committee had not intervened, these mistakes would have reappeared in the reprint.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he had no technical knowledge of this subject, but from what he gathered there was considerable confusion with regard to the names of certain of these Minor Methods. From the statements made to him by the Leytonstone company, they found that some of these methods were duplicated in the names, and they did not know which was correct. He gathered from Mr. Carpenter that the Analysis Committee was prepared to let this matter go back to another committee. Last year at Salisbury the Council were rather faced with a threat of resignation from the Analysis Committee. Despite what Mr. Carpenter said he was still of that opinion, and a considerable number of the Council also formed that opinion. It was satisfactory to know they were mistaken. It would be well that this matter should go to a committee with a view to getting some order out of this chaotic state of affairs.

Mr. J. Hunt said he was instructed by the Bath and Wells Association to support this resolution. He quoted several instances where fresh names had been given by ringers to methods which had already been rung and named.

Mr. A. D. Barker said during the last fifteen years he had noted in a copy of the Collection of Minor Methods the names given to the different methods from time to time. To one method, eight different names had been given. He had the dates of four of them: they were in different years, and were named by different companies in different parts of the country. Many of the methods had several names. He thought they should appoint a fresh committee to go into the matter, and give them instructions as to what they were to do. They might then get something done—they could not do any worse (laughter). They did not want to hold up the ringing Exercise to ridicule; they were laughed at enough now. What would the public think if they heard they had been ringing 'Geranium' and 'Fuchsia'! There were much more suitable names which could be easily found.

Mr. J. Parker thought that those who rang the methods should name them. A new committee would be in the same difficulty as the old.

Mr. Burton, replying to the discussion, said if they did nothing that day, it would be a great opportunity missed. They wanted no more absurdities among the names. The new committee could collaborate with the Methods Committee. There was no reason why they should not try to alter the unsuitable names of the past, and in any event let them lay some foundation on which to carry on in the future. A great opportunity would be missed if they did nothing.

On being put to the vote, the President declared the motion carried by 34 votes to 29.

Mr. Burton then moved the second part of the motion, that the committee 'prepare suitable topographical names for the future.'

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

Canon Baker suggested that it would be better to leave the committee with a free hand, and not tie them to any one kind of name. He voted for setting up the committee, but he was not prepared to tie them to topographical names. — Mr. F. W. Hopgood supported this view.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett appealed to the Council not to pass anything

more; it would only make it worse to pass the second part of the motion.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested that, instead of the second part of the motion and the third part, which read 'to formulate a plan for the application of such names' they should substitute 'to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future.'

The Rev. H. Law James said he was prepared to second that. — This was accepted by the Council without dissent.

On the appointment of the committee, it was agreed that it should consist of five members, but some difficulty was experienced in getting members to serve. — A motion by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, that the appointment of the committee be postponed, was defeated by 35 votes to 32.

Eventually the following were appointed on the committee: Mr. G. P. Burlon, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. H. Beams and A. L. Coleman.

(To be continued.)

A VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. M. BUTTON.

By the death of Mr. J. M. Button, at Leiston on June 18th, at the venerable age of 86 years, the bell ringing community loses one of its oldest and most enthusiastic members. Born at Rendham in 1838, Mr. Button came to Leiston in 1859, and resided there up to the time of his death. For 52 years he was employed by Messrs. Richard Garrett and Sons, Ltd., in Leiston Works.

In those early days ringing was at a very low ebb in the neighbourhood. Leiston only had a five-bell peal, but with four others Mr. Button formed a company, and good progress was made, several methods being mastered. In 1883 ringing had to be discontinued owing to the bad state of the bells, and the question of their restoration was seriously considered by the then Rector and churchwardens. About this time, however, Mr. Richard Garrett died, and as a memorial to him his brothers augmented the peal to eight, adding two trebles and a tenor, the third being recast.

With the assistance of several Kelsale ringers, an eight-bell company was formed, but for several years not much headway was made, Rob Triples and Major being the extent of the method ringing. Mr. Button was 65 years of age when he rang his first peal of Double Norwich. Altogether he has rung 47 peals, these including Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and the treble to Superlative and Cambridge. He also took part in the first peal of Superlative on Leiston bells.

One might say that some hundreds of present-day ringers owe their skill to the tuition of Mr. Button. He was always proud of the fact that he always had a good company of ringers for the Sunday services, this being his main object in teaching them to ring. One of his foremost pupils was Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, a name famed in the ringing world. Mr. Button's three sons were also taught ringing, but only one has followed it up. Mr. Button was held in the highest respect by the members of the Norwich Association and the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. Words cannot express how much he has done for ringing, particularly in the Leiston district. For many years he was Master of the Leiston company, and also steeplekeeper, and only once during 50 years did he miss going round with the handbells at Christmas. His last two important peals were on Jan. 1st, 1913, when the Leiston band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Button's golden wedding, Mr. Button, despite his age of more than 75, being able to ring the treble. His last touch was on Peace Celebration Day in 1919, when at the age of 82 he rang a course of Bob Major on his favourite bell, the 7th. Mr. Button was no doubt the oldest ringer in Suffolk, and was a member of the St. Margaret's (Leiston) band of ringers for over 50 years.

During his life Mr. Button interested himself in many other ways. He was one of the pioneers of the Co-operative movement in Leiston, and his value to this society can be gauged from the fact that for 42 years he was an active member of the committee.

The local branch of Oddfellows also claimed a large share of his activity, his membership extending over 65 years.

The funeral, which took place at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, was attended by a large and sympathetic gathering, and the deceased was borne to his last resting-place by members of the local ringing company. During the service, the Rector of Leiston (the Rev. F. W. Morgan-Jones, M.A.) made an eloquent and touching reference to the part paid by the deceased in local history.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 29th, previous to the service, held in conjunction with the unveiling of a memorial to those from the village who fell in the war, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled: A. Baxter 1, A. Bellamy 2, W. Gilbert 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball (conductor) 6. After the ceremony, with the bells open, 720 Bob Minor: F. Ball 1, A. Baxter 2, W. Gilbert (conductor) 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, A. Bellamy 6.

DEATH OF A COALBROOKDALE RINGER.

The death took place on June 22nd, at Wolverhampton General Hospital, from septic poisoning, following an operation for appendicitis, of Mr. John Johnston, a member of the Coalbrookdale band of ringers. Deceased, familiarly known as 'Jack,' was in his 32nd year, and was employed at Coalbrookdale Ironworks. He was a very willing member of the Coalbrookdale belfry, and usually rang the tenor, often making up the band when short handed. He will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers, by whom he was held in great esteem.

The funeral took place at Broseley Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, June 25th, and was attended by a large company of his workmates and friends, including several of his fellow ringers, and a contingent of Oddfellows, of which Order he was a member. Beautiful wreaths were sent, including one in the shape of a bell from the Coalbrookdale ringers. As a token of respect and sympathy Broseley Church bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Broseley band, assisted by Coalbrookdale ringers, several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. Immediately after the interment a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells (kindly lent by the Broseley company) was rung over the open grave by Bert Rixom 1-2, W. Wase 3-4, W. Lago 5-6, W. Saunders 7-8, Alf. Bayley 9-10. The flag on Coalbrookdale Church was at half-mast during the afternoon of the funeral, and in the evening a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in 48 mins., by Alf. Bayley 1, R. Evans 2, J. Henley 3, W. Lago 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, L. Hewitt (conductor) 7, W. Wase 8. Other touches were rung, in which other members of the band took part.

Mr. Johnson rang one peal, the tenor behind to Stedman Triples. He was always pleased whenever he could get quarter-peals arranged for Sunday evenings, although he had a good two miles to walk from his home at Broseley Wood, and was always one of the first to arrive. He was a member of the Hereford and Salop Guilds. He leaves a widow and six children, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. R.I.P.

THROUGH DERBYSHIRE DALES.

On Saturday, June 14th, the bell ringers of Old Basford Church, with their wives and sweethearts, numbering twenty-two, had an enjoyable charabanc ride to Buxton. The party left Old Basford in 'Ikanopit,' at 8 a.m., and journeyed through Eastwood, Ripley, and at 9.30 reached Whistlandwell, where a 'scrumptious' breakfast had been ordered at Holmesford Cottage. This was attacked very heartily, for the ride in the fresh morning air had given the members keen appetites. From here, the party rode through the beautifully hilly and wooded country to Buxton. The scenery along the entire route was wonderfully picturesque, and full of surprises. At each turn in the road were sighted waterfalls, precipitous rocks, narrow valleys, and numerous streams. On reaching Buxton the ringers proceeded to the pretty village church of Burbage, where permission to ring had been granted. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the six bells. The members wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to convey their best thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) for the use of the bells, the 'go' being excellent. The party then mounted 'Ikanopit' again, and rode up to the 'Cat and Fiddle,' which is 1,690 ft. above sea-level. This was a stiff uphill climb along a very winding road. From the top a beautiful view of the surrounding country was obtained, and Buxton was seen to be 'down in the valley below.'

When the scenery had been thoroughly enjoyed, the charabanc proceeded down a steep and winding road, and reached the entrance to Goyls Valley. After much questioning as to the safety of the road the driver was persuaded to risk it. This was done at a very steady and careful pace, as the road appeared to be just a ledge cut out of the mountain side, and only just wide enough for one vehicle. The whole view was wonderful and majestic, and the ladies of the party were somewhat timid and awed at the dizzy heights. At last the vehicle reached the entrance to the grounds of Errwood Hall, through which permission had been previously obtained to go. This was indeed a great privilege, as rhododendrons and azaleas of every possible hue were in full bloom. Ferns, too, of numerous varieties, hidden away in natural grottoes; lovely waterfalls made music with the birds, and little bridges spanned the winding stream at various intervals. All were loath to leave this delightful spot.

From here the party drove back to Buxton, and arrived at the Railway Hotel for dinner at 4.30. Then, after an hour's sight-seeing in Buxton the happy crowd again mounted 'Ikanopit,' and set off for home by way of Bakewell, passed the old English home of Haddon Hall, through Darley Dale to the Matlocks. Though somewhat tired, they thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful views of thickly wooded hills, which seemed to close in on every side. From the Matlocks, the journey was made through Ripley, Eastwood and Kimberley, and terminated at Old Basford at 10 p.m., everybody having enjoyed the trip immensely. The one great regret was that the Ringing Master, Mr. G. R. Goodship, and his wife, and the wives of two other ardent members of the company, were unable to join the excursion.

BRISTOL RINGERS VISIT EXETER.

On Whit Monday, a party of Bristol ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, to the number of 28, paid a visit to Exeter, leaving at 7 a.m. by motor coach. From Bedminster Down, a fine view of Clifton and the Suspension Bridge was obtained. Passing by Dundry Hill (765 ft.), with its noble church tower, we were well into Somerset, and passing the charming Mendip Hills. Mention must be made of some of the places we passed through, and of the magnificent towers, which are the glory of Somerset. Wrington (19 bells) stood out boldly. We passed the conspicuous landmark of Brent Knoll, and went on through Highbridge, Bridgwater and North Pethererton, with its fine Perpendicular tower. Then we obtained a fine view of Taunton Dean, and again we were charmed by the fine towers of Taunton, especially St. Mary Magdalen, one of the finest Perpendicular edifices in the country. Passing through Wellington we 'dodged' across the borders of glorious Devon, and made our first stop at Cullompton, where lunch baskets were soon got out, and having refreshed ourselves we made tracks for the church, a really fine one in the late Perpendicular style, with a striking red sandstone pinnacled tower dating from 1548. The bells were soon off to the tune of Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal. No time was lost, however, and we were soon again on the road to Exeter, passing through typical Devon pastoral scenery. On reaching the 'Ever Faithful' city, we were joined by other Bristol ringers who had gone by train, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where we met the men of Devon who were celebrating the jubilee of their Guild. Mr. Davey escorted the visitors to the tower, and the magnificent peal of twelve were raised, and some fine touches of Stedman Cinques brought round. Messrs. J. Burford and W. A. Cave conducting in turn. The bells were lowered in peal, and other churches were visited, the last (and meeting-place) being St. Sidwell's, where some fine touches were rung. A snap shot was taken of the party, and saying 'good-bye' to our Exeter friends, we took the road again to Ottery St. Mary, where there is one of the finest churches in the county, possessing two transeptal towers. Here some touches of Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were brought round; this was the last ringing of the day. Tea was afterwards partaken of, not forgetting the Devonshire cream. The return journey to Bristol was resumed through Honiton, Chard and Ilminster. The scenery on this route was greatly admired, especially the part where Dorset touches Devon, the two famous heights, Pilsdon Pen (the highest hill in Dorset) and Lewsdon Hill, looming up in the background of sylvan scenery, and making a lovely picture. Continuing the journey through Martock and Somerton, a refreshing stop was made at Glastonbury, and then on through Wells, Bristol being reached about midnight. On the long journey we sampled 'Lucky Jim's' 'home-made,' and 'Ole Bill' was in evidence in his jazz custom. Mr. W. A. Cave made all the necessary arrangements, for which he has the best thanks of the party. H. J.

STOCKTON LOSES VALUED CONDUCTOR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. T. Stephenson, the veteran conductor, of the Stockton-on-Tees band of ringers, at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Stephenson had the misfortune to have a thumb burnt whilst following his employment as a riveter in a local shipyard in December last. Septic poisoning set in, and his death took place at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital on the 10th June.

The interment took place at the Durham Road Cemetery on Saturday, June 14th, with every sign of regret and sympathy for those left behind.

Mr. Stephenson was a well-known figure in the ringing circles of the North of England, and was amongst the pioneers of both the northern ringing associations, doing a tremendous amount of spade work. One could almost say he was a ringer from his cradle to his grave.

Being a pupil of the late Mr. G. J. Clarkson, he would have nothing but the best. A regular attendant, he was always to be found at the heavy end. Endued with the 'patience of Job' with learners, his place will be difficult to fill; his familiar form, that genial smile, and that happy 'That is all,' greatly missed. W. N.

VETERAN DEVON RINGER'S DEATH.

As already briefly recorded, Mr. Henry Payne, of Plymouth, one of the oldest members of the Devon Guild, passed away in his sleep on Whitsun Tuesday. Mr. Payne was elected to the Guild in the first year of its existence, being a member of the Huntsham band under the late Col. C. A. W. Troyte. He had rung 12 peals for the Guild, and this, considering his opportunities, must be considered a creditable record. After leaving Huntsham he resided for several years at Ide, where the funeral took place. The Vicar of Ide officiated, and the Devon Guild was represented by Messrs. T. B. Bartlett, F. J. Davey, F. Gardner, T. Laver, J. Moss and J. C. Oke. They rang the bells muffled to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The wreaths included tributes from the Guild of Devonshire ringers, and Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Acland Troyte.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 29th, 1,034 Stedman Caters: W. Chivers 1, W. Worsley Putney 2, *H. G. Frampton (Putney) 3, F. Choctet (Putney) 4, *C. G. Collis (Putney) 5, A. Jones (Putney) 6, W. T. Elsom (Putney), conductor, 7, C. Hazelden 8, J. Herbert 9, S. Radford 110. Rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers' outing. * Longest touch of Stedman Caters.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Wells (longest length) 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 4, A. J. Le Clercq 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 518 in the same method: C. Wells 1, S. Meadows 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. J. King (Peckham) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, City, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, G. W. Harris 4, J. R. Gammon 5, F. G. Newman 6, R. Mackrill (first on twelve bells) 7, E. Brett 8, G. A. Card 9, W. Berry 10, E. Smith 11, R. F. Deal 12.

BICESTER, OXON.—For evening service, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrot 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.

FRAMLINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Mayhew 1, H. Hall 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. E. Maulden 4, V. Kerridge 5, J. Hall 6d.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Pole 1, K. R. Elliott 2, H. Smith 3, A. Disney 4, B. Sibson 5, R. Barrow (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. Reeves 7, A. Bishop (first-quarter peal) 8. First (inside) by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. First on the bells since restoration by Taylor and Co. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, at St. George's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. W. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, E. J. King 4, J. R. Gammon 5, I. Emery 6, W. Smith 7, R. F. Deal 8.

MALVERN LINK.—At St. Matthias' Church, on June 22nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: R. G. Knowles (cond.) 1, G. Lewis 2, F. Stanton 3, W. Niblett 4, E. E. Barber 5, W. Ranford 6, E. Gibbs 7, A. Richings 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Day, wife of the Vicar.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, 1,188 Stedman Cinques.—For afternoon service, 400 Forward Royal; and for evening service, 1,259 Erin Cinques, by G. A. Pickering, R. Richards, C. L. Routledge, G. Murray, J. Rowell, J. E. R. Keen, W. Story, J. Foreman, W. A. Baskill, A. F. Hillier, W. H. Barber (conductor), R. Thompson and A. M. Hall.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: W. Young 1, *F. Dewey 2, J. Young 3, W. E. Clare 4, *G. Coleman, junr., 5, G. Coleman, senr. (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Also on Wednesday, June 25th, by the same band, 720 Bob Minor, with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. W. Dennis, of Kilton.

FAIRFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., taken from Parker's Twelve-part: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. Williams 3, W. C. Cuss 4, G. J. Winter 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, H. Acock 7, J. Smith 8. Also for Confirmation service, at 3 p.m. same day, 630 Grandsire Triples.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. Folkard 2, G. Edwards 3, W. H. Hollier 4, E. Harris 5, P. E. Clarke 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

RANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. W. Burrows 1, W. F. Judge 2, W. Tandy (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, *Smith 4, J. Judge 5, J. Simons (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 6, W. Judge (conductor) 7, T. Impey 8. Messrs. Judge hail from Kidlington, remainder local band.

HOLBORN.—St. Andrew's Guild.—On Sunday, June 22nd, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, R. Green 3, H. Franks 4, E. Russell 5, E. Brett 6, J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. Norton 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. J. Bullock.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, W. J. Norton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, J. Lee 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. Russell 7, I. Hawkins 8.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for Sunday morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Pudwell 1, G. J. Winter 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. King 5, E. Telling 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, when the Rev. J. A. Babington preached his farewell sermon, after 17 years as Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, A. Johnson 2, J. Neve (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, W. Tickner 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, G. Johnson 8.—After service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Neve 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Tickner 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, A. Johnson 5, H. Baker 6, C. W. Player 7, G. Johnson 8.

LONG EATON, NOTTS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman, for evening service, in 45 mins.: Miss Geeson 1, Allen R. Hickton 2, C. Geary 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Pettit 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th and tenor, who hail from Wellingborough and Desford, respectively.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Brown 1, Miss Hastie (first in the method) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, W. Sparrow 4, H. Wincote 5, R. Holloway 6, J. W. Fruin 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD PROGRESSING.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild held a meeting at Wye on Saturday last, June 28th. The attendance was good, and the ringing quite up to the usual standard. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were brought round, and after a preliminary practice a plain course of Double Norwich was accomplished, which goes to show the Guild is alive and progressive. Tea was partaken of at the Bakery, opposite the church.—At the business meeting held afterwards, it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Hothfield on Saturday, July 26th, and the annual outing on Saturday, August 2nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday last, some forty members, representing fifteen towers, being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

In the absence of Mr. A. J. Harman, Mrs. A. D. Barker acted as secretary for the meeting.

The election of six new members was confirmed, and nine more were elected.

A new secretary was appointed, and it is expected that the meetings of the branch will be a little more frequent than in the past.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and to the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell for ably presiding over so difficult a meeting.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in St. Mary's Church Room at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head in St. Mary's School at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells (12), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.30 to 7.15; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, followed by general meeting. Tea, to fully paid up members, 1s.; to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church at 6 o'clock prompt. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Church Hall, Farnham, on Saturday, July 5th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. General meeting at 2 p.m. (at which election of officers and alteration to rules will be decided). Service at 4 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Farnham (8) and, after 6 p.m., Alton (8), Aldershot (8), Bentley (6) and Frensham (6). All ringers welcome.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 5th, the annual meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Crofton (near Wakefield). Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m., School.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock till 5; buses from Loughborough very frequent. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry also available after 5 o'clock. General business meeting 5.30. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURPRISE PRACTICE will be held at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 3 till 6 p.m.—A. Harman, 27, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Barton Le Cley on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. Barton is an ideal spot for an afternoon outing. It is hoped as many members and friends as possible will attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Brentwood.—Dedication of peal board. Ringers are invited to visit Brentwood on Saturday, July 5th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m. 1s. per head.—Edwin D. Baker, 115, King's Road, Brentwood.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; St. Magnus on the 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, and *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at St. Philip's from 2 to 3; St. Mary Redcliffe, from 3 to 4. Service at St. Thomas' Church, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Bristol United Guilds) at 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's after meeting. Will all wishing for tea please send their names to Mrs. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol? The Bristol United Guilds are anxious to entertain visiting members, and would like to know the names of any who will be in Bristol before 11 o'clock so that arrangements can be made. Names should be sent to Mrs. Wilkins.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service. Please notify me before July 8th.—C. H. Sone, Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Certificates will be presented to members who have recently rung their first peal. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than July 9th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Priston on Saturday, July 12th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers who intend to be present should inform me. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Checquers after service, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. —F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frockham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at Netheravon and Fittleton 3 p.m. till 4 p.m.; at Enford 4 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., and at Upavon 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting at Upavon 5 p.m. All are 6-bell towers. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of St. Margaret's Church (8) will be open from 2 p.m. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) invites all to tea in Junior Council Schools at 5.45 p.m., after which a short business meeting will be held. A good attendance is desired. All ringers are welcome. — Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Denham on Saturday, July 19th. Will try and arrange tea for those that notify me by the 16th. Train from Ealing Broadway at 2.33 and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone in Oxney (6 bells) on Saturday, July 19th. Further particulars will appear next week.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on July 19th at the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, Lewisham. Tower open for ringing from 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the small Kingswood Hall. Every ringer invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 16th? — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m., those of Chilvers Coton (8) after tea. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Nuneaton Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the retiring president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick). The Vicar of Nuneaton (Rev. J. L. White) cordially invites the members to tea, after which the business meeting will be held, which includes the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, will be glad to receive names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Owing to the colleges entertaining a large number of American visitors, the festival which would have been held at Oxford on Saturday, July 26th, will be held at Reading on that date. Further particulars as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward. All ringers who intend being present must notify me by Wednesday morning, July 23rd.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

GRIMSBY.—Any ringers visiting Cleethorpes or Grimsby during the summer months will have a hearty welcome to St. Andrew's Church (two minutes' walk from Dock Station). Sunday ringing 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. Peals can also be arranged by writing to the hon. sec., F. Overton, 119, Connamore Road, Grimsby.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Division held its summer meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, June 14th. The little Gothic church stands almost in the centre of the park, within easy distances of the mansion, the seat of the Lytton family. The chancel arch, which is Norman, still bears its consecration crosses in a very perfect condition. For the last 30 years Knebworth has been a noted church for peal ringing. The late Bishop Jones, when Rector of the parish, presented the two trebles augmenting the ring to a peal of eight bells, with tenor 12½ cwt., and making the tower a popular field for the campanologist. The little village was 'en fete' on Saturday for the annual fair.

Service for the ringers was conducted by the Rev. Thomas, and tea was served in a picnic fashion in the park. This was followed by the meeting, at which Mr. J. Have, of Hitchin, was elected chairman.—One new member and an honorary member were elected, and votes of thanks returned to the Rev. Thomas for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address; also to the organist and to the chairman for presiding.

A return was made to the tower, where some good touches in the standard methods and Superlative Surprise were brought home. Ringers were present from Graveley, Royston, Hitchin, Dunstable, Kimpton, Tring, Hatfield, Luton, Harpenden and Hornsey.

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