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'The Guild's greatest need to-day is the "local enthusiast." Thus the master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in his annual report. The statement is prompted by the fact that considerable bell restoration is going on throughout the Oxford diocese, and by the anxiety, which is not unnatural, that these bells may not be left sooner or later without anyone specially responsible for their ringing. This is, however, not merely an Oxford Guild matter; there is here food for thought among all our associations. 'It is the "enthusiast" that is needed,' adds the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 'mere names and numbers are not enough.'

The question which may well be asked is: Are the bells of our churches, as a whole, being used and tended to the extent that they ought to be, or are there not far too many instances to be found in every diocese and county where the ringers are indifferent to the art and even to the duty which they owe the church, as well as being negligent of the bells which are actually in their charge? Association meetings may be well attended, peal ringing may even flourish, but an analysis of these two things, which to some extent are taken as the guide to the success or otherwise of an association, would probably show that there is really only a very small proportion of the ringers who are thus actively interested in the art, and that in considerable degree it is practically the same men who time after time attend the meetings, and whose names figure in the peals. If one could feel satisfied that all the others, while not able to attend meetings or to take part in peal ringing, were nevertheless displaying a genuine interest in keeping going the bells in their own parishes, there would be ground for gratification, but we know that with comparatively few exceptions it is not so. It is true that there was never a time when change ringing had so many devotees as it has to-day, but there is also an apathy so marked as to be almost the despair of association officials. Doubtless the many counter-attractions of the age are to a large extent responsible. They sap the interest of young men, while the older ones, discouraged by the unprofitable results of their efforts, gradually have their patience worn out, and end in a condition of indifference. Service ringing as well as the art itself suffers and we join with the Master of the Oxford Guild in his appeal to all who love church bell ringing to bestir themselves, if the art is to be maintained in our land. These are difficult days in many respects, and the call for the 'local enthusiast' is urgent. The associations can help and help greatly. They ought not to be content until at every church with a ringable peal of bells there is a band not only capable but willing to ring

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them regularly for the Sunday services, and to devote an hour or so a week to practising and to improving their knowledge of the art—an art, which, in itself, is a finer pursuit both mentally and physically than many of the pastimes upon which masses of the people spend time and money.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

FRANK I. HAIRS	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE...	2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	8
†FRANK E. DARBY	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
*JOHN F. GALYER	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

† First peal of Stedman Cinques. * First peal on twelve bells, and of Stedman. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL (SPLICED), 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,520 changes of each method.

Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN...	*Treble*	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	6
DANIEL COOPER...	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	*JOHN F. GALYER	8
*MISS FREDA E. ORR	4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	9
AMOS W. CLARK...	5	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Royal. This is Thomas G. Bannister's twenty-fifth peal. This is the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Royal rung on this plan.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BACON	*Treble*	E. J. BEER	6
GORDON A. BACON	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	7
CHARLES P. CHALK	3	WILLIAM DUDLEY	8
HENRY T. WILSON	4	STANLEY W. BAYBUT	9
HARRY TURNER	5	LIONEL H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

First peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 and tenor. E. J. Beer was elected a non-resident ringing member previous to starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5026 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*DERRICK LOCKWOOD ...	*Treble*	HARRY MOSS	5
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY	2	DAVID WHITING	6
HUBERT J. DAY	3	FREDERICK BRUNNING ...	7
ERNEST F. POPPY	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal on eight bells.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED COATES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BROADLEY	5
*FREDK. WM. JOHNSON JUN.	2	HARRY TAYLOR	6
†FREDK. W. JOHNSON, SEN.	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
†ROBT. H. JOHNSON	4	ALBERT HUNTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.

Rung on the 61st birthday of the conductor, secretary of the association; also as a farewell peal to Mr. A. Hunter, who is leaving to take up a position at Ruislip, Middlesex. *First peal, first attempt. †First peal in the method. All except the conductor are service ringers at the above tower.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, June 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

†SAM STEEL	...*Treble*	FRED METCALF	5
FREDERICK OVERTON ...	2	H. MINGAY	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ...	3	C. W. TAYLOR	7
JAMES B. BUDD	4	*ARTHUR SWAIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. TAYLOR.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor was made a member of the above Guild before starting. Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of the Memorial to the fishermen and minesweepers 'who sacrificed their lives in deep waters, for the sake of our land, our homes and our civilisation.'

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS	...*Treble*	*GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	†FREDERICK E. STONE ...	6
WALTER NURTON	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
*CYRIL LAKE	4	HARRY BOYCE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal of Triples for the above Guild.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
THOMAS MEREDITH	2	MAURICE SWINFIELD... ...	6
JAMES PAGETT	3	*THOMAS K. DEACON	7
RICHARD C. BELTON	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

*First peal of Stedman.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*ROBERT ANDERSON ...	...*Treble*	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	6
R. ALDER GOFTON	3	ADAM DEAS	7
ERNEST E. FERRY	4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WM. L. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First attempt to call a peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, June 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Treble*	VICTOR WHITE	5
HECTOR BIRD	2	WALTER FARLEY...	6
LOUIS GRIFFITHS...	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	ALFRED HACKETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged on the 150th anniversary of what is believed to be the first peal on the bells, viz., Grandsire Triples, on June 9th, 1776, which is recorded on a peal board in the ringing chamber.

NORWICH.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, June 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

TONY PRICE	...*Treble*	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	5
FREDERICK SEAGER	2	BEN S. THOMPSON	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEORGE MAYERS	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and second.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

JOHN PARKER	...*Treble*	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	5
JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	HARRY PARKER	6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	7
GEORGE ADDISON...	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & PRESTON BRANCHES.)
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

MISS MAY CLAYTON ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK HINDLE	5
THOMAS WILSON	2	JOHN BROWN...	6
JOHN SANDERSON...	3	WILLIAM E. WILSON	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JAMES HARRISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Thomas Wilson to Miss Hilda A. Smith, which took place on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1926, at Bromsgrove Parish Church, Worcestershire.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT THOMPSON	5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ...	2	HARRY KILBY	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	ARTHUR HARDING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Beadle, who attained his 76th year on May 8th, a peal arranged for that day having been postponed owing to the strike.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN A. COLE	5
*GEORGE ELLIS	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE...	3	HARRY BURDOCK	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method and first attempt.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	...*Treble*	*FRANK E. HAYNES	5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	2	*STEPHEN H. WOOD	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
MISS KITTY WILLERS... ...	4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frederick George Phillips and Miss Florence Kate Wilson, who were married in this church prior to the peal.

TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...*Treble*		EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	5
BERT HORTON	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM A. COOPER	7
WILLIAM FISHER...	4	ROBERT PICKERING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Horton.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	...*Treble*	JAMES FLEOTY	5
GEORGE WIFFEN	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
WALTER ARNOLD...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
First peal in the method on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS...	...*Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
WILLIAM GIBBS	2	WALTER FARLEY	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	CLIFTON SKIDMORE	7
WILLIAM H. COOPER	4	*HARRY COOPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
This is the first peal on these bells, a lively little ring by C. Carr and Company, of Smethwick, and put in the tower as a memorial to the late C. F. E. Griffiths, of Pensnett. * First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. H. Clarke 1, C. Draper 2, J. Pagett 3, W. Slater, jun. (first quarter-peal in method) 4, A. Mould 5, G. Freebrey (conductor) 6, P. H. Tate 7, W. Critchley 8.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	FREDERICK SMITH	6
GEORGE CROSS	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
ANTHONY PRICE	4	WILLIAM BASON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. TANN. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to J. G. Rumsey.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL TANSELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Treble*	CYRIL POOLEY	4
*HANBURY F. CARTER ...	2	ERNEST V. BLAKE	5
EDWARD HOWES...	3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN.
* First peal.

NEWENT, GLOS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	CHARLES ANDREWS	4
HARRY PROUT	2	RONALD G. BECK...	5
REGINALD F. BECK	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.
* Elected a member in the tower.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores called 10 ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS SNELL	...*Treble*	FREDERICK TARGETT	3
ERIC WADMAN	2	RONALD G. BECK...	4
JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by R. G. BECK.
First peal on the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Allendale, Westminster, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.

ALBERT HENLEY	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
ARTHUR H. SMITH	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
GEORGE FULLER	3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Halsey, of the Mount, and Miss Betts, of Tonbridge. First peal in seven Surprise methods by members of the Tonbridge district.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 10, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE HORWOOD	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	4
FREDERICK SHARPE	2	RICHARD WHITE	5
REV. J. A. AMIES	3	ERNEST HERITAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

First peal by the Rev. J. A. Amies and Ernest Heritage. The treble ringer hails from Piddington, Oxon; the second and tenor from Launton, Oxon; the third from Edgcott, Bucks; and the fourth and fifth from Appleton, Berks. The bells have recently been re-hung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and augmented from five to six. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD	...*Treble*	CYRIL POOLEY	4
ERNEST KIMM	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
ERNEST V. BLAKE	3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. A. H. BOUGHEY (Trin)	1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ...	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	3-4	S. H. WOOD (Mag.)	7-8

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thursday, June 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

†S. H. WOOD (Mag.)	1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	5-6
REV. A. H. BOUGHEY (Trin)	3-4	*J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn) ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal away from the tenors. First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of H.M. the King. Also as a birthday compliment to N. M. Assheton (Jesus'), secretary of the above Guild, who celebrated his coming-of-age on the previous day.

GODALMING, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Friday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. Elliott 1, G. Wootten 2, R. Overy 3, J. McDermott 4, F. Bowden 5, C. Childs 6, J. A. Cole (conductor) 7, C. E. Smith 8.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

Those who are unable to obtain 'The Ringing World' regularly and promptly through a newsagent can have it sent direct from our Woking Office for 4/- per quarter (including postage), prepaid.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

FRANK PERVIN	1-2	JAMES GROVES	7-8
GEORGE SWANN	3-4	ALBERT WALKER	9-10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5-6	JOHN NEAL	...11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by F. PERVIN.
Umpire: HERBERT C. SPENCER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 8, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*REGINALD POULSON	1	†CECIL PRYKE	4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2-3	ARTHUR SYMONDS	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
Witness: W. JARVIS.

* First peal. † First peal inside.
Messrs. Pryke and Poulson hail from Preston, Suffolk.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 13, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-Six Minutes.
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. SAUNDERS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Umpire: GEORGE WIFFEN.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all except the conductor, and first handbell peal in the parish.

'CONDUCTORS—MORE OR LESS'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter of 'Nine Methods (Nearly),' it appears to have been a case of too many cooks (or conductors) spoiling the broth (or peal). One hopes that if and when a battle-axe arrives the fair arm of 'Nine Methods (Nearly)' (rumoured to be one of the gentler sex), will be strong enough to wield it, so that both of the qualified (?) conductors may be quickly put out of their misery, and may not die a lingering death, which, however, one must admit they deserve.

By the way, it would be interesting to know if 'Nine Methods (Nearly)' realy did write the letter, or whether he or she received any inspiration from an outside source.—Yours truly,

'DOUBTFUL.'

NOTES BY THE WAY.

WHAT OTHERS THINK—METHOD NAMES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The Ipswich newspapers sent their reporters to the Central Council meeting and next day the 'East Anglian Times' had a full column on the proceedings. A good deal of it was occupied by the debate on methods' names, and as I read it I rather wondered what the general public would make of it all. Our good, old-fashioned names, TrebleBob Major, Grandsire Triples, have always had something of a fascination for outsiders, though they usually get them wrong. Now Mr. Symonds has sent me a cutting from the 'Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury,' think-it might interest the readers of 'The Ringing World.' The writer is evidently not one of the large number of people who like bells, and I gather he takes frequent opportunities of expressing his opinion. He is one of those whose role is to play the funny man. Nobody pays much attention to such and I doubt whether he takes himself seriously. I can assure him if he should read these notes (which is unlikely) that we do not. However, since it is sometimes amusing to read what other people think, or say they think of us, here is his effusion :—

I think most of my readers know by this time, from remarks I have made, how much I love bellringers. Whenever I hear them begin to ring on Sunday mornings, I always think of the man mentioned in Scripture who always had a trumpet sounded before him when he started out to go to church, or wherever it was he went to say his prayers. There is no occasion to sound trumpets to-day, nor bells, because everyone carries a watch in his pocket. But a report in the 'East Anglian Daily Times' of the past week reports a disagreement amongst the bellringers themselves. Some of them want to abolish the old nomenclature of the peals, such as Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, College Bob Four, Kent Delight, etc., and replace them by modern designations, and it was suggested that names like Woodbridge, Kenilworth, Preston, etc., should be substituted. Now, when I hear the infernal clanging of the bells from the steeples, I have not the least idea whether they are ringing single Bob, married Bob, or any other Bob, and I don't care. They are all equally offensive when one wants to do quiet work. But some people are never satisfied unless they are upsetting old traditions, and if they must do this, why not localise the names? I beg to submit some suggestions.

Preston and Kenilworth have no connection with Ipswich, so why introduce them here? Give the peals local names. For instance, Bob Major might be called 'Running Buck' or 'Light Tolly.' Grandsire Triples might be 'Saracen's Head,' or 'No. 1 Bass,' and College Bob fours 'Halberd' or 'Cobbold's Stout.' These would soon be familiar to the ringers of St. Margaret's—if they are not so now. Then, if the tower ringers preferred their own names, let them adopt the 'White Horse,' 'Mixed Vermouth,' the 'Crown and Anchor,' and 'Gin and Angostura.' Then, possibly, the townsfolk might get reconciled to the sound of the bells, but it might also lead to discussions as to whether St. Margaret's were ringing—'Light Tolly' or 'Cobbold's Stout.' I suppose, however, the 'unco' guid' would say this would lead to betting. Well, why not? Now that we are to have a tax on betting, we may as least hope for a small reduction on the income tax.

By-the-bye, does anybody know who Bob Major was? Is he any relation to Major's Corner? If not, why not? And if you carry this matter still further, who was the major who gave the name to Major's Corner? These are matters of Ipswich history, and I should be glad to have them elucidated. Is there a schoolmaster in the town who could give his scholars information on the subject?

Detailed comment seems uncalled for but I am rather surprised that a man should think it worth while nowadays to repeat or at any rate to insinuate the old charge against ringers of being too fond of public-houses. I do not think that ringers were ever in this matter worse than the generality of men, and if they were it was a long time ago. Thirty years ago the charge was a libel, to-day it is simply ridiculous. The writer is hopelessly out of date.

And now I think I ought to refer to the leading article of last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' I have found out that the Editor speaks for a no small number of ringers when he expresses regret that through my amendment the Council rejected the report of the Nomenclature Committee, but I do think after a very considerable experience of the Council's work that the lines on which that report was drawn were wrong. Ringing is a progressive and continually growing art and the duty of the Council and its Committee is to further that progress. This can only be done by educating ringers. What you have to do is to get them to realise for themselves what is best. We want good names for our methods. Well, I think we shall realise this by letting ringers see that the Exercise expects that they must do the very best they can in this matter; and not by trying to take the whole thing out of their hands and putting it into the hands of a Committee. After all, a system that has grown up out of the three hundred years' experience of the Exercise has something to say for itself. Nor do I think the Council can justly be accused of vacillation because it 'declined to interfere with the rights that ringers and bands at present enjoy' and yet directed the Analysis Committee to carry out a wholesale naming of methods of which they were not the authors and which they had not rung. You must remember that the methods first appeared in a book of the Council's, that their author (if there is such a thing) was the Method Committee acting for the Council (actually Mr. Law James first worked them out); and that the Method Committee suggested that the Analysis Committee should do the naming. So the Council had full rights in the matter just as it would have full rights in the naming of the new methods in the Major Collection now in the press.

I sympathise to the full with the idea which is in the editor's mind. He wants the best and nothing but the best for the Exercise in naming of methods as in other things. It is only a question of ways and means. He thinks that reform can be had on the lines of the Nomenclature Report. I do not think so, and I get my opinion from the experience I have had in the Methods Committee.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WOMBOURNE.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Benedict's Church, Wombourne, on Saturday, June 5th, when over thirty members and friends were present, it being an ideal summer afternoon. The following towers, among others in union with the Guild, were represented, viz.: Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Old Hill, Smethwick, Oldswinford, Kingswinford, and Wombourne. The bells (eight) were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Langley), who also gave an inspiring and helpful address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Vicarage gardens, placed at the disposal of the visitors by the Vicar and Mrs. Langley, where tea was partaken of on the lawn, and, needless to say, was greatly appreciated. At the business meeting which followed the Vicar presided, and it was proposed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Oldswinford, subject to the consent of the Rector and local ringers being obtained.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for the quarterly peal attempt in the hands of the ringing master.

Several new members were added to the roll at the conclusion of the meeting on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. J. Price, and supported by the ringing master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.). A hearty vote of thanks was given, in the Black Country fashion, to the Vicar of Wombourne for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to his church and parish, for conducting the service in church, also for his able address, for the use of the tower and bells, and for the pleasure and the privilege of using his beautiful gardens and lawns. Thanks were also given to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort of those present; to the organist and choir boys for their share in the musical part of the service. The Vicar suitably replied on behalf of all concerned, and thanked the members for their appreciation of what had been done for them.

Afterwards some of the members made their way back to the tower for more ringing, whilst others stayed for a game of cricket, and others strolled round the beautiful gardens until the time came only too soon for the party to disperse, after a most happy and enjoyable afternoon. Thanks are tendered to Mr. E. T. Thorpe and his fellow-ringers for making the necessary arrangements for so successful a meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE HUDSON MEMORIAL.

The Whit-Monday meeting was held at West Hartlepool, where twenty-five sat down to dinner. In the absence of the president (who was prevented by parochial duties from attending), Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president of the eastern district, presided over the committee and general meeting. This meeting was not the success it was anticipated owing to the General Strike having upset the arrangements.

At the committee meeting the local men suggested another meeting be held at West Hartlepool at an early date, when it was hoped there would be a better attendance. After a discussion, it was decided to hold another meeting on Saturday, June 12th.

It was decided to insert a notice in 'The Ringing World' to the effect that the 'Major Hudson Memorial Fund' will close at the end of June, and it was hoped that all towers will be represented on the subscription list. It was recognised that Major Hudson was not well known to the younger members of the association, but he was well known to the elder members, of whom there must still be some in most belfries. Subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Should any of Major Hudson's ringing friends in other parts of the country, who are not members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, wish to subscribe, the donation will be thankfully received by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosport. The memorial is to take the form of a lectern at Bishopwearmouth Church, with which Major Hudson was connected for the whole of his life, and where he shared the reading of the lessons as well as many other duties in connection with the church.

At the general meeting the chairman apologised for the smallness of the meeting, and explained how it had been upset by the strike. They were, however, favoured by having the company of some ringing friends from Yorkshire (who were on a motor tour), in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, Miss Lumley, and Miss J. Salmon.

Mr. J. W. Parker, on behalf of the meeting, extended to them a very hearty welcome, to which Mr. Cotterell replied.

The bells of the three churches were kept going in various methods during the day, varying from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. W. Sheraton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the three churches for kindly granting the use of the bells.

DEATH OF LIVERPOOL'S OLDEST RINGER.

It is with extreme regret that we record the death of Mr. Thomas Hammond, sen., of Liverpool, at the age of 74. Deceased was for a period of 43 years a ringer at St. Peter's Church, prior to which he belonged to the towers of Garston, Grassendale and St. Francis Xavier. After the closing of St. Peter's, the late Mr. Hammond rang at St. Nicholas' Church, until failing health prevented him from climbing the tower steps. Mr. Hammond died on Saturday, June 5th, and was buried at Smithdown Road cemetery on Wednesday, June 9th. Those present at the graveside, in addition to the members of his family and near relatives, were members of St. Nicholas' tower and Messrs. W. James and J. Gardner from Aughton.

The late Mr. Hammond rang his first peal in 1874, and his last, a peal of Stedman Triples, at Port Sunlight in 1908. He was an excellent ringer and very safe conductor. Of a most lovable disposition, he was held in high esteem by his fellow-ringers in the city.

When he joined the St. Peter's company they were only ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob, but on his initiative Stedman was introduced into the tower, and for years Mr. Hammond was the leading conductor in this method in the district.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

The following is a list of Mr. Hammond's 105 peals :—

	Rung.	Conducted.	On handbells.
Grandsire Triples	23	6	2
Grandsire Major	1		
Grandsire Caters	14	6	2
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Stedman Triples	15	8	
Stedman Caters	4	1	
Bob Major	13	4	2
Bob Triples	1		
Bob Royal	2	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	1	
Kent Treble Bob Caters	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	1	
Kent Maximus	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	1		
Double Norwich Major	1		
	99	28	6

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 28th, in 27 mins., at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bullen 1, F. Pratt 2, C. H. Martin (conductor) 3, R. V. Johnson 4, J. G. Nash 5, E. E. Pratchett 6.

LANGHAM.—On Saturday evening, June 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Smith (Dedham) 1, L. D. Sterry (Dedham) 2, H. Bacon (Ardleigh) 3, S. Davey (Ardleigh) 4, C. Honeywood (Mistley, first 720 as conductor) 5, F. Smith (Langham) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have this week begun the removal of the bells of St. Nicolas', Guildford, for overhaul and improvements, including the recasting of the tenor and four trebles. The peal of ten will not be in use until about the end of September.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilby on their silver wedding.

Jasper Snowdon, the greatest 'instructor' the Exercise ever had, was born on June 18th, 1844.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Sunday 5,040 Caruthan's Triples was rung at St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln. The peal was probably Garthon's 5040 Grandsire Triples—the peal rung at Norwich in 1718.

On June 20th, 1790, a peal of 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.'

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung on June 23rd, 1882. This was Grandsire Triples at Derby.

THREE BROTHERS' UNIQUE RECORD.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS' RINGING SERVICE.

For upwards of fifty years three brothers, James, Joseph and Henry Markwell gave their services as ringers at Wilburton Church, near Ely. This is a remarkable record, and it has been suitably recorded by a brass tablet placed in St. Peter's Church. This was dedicated at evensong on Sunday, June 6th, by a former Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Wayne, who, in the course of his sermon, dwelt on the devotion of the three brothers to the church and bells. Before the service 720 College Single was rung by Alfred Markwell (Staveley) 1, Arthur Markwell (Woburn Sands) 2, George Markwell (Wilburton) 3, A. Hazel 4, H. Sharp (conductor) 5, A. Alsop 6.

The Vicar (Rev. Atkinson) has taken great interest in providing the commemoration tablet, and the members of the three families feel greatly indebted to him.

Commencing ringing in their early teens, the three brothers Markwell had, until the time of their death, been associated with the parish of Wilburton and its bells, and it is little wonder, therefore, that their sons should wish to raise a suitable memorial to them. This takes the form of a tablet of old English brass, placed in the belfry, and inscribed: 'In grateful memory of James, Joseph and Henry Markwell' (with their respective ages and dates of their decease). These three brothers were faithful ringers in the church for a period of 50 years.'

During this long period Markwell Bros. saw many changes in the belfry, for in their early days all that they knew of ringing was by figures. Not until the late Mr. Frederick Day, of the firm of G. Day and Sons, bellhangers, of Eye, Suffolk, some time in the eighties, came to add a sixth bell to the existing five, did they learn of 'method' ringing, but once having got to know of such an art, they set themselves diligently to learn it, and by patience and perseverance mastered it.

Only one 5040 (in six different methods) stands to their memory, for they were not keen on peals, the one object of their ringing being to 'call to worship.' Whether for practice or Divine service, only the best of striking would do for them.

Though partially an invalid, Joseph, like the other two, was seldom absent. Referring to their life and ringing, the Rev. S. J. Wayne spoke of all they did as 'being done with a "soul" in it,' and to other ringers, could they but speak again, this would be their message, 'Go and do thou likewise.'

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

The following are the details of the receipts and expenditure, shown in the hon. treasurer's balance sheet:—

Receipts: Subscriptions, as per published lists, £229 11s. 2d.; proceeds from sale of peal of handbells, presented by Miss V. Robinson, £5; collection at Christ Church Cathedral at the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual festival, £3 12s. 2d.; total, £238 3s. 4d.

Payments: Architect's fees for examination of St. Giles' and St. Ebbe's towers, Oxford, £3 11s. 4d.; Mr. R. White, supplying two new bells, cleaning and tuning six bells, new steel frame work, guides and all necessary work at St. Ebbe's tower, £186 18s.; Messrs. Mowbray and Co., bronze tablet, on oak mount, £17; stationery, printing and postage, nil; sundry small expenses, £2 7s. 4d.; balance at Lloyds Bank, £28 9s. 8d.; total, £238 3s. 4d.

The accounts were audited by the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis.

FINAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Newbury Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild, £5 5s.; Lancashire Association, £20; A. Barnes, 5s.; J. George, 5s.; All Saints' Tower, Wokingham, 2s.; G. H. Phillott, £1 1s.; Irish Association of Change Ringers, £2; G. Lindoff, 5s.; J. Lane, 1s. 6d.; D. J. Nichols, 4s. The above, with the previous amounts published, amount to £238 3s. 4d.

The committee wish to thank Mr. J. Nicoll for supplying the two ropes free, and the editor of 'The Ringing World' for inserting all notices gratuitously.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 362.)

SIMPSON TUNING.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) moved a resolution, of which he had given notice at Chester, 'That the time has arrived when the Council should consider whether Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise.' He referred to the fact that probably most of those present differed with him on this subject, but said that he felt sure they would find it interesting, and hoped that, whatever happened to the motion, the Council would consider the subject as worth ventilating, for, after all, the question of bell tones was something very near to them. The work of the late Canon Simpson and his ideas were outlined, viz., that the founders should return to the mediæval bell with its octave hum-note; the contrary view of Mr. T. C. Lewis, the well-known organ builder and bellfounder, who maintained that the hum-note should be a major seventh, was also referred to by the speaker, who said that the present position had grown up largely without much knowledge on the part of ringers themselves, and without, as far as he had been able to discover, any discussion in that Council. Mr. Young, in explaining why he had stepped into the breach that day, pleaded that even if they did not look upon him as much of a ringer, they should as a listener to and a lover of bells from his earliest childhood. Born at Southampton, he remembered as a very little boy, whilst at play on the Western shore there, stopping to listen to the sound of St. Michael's bells as their notes came across the water. Of course, first impressions were deep, but his ear had always approved of the old tuning. Perhaps he did not realise how beautiful the new tuning was (musical tastes differed greatly), but he was a delighted convert to its principles, when first he read of them. That was, of course, on paper, but in reality, on making a journey on purpose to hear the then much praised bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, he felt sadly disappointed and disillusioned. It was, however, some years after, when ringing a peal at this same church on the occasion of his 60th birthday, that, having to ring by rope-sight the whole time, on account of the howling overtones, he resolved to call the attention of the Exercise to the question. In asking those present to consider the case against Simpson tuning, Mr. Young said that he would first instance that of the church of which they were all members. In these days it was very hardly hit financially, as they knew. It was therefore necessary for it to husband its resources, and spend with wisdom. Much as they might like to see £2,000 spent on a carillon for some church, it might be much more to the general good to give it to the fabric fund for the upkeep of the church, or even to augment the fund for poor curates. Money should be spent to the best advantage, if it largely went for new 'rings' there was less left for other towers in the diocese. He maintained that they should not spend money on recasting bells merely in order to get a peal tuned on the modern ideas, for, after all, were they sure that they were getting something that was better? Turning to the practical side, the speaker said that some conductors told him that it was difficult to find where they were by the sound of the bells, and, instead of being able to listen to the course-ends, they had to rely entirely on rope-sight. Others had spoken to him upon experiencing a feeling of fatigue in the ear after coming through a peal, and he was not sure but that the bells themselves suffered in time from permanent fatigue by excessive vibration acting on thin sections.

The mover of the resolution then, in referring to the musical value of various peals, said that, of course, there were good peals and bad ones. Unfortunately, there were many of the latter up and down the country, and none of them liked to listen to an old, badly cracked and badly mixed 'ring.' If they had a good Simpson tuned ring, he liked to listen to it; if they had a good old-standard ring, he thought it still more enjoyable. Recognising the difficulty of the subject, he had felt that it was a case for 'horse, foot and artillery,' in making his attack. He had, therefore, ordered as good a bell as could be cast, so that they could have tested it there that day, but circumstances had been against him; for one thing, the strike, and also objections to its being trundled up the marble staircase there. Then he arranged with one of the leading gramophone companies to have some records taken illustrating both the Simpson and the old-standard, but here again the strike interfered with the arrangements. Finally, the local committee thought that they could provide him with a harp, to demonstrate the differences between pure tones and overtones, but there was not a harp in Ipswich! So they saw him there as a sort of forlorn advocate, without his heavy guns, and in light skirmishing order only.

THE MINOR-THIRD.

Proceeding, Mr. Young said that there was something about Simpson tuned bells which many people disliked; the reason, he thought, was to be found in the principles of Sound and Music. He claimed to have a musical ear, and to be something of a musician, but admitted that the subject bristled with difficulties. He said that it could, however, be urged against this tuning that bell tones, being naturally percussive, were too smooth, but the rock they split on was, undoubtedly, so far as music went, the minor-third, and this threw the whole peal into the minor scale or key. Of course, there was beauty in the minor key, but it was inferior to the major, both in theory of Sound and in the practice of Music. Helmholtz, the great German authority classed the intervals thus—in order of consonance—the octave, fifth, fourth, major-third, minor-third, major-sixth, and, lastly, the minor-sixth. So much for science, but he would have to state, for the benefit of the Simpsonians, that the ear on account of some curious inward quality, or because it was not scientific, put the order thus—or so musicians said—viz., the major-third, minor-third, major-sixth, minor-sixth, then the fourth and fifth, and the poor octave last of all. The speaker said that though the minor-third had come up a bit, it would be noticed that the octave had dropped to last—so much for the Simpson hum-note, and its beloaded value in a ring. Returning to the question of the minor key, he said that it was recognised in musical circles that no one could sit down for any length of time and listen to music in the minor scale with comfort. It was the old scale, but had been improved. The present major scale was finally crystallised by the great Bach in the 17th century, and before his time several scales had been in vogue, more or less based on minor intervals. It was then also that our bell founders definitely adopted the major-third. When they listened to Simpson bells they had this minor interval droned into their ears the whole time. It was inevitably brought about by the lengthening of the bell to produce the octave hum-note, this length too with the thinning of the crown, accentuated the overtones, or such was his opinion, and he was certain that the founders would have done away with, at any rate, the minor-third, if they had had the power; the rest was a matter of taste.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Young said that, though the Simpsonians claimed that their method was scientific, he considered that they had 'jumped' the claim, and that it belonged to and should be reserved for the old standard. He believed that the old founders deliberately altered their bells from the Simpson shape, which was well known to them in the sixteenth century, and that the present change in shape and tuning was a retrograde movement. He regretted that time did not allow him to read certain paragraphs from the two books he had there by Simpson and Lewis, and which he had briefly referred to earlier, and finally passed on to the founders' point of view. These had, he understood, suffered several lean years, and to them, of course, the great Simpson movement meant everything. It was to the founders' interests to recast bells, within reasonable lines, because they could make a job of what they undertook. He believed that they were overwhelmed with orders for work, and peals were being recast up and down the country at the rate of three or four a month. It seemed as if they would be busy for years in casting down both good and poor bells; let them endeavour to cast down the bad ones and leave as many as possible of the good ones.

Mr. W. A. Cave, who briefly seconded the resolution, said he thought Mr. Young would move to appoint a committee to consider the matter.

ARE RINGERS AFRAID OF THE CARILLON?

Major J. H. B. Hesse said he saw no occasion for any ill-feeling on this question. The proposition was one of science and art. They must first define clearly what they meant by 'Simpson' tuning. In his opinion it was on this point that they began their misunderstanding one with another. He need mention no names, but they all knew that this revolution in the method of tuning was originated and developed some thirty years ago by a certain firm of bellfounders, which, for a time, then used, concerning their bells, the phrase—'tuned upon the principle propounded by Canon Simpson,' the Canon being then living. Later on, this firm thought it wise to drop this method of describing the tuning, and decided to define their bells as 'in true harmonic tune,' that is, each bell having its harmonic tones in tune with its fundamental note. Now, did they all agree that this was what they meant when they used the term 'Simpson' tuning?—if so, they could proceed with the debate, with understanding between them. In 'The Ringing World' report of the inquiry re the Coventry bells one witness said he thought the Simpson principle was all wrong. One would like to know if he really thought that bells and peals of bells cast and tuned with understanding was all wrong, while a peal cast by chance was far preferable. One wondered, did he really think this, or was it that he tried to think that those past masters of the art, viz., the Rudhalls, Bayleys, Penningtons, Purdues, Bilbies, etc., were so gifted instinctively that they could, without knowledge and unconsciously produce finer work than mere knowledge, art and science could attain to. They understood an objection on sentimental or archæological grounds to the disappearance and destruction of old bells, but let them be honest about this, and say that their objections were sentimental and archæological, for it would not do their cause good to bolster it with false assertions and claims as to the tone and tune of the instruments if the objectors did not at heart believe thoroughly in their protests on this point. There was an issue he would like to mention, and that was: 'Are we ringers, as a body, afraid of the carillon—do we fear its shadow to be growing over us, and that our beloved change ringing is going to be ousted by carillon playing?' For his own part he had no fear of this at all. When they considered their thousands of ringing peals, and totalled up the carillons in this country, the comparison was ridiculous. Still, he did think this fear haunted some of them, and they asked: 'What has that to do with the tuning of the bells?' Perhaps these timid spirits knew also that the Rudhall, etc., bells and similar ones were absolutely hopeless

for carillon work. Personally, he thought the 'Simpson'-tuned bells were the only possible. Therefore it was that those fearing folk decried the new and lauded the old, in the hope that they might thus help to keep out the dreaded carillon and retain the change ringing peal! As he had said, he had no fear for change ringing, and in any case, here again, as with the archæologically inclined, let them have the truth first. Some had said 'Simpson'-tuned bells howled. As to howling, he would like to ask if the following peals howled, that had been cast since Norton near Sheffield, in 1896, viz.: the rings of ten of Loughborough Parish Church, and Holy Trinity, Hull; the two Beverley churches; Selby Abbey; Bradford Cathedral; Rochester Cathedral; St. Nicholas', Brighton; St. Peter's, Croydon; Manchester Cathedral; Hanley and Rotherham; the rings of eight at Pendleton; Sunbury; Alton; Ilkeston; Colchester (St. Peter's); Lincoln Cathedral; St. Neots, Hunts; Skipton; Westbury; Chewton Mendip; Gravesend; St. Stephen's, Clapham; Haslemere; Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham; Tiverton; Tavistock; King's Norton; Petworth; Northfield; Great Baddow; Burnley; Penistone; Hinckley; the rings of twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; St. Margaret's, Leicester; Oldham Parish Church; Macclesfield Parish Church; to which they should add the ring of twelve at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, although not really recast, as the old peal still occupied one of the chambers in the tower. The foregoing were peals all composed of 'Simpson'-tuned bells, and were not ringers as a body proud of these modern examples of the bell founder's art? He would say, without fear of contradiction, that the very large majority of them would praise their tone with enthusiasm—indeed, he would like to learn what proportion called them 'howlers,' and preferred the Rudhall, Pennington and Bayley bells, etc., to them, and regretted the previous peals which these took the place of, and would like to have the old ones back again. The old bells that had gained a good reputation, such as the 11th at Exeter, the tenor at Queen Camel, and others in the West Country and other parts, when they had been heard by competent judges, had been found to be true to the five-toned or 'Simpson' principle, or nearly so; but this most probably was due to chance.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

On Saturday, June 5th, with the 'weather clerk' in the best of moods, some 65 members and friends turned up at the beautiful village of Dore on the outskirts of Sheffield, the following towers being represented:—Anston, Bolsover, Barnsley, Chesterfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's, backed up by the local company and visitors from Eyam and Halifax. The fine little peal of 8, by Taylor, with a tenor of 11¼ cwts., was made full use of during the afternoon and evening, everyone present having the opportunity of a pull, the efforts of many learners showing that the encouragement given them is bearing good fruit.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Gibson) provided a choral service, which was commendable for its brevity, after which an adjournment was made for tea in the Church School, the efforts of the local company in this respect being much appreciated.

The annual business, which was postponed last month on account of the General Strike, was dealt with at this meeting, the Vicar presiding, and, with a long agenda before them, the company settled down to tackle the various items in earnest style, members showing an excellent spirit in viewing the various resolutions from the point of the society's interest as a whole.

The Dore Company opened the proceedings with a course of Grandsire Caters (with four novices taking part), after which the President (Mr. George Lewis) paid eloquent tribute to the late Mr. T. G. Sarel, of St. Marie's, and the late Mr. George Hill, of Penistone.

The balance sheet was passed, showing a net balance in hand at December 31st last of £7 6s. 1½d.—The Secretary gave a verbal report of the society's activities during the preceding year, this being received with great satisfaction by all present.

Amongst the amendments to rules which were accepted, owing to the desire to increase the capital account, were the following:—That the authorised payment of 1s. to each of the steeplekeepers visited during the year be withdrawn; that the society cease to hold meetings in the months of October, November, January and February, these usually being only sparsely attended, and not warranting the consequent expenditure; and that the annual meeting take place in the month of March, instead of May, as formerly.

A new rule was passed to the effect that members attaining the age of 70 years shall continue their membership without further subscription.

There was no alteration in the election of officers, excepting that Mr. Lewis, much to the regret of all present, found he could not accept the post of president again, with the result that Mr. Arthur Craven, whose name is known throughout the Exercise, was unanimously voted to that office for the ensuing year, whilst Mr. C. Harrison was also confirmed as secretary, he having occupied that office, pro tem., during the latter portion of 1925.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY FINANCES BUT FEWER PEALS.

Postponed on account of the strike, the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Brighton on Saturday was poorly attended, less than fifty members being present. The meeting took place in St. Nicholas' Hall, with the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) in the chair. He was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ellman Brown), Mr. G. W. Stokes (hon. secretary Eastern Division), and Mr. A. W. Groves (hon. secretary Western Division), and members were present from Aldrington, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's), Battle, East Grinstead, Eastbourne, Heene, Lewes, Lindfield, Steyning, Shoreham, and Waldron, together with Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsea), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

The annual report was as follows: The past year, though not marked by any events of outstanding importance, has been one of regular and steady progress. We are glad to welcome the towers of Chichester, Alfriston, Lower Beeding, and Turner's Hill, which have become affiliated during the past twelve months. Among the other activities of the association we may mention the courses of instruction that have been given at Bexhill, Little Horsted, and Turner's Hill, an address on the work and aims of the association delivered by the Master before the Cuckfield Rural-deanal Conference, and statistics supplied by the general secretary for the Diocesan Review. We regret that an application made by the general secretary to the Railway Clearing House for increased travelling facilities met with an unfavourable reply; but we share this disappointment with many other county associations throughout the country. The attendances at the twelve divisional meetings have been satisfactorily maintained; and, as in the past, our warmest thanks are due to the clergy and other kind friends for their hospitality and co-operation. Lastly, we have to record the loss that the association has sustained through the death of the following members:—J. Smart, of Steyning; T. Deadman, of All Saints', Eastbourne; A. Reed, of Waldron; and F. Rice, for many years a member of the Crawley Branch.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £89 19s. 2½d., against £85 2s. 1½d. at the beginning of the year. Members' subscriptions totalled £52 3s. 6d., but only £3 was received from honorary members, in addition to £2 2s. from an honorary life member. The expenditure included £3 on ringing instruction. The reserve fund stands at £50, and a balance of £65 3s. 11½d. is to the credit of the benevolent fund, from which a grant of £2 2s. had been made during the year.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr. Frank Bennett (peals secretary) presented his analysis, and reported a considerable falling-off in the number of peals rung. It was, in fact, the lowest since the second year of the association, viz., 1886. The peals were: Grandsire Doubles 2, Minor 3, Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 2, Treble Bob Major 2, Treble Bob Royal 3, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 5, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1—a total of 33, and equivalent in point value to 566. St. Peter's, Brighton, headed the point list with 95.85.

The report was received, and the peals secretary thanked by the Master for his services.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The meeting enthusiastically reappointed the master, who expressed the opinion that the office should not be held for too many years by the same person. Mr. Ellman Brown was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. A. D. Stone hon. general secretary, special thanks being accorded to the latter for his services. Mr. F. Bennett was re-elected peals secretary, and Mr. W. C. Hart and Mr. R. J. Dawe were elected auditors. In this connection the Master referred to the loss the association had sustained by the recent death of Mr. Markwick, of Henfield, who had been one of their auditors.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

Brighton and Horsham were proposed for the next annual meeting, and on being put to the vote Brighton was selected.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the clergy and authorities at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and, at the former place, for arranging the service which was to be held later.

After tea at the Imperial Hotel, the members attended evensong at St. Nicholas' Church, where they listened to an address on the history of bells and their uses.

During the day the two excellent rings of ten were fully utilised, touches and courses in a variety of methods being rung, and ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol and London Surprise Major.

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The fixtures for the ensuing year are as follows:—July, Bradfield; August Bank Holiday, Handsworth; September, Bolsterstone; December, Rawmarsh; and the annual meeting next March, Ranmoor.

Eight new members having been elected, further ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m., when some took the bus for home, while others, living in the city, enjoyed a leisurely stroll along the countryside to the car terminus, all feeling satisfied that the meeting had been one of the best for many years.

BELL RESTORATION IN THE OXFORD DIOCESE.

AN APPEAL FOR LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in his annual report to the Guild, is able to show that a considerable amount of bell restoration has taken place in the diocese, but he finds reason to ask for local enthusiasm among ringers to ensure that the bells now being put into order in many places may be preserved for their intended use. He says:

'Of English trades at the present time it would appear that none is in a more healthy state than that of the bell founder and bell hanger. We are sending bells all over the world, as well as restoring and augmenting the rings of the homeland.

'In this diocese work of this kind has been completed in all the towers that I advised upon in 1924—though I am not sure whether this can yet be said of Sympson—and, in addition, also at Caversfield, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, North Marston, Shaw, Stoke Lyne, and Yattenden, all of which I advised upon in 1925. The old thirteenth-century bell at Caversfield—perhaps the oldest in the country—being badly cracked, has been relieved from further duty, and is now hung dead to a beam in the tower. At St. Ebbe's there is now a remarkable and beautiful little ring of eight, the two trebles being added and the necessary work in the tower carried out by the ringers of the British Empire in memory of the late J. W. Washbrook. I have also visited and reported as to what needs to be done at Ambrosden, North Crawley, Farnborough, West Hanney, Hinton Waldrist, Hughenden, Hungerford, Panghourne, Whaddon, and Woughton.

'With all this work going on, I think that the Guild's greatest need to-day is the "local enthusiast." What is to happen to all these restored and augmented rings in the future? Will they in a short time be uncared for and merely rung from time to time and on special occasions in any sort of fashion and by almost anybody, while the regular Church services are honoured only by the tolling of one bell? Or will they, for lack of ringers, in course of time, be turned into miniature carillons and sounded from a keyboard, as on the Continent and in America? Or will they be rung regularly in a manner peculiarly English by a devoted band of church folk of the place? If this latter is to be, as surely we all must wish, it is for such as love church bell-ringing, of all ages and of either sex, to bestir themselves. It is the "enthusiast" that is needed. Mere names and numbers are not enough, else there would be satisfaction in the ever-increasing Guild membership. The science and art of ringing cannot be followed up in a half-hearted fashion, in which practices—if they held at all—and Guild meetings are made to give way to any other attraction that may present itself. In connection with what I have written I think with respect and affection of one who for many years was foreman of the Bucklebury tower, George Davis, a real church bell-ringer, and a leader whose chief asset was the absolute consistency of his life. It is only in the hands of such that bell-ringing will be preserved to the Church.'

A sound financial position is revealed by the treasurer's report and accounts. The balance for 1925 is £86 7s. 2d., compared with £86 14s. 8d. in the previous year, but £10 was given to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The actual receipts were £107 7s. 10d., and expenses £107 5s. 4d. The Guild's general funds amount to £166 15s. 10d., including balance on general account £86 17s. 2d., reserve fund £13 8s. 9d., restoration fund £11 9s. 11d., war stock at face value £55.

The secretary's report shows that the membership increased by 115, and the number of towers in union by 15, which was a very healthy sign. One regretful thing, however, is that the hon. members have decreased by 24. Towers in union now number 182, ringing members 1,515, life and unattached members 440, hon. members 217, total 2,172. The peal list was very small for the Guild, only 40 being rung, and of that number only four Surprise, viz., two each of Cambridge Major and Minor.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th, and, despite the restricted travelling facilities, a representative gathering attended, although the number was not quite so large as usual. The towers represented were Beachampton, Calverton, Fenny Stratford, Great Brickhill, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Shenley and the local ringers. Representatives of the Beds Association and Towcester and District Association were also present. The bells, a nice ring of 8, were set going about 2.30 p.m. A fully choral service was held, at which the Rev. J. A. Amies, of Edgecott, gave the address.

An excellent tea was partaken of on the Rectory lawn. Before the meeting started the Secretary asked the members to stand in silence as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. F. E. Booth, of Emberton, who had been a member of the branch since its formation, had occupied the position of secretary and treasurer, and had also been on the branch committee.

The usual business was then proceeded with, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, taking the chair.—The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) addressed the meeting, giving details of the Guild's work, and also the business of the Central Council. He reported on the completion of the Washbrook Memorial.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, explained the financial position of the Guild, and complimented the branch on its healthy condition, which reflected credit on the work of the branch officials.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert gave a few words of advice, and thanked the members for their contribution to the Washbrook Memorial.

The Chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the preacher for his address, to the choir for assisting, and to the ladies for providing tea.—This brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Ringing was then resumed, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

DOUBLE EVENT AT EAST BUDLEIGH.

BELLS DEDICATED ON VICAR'S 89th BIRTHDAY.

East Budleigh parishioners joined heartily on Saturday, May 29th, in celebrating the re-opening and dedication of the bells of All Saints' Church after restoration. The day was also the eighty-ninth birthday of the Vicar and the forty-second year of his vicariate.

The six bells have been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon (where the Vicar of East Budleigh was at one time a curate), Nos. 1, 2 and 5 being recast, and the others tuned. They have been hung in a new iron frame, carried on girders that will stand the strain of two more bells if it should be decided to complete the octave in the future. The fittings throughout and the ropes are new, and on the most approved principles.

The bells were used during the afternoon by ringers of the parish and district, including Otterton, Colaton Raleigh, Withycombe Raleigh, Hartford, Littleham (two bands), Exeter, Honiton, and Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Morton Bassett, Wilts. They all expressed themselves delighted with the 'go' of the bells and their vastly improved tone and tune.

The formal dedication of the bells took place at 5.30 in the afternoon, when the church was crowded. Dr. Trefusis, Bishop of Crediton, performed the dedication in the ringing chamber, and gave an address from the chancel steps.

After a public tea, the Vicar was presented with a wireless set on behalf of the parishioners.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans district was held at St. Albans on Saturday, and was attended by about forty ringers, including the president, hon. treasurer, and three of the district secretaries of the association. St. Peter's tower was open from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and every advantage was taken of the opportunity, some very good ringing being done in various methods. Tea was served and the business meeting held at the Clarendon Hotel, the president (Mr. B. Jarman) occupying the chair.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at North Mymms on Saturday, July 17th, but a clashing of local events makes it necessary to hold the meeting on the 24th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

Mr. Horton (secretary Watford district) invited those present to Aldenham on the following Saturday for the re-opening of the bells.

The cathedral was visited afterwards, and the methods rung included Bristol and London Surprise. Other ringers visited the two six-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, June 5th, a most successful meeting of the above district was held at Sunbury. The bells are by Taylors, one of their early Simpson-tuned peals, and are acknowledged by everyone to be exceptionally fine. Ringing was in charge of Mr. J. R. Mackman, Acting Master of the district; and courses and touches in the standard methods were brought round, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

A welcome ringing visitor was the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane, Vicar of Twickenham, who had just been appointed Rural Dean, and who said that his first official duty was this visit to the ringers.

Forty members sat down to tea, and the usual business meeting was afterwards held, Mr. J. A. Trollope being in the chair. Those present included Messrs. T. Beadle, Pullinger, Hunnisett, Pike, Herbert, Miss Moss, and the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier.

After tea the pretty village of Shepperton was visited by some, and ringing done on the five bells there.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is quite true that Shipway published a Surprise Method to which he gave the name of 'Superlative Royal.'

I venture to say it is also quite certain that if Shipway had known anything about the Round Blocks of which methods are formed he would never have given the name of 'Superlative' to the Royal Method that he published.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

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Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S TOUR.

In order to get in touch with some of the outlying towers in the Guildford district, a ringing tour was arranged for Whit-Monday, and proved very successful. The towers selected were Newdigate and Capel, close to the Sussex border. In the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden), who was in Spain on business for his firm, Mr. W. R. Melville, chairman of committee, was in charge, assisted by Mr. R. Whittington, District Representative of Cranleigh. Newdigate was reached about 11 a.m., and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

At Capel, the ringers were met by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Carver, who gave them a hearty welcome. There is a promising young band here, just able to ring, and they are being instructed by some of the members of the old change ringing company, including Mr. E. Jordan, one of the band who rang the peal of 10,080 changes of Minor in 14 different methods in the early days of the Winchester Guild. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A move was then made to the district meeting at Ewhurst, passing through Ockley, where there is another ring of six bells, but unringable, the bell frame being in a very unsatisfactory condition.

The bells at Ewhurst were available at 3 p.m., and a service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, who also gave an address. The Guild form was used, with special hymns from the mission hymn book. Tea was provided on the lawn of the Crown Inn, 40 sitting down.

Ringers were present from Guildford, Godalming, Clandon, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Wimbledon, Seale, Shere and Haslemere. After tea, there being no business to be done, the ringers again visited the belfry, and indulged in various methods till about 8 o'clock, when the company dispersed, thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district of the Guild was held at Fawley on Saturday, June 5th. The peal of six bells was available during the afternoon by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. N. Harvey). Only two towers of the district were represented, however, viz., North Stoneham and Winchester. A welcome was extended to Mr. F. Rogers, district secretary, Portsmouth, Mr. F. Burnett, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bayley (Fareham). The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which two of the local band took part.

After tea a short meeting was held, Mr. Geo. Williams presiding. Two of the local band were elected members of the Guild, thereby adding another tower to the district.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Wills for the arrangements made.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, who is lying ill in Lyndhurst Cottage Hospital.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells—G. Williams (conductor) 1-2, F. Rogers 3-4, F. S. Bayley 5-6, F. E. Burnett 7-8.

The next meeting will be held at Hursley on August 28th.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT YEOVIL.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 5th, the following towers being represented: Exeter Cathedral, Wootton Bassett, Dorchester, Street, Yeovil, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, and East Coker. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. N. S. Holbrook, an adjournment was made to the belfry for the unveiling and dedication of a peal board recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung on Saturday, September 19th, 1925, by members of the association.

At the request of the branch secretary, Mr. F. Farrant, Mr. J. E. Baker, a member of the peal band and captain of the Yeovil Guild, unveiled the board. The Rev. A. N. S. Holbrook said the dedicatory prayers and committed the board to the safe keeping of the steward, Mr. John Goodchild, who is also churchwarden of the Parish Church.

Mr. Goodchild said it gave him great pleasure to accept this handsome tablet. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Yeovil, who took the greatest interest in the bells and the ringers.

Mr. L. A. Wilson, on behalf of the peal band, said it gave them great pleasure to be able to place a board there recording such a performance. It had been their endeavour to provide a board worthy of being placed on the walls of the belfry of this very fine church, and he hoped new members would look up to it and try to follow the example. He believed in Yeovil they had a band of ringers who rang for the love of their art and the service of the church.

Tea was served in the schoolroom by ladies of the congregation of the Parish Church. A business meeting followed, Mr. Holbrook presiding in the absence of the president (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock).

East Coker was chosen for the next meeting.

The secretary expressed the thanks of the branch to the Vicar of Yeovil for the use of the bells, etc., and also thanked the organist and the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea. Mr. Goodchild suitably responded.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 min.: T. Tabrett 1, J. Parsons 2, J. Garrett 3, A. C. Kay 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett 6, E. W. Powell (conductor) 7, G. Swaffer 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, June 13th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Cutmor 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, J. A. Trollope 4, H. Bungay 5, J. W. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, H. Belcher 9, H. Folkard 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on June 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis 4, R. S. Cook (King's Langley) conductor 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, June 6th, for matins, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 55 mins.: H. Batty 1, L. A. Wilson 2, F. Hunt 3, S. Ricketts 4, C. Norman 5, W. Goldstone 6, E. T. Griffin 7, J. E. Baker (conductor) 8, W. Fry 9, T. J. Setter 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells for all except ringers 2, 7 and 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday morning, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: S. W. Corden 1, T. Smith 2, W. Henley 3, T. Farr 4, L. Stilwell 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Rung on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning service, 1,728 Oxford Treble Bob Major: F. Borrett 1, C. Brice 2, G. Howlett 3, E. Whiting 4, A. Smith 5, H. Adcock 6, R. Riches 7, T. Adcock 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. W. Crabb 1, F. G. Springham 2, W. P. Roe 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, C. A. Button 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, June 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): H. Fletcher 1, J. Lord 2, J. Plew 3, W. Lancaster 4, W. Poyser 5, A. Mould 6, C. Porter 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning prayer, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being two six-scores each of Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Singles, and two and a half of Grandsire: J. Harper 1, Miss C. Fields 2, Miss K. Willers (conductor) 3, F. Haynes 4, A. Wilson 5. Arranged for Miss Fields, of St. Neots.

GRAVESEND.—At the Parish Church, on May 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss D. Tall 1, S. Sandford 2, J. Cheesman (conductor) 3, R. Constant 4, E. J. Beer 5, W. J. Beer 6, G. Morrad 7, E. Hadlow 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 6th first quarter.

EXETER.—On May 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Hosgood 2, R. Davey (first quarter on a bob bell) 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. H. Austin (Croydon) 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, S. R. Roper (Croydon) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Green 1, J. C. Truss (conductor) 2, H. Badger 3, R. W. Atkins 4, F. Nicholls, jun., 5, W. Theobald 6, C. Green 7, H. Buckingham 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, May 23rd, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Mountford 1, C. B. Ryles 2, F. Trines 3, W. Corfield 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.—Also for evensong, 720 Cunecastre Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, F. Trines (conductor) 2, J. W. Walker 3, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—Also for evensong, on May 30th, 720 Coldstream Surprise, standing as above.

MARLOW RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the ringers attached to All Saints' Church, Great Marlow, Bucks, took place on Saturday, May 29th. Leaving Marlow by charabanc at 1.30 p.m., they arrived at Hurst, their first stop, about 2.15 p.m., and, after viewing the church, rang short touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob. At Wokingham, where they arrived at 4 o'clock, they were met by Mr. Brown, who had the bells ready, and several short touches were rung. After tea the journey was continued to Warfield, where there is a lovely peal of eight, both in tone and going. Touches of Major (Kent), Stedman and Grandsire were tried till 7.30, when the journey was started for home. After passing through glorious scenery, Marlow was reached as the clock was striking nine, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th; St. Magnus' on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 19th. Service and dedication of the new bell at 3.30. Tea, at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Buses for Whiston leave the old Cattle Market, Rotherham, at 1.15, 1.50, 2.30, 3.5, 3.45 and 4.20.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. per head.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Harrow Weald bells after tea. Rectory garden open for use of members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. Will members please note change of date? All ringers cordially invited. — W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, June 19th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.). Bells of St. James' (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at liberty from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. As the committee of the association are meeting here, will all members make an effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Herts.—The bells of this charming old village will be opened on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 19th. Bells will be available during afternoon and evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 19th. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec. 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) available at 3. Tea: Members (fully paid) 1s., others 1s. 6d., Lloyd's Restaurant at 5. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. General meeting after tea.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseal, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) and Overseal (8) available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Netherseal Rectory, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Headington Church on Thursday, June 24th, at 6 p.m. Ringing only, no service or business meeting. Bells (6) available till 9 p.m.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13. Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and meeting. Arrangements are made for motors to leave Staple Hill at 2.30. Will those requiring a seat, and taking tea, kindly notify by 22nd inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting. Will those intending to take tea (moderate charge) please notify Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Rd., Derby, not later than June 23rd.— Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, June 26th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped to have a large attendance. The village is very picturesque, and bells (8) are in excellent order. Those who intend to be present should intimate to W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh (8) on Saturday, June 26th. Service 4.15, tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Northern Division —The annual meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) will be available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Carpenter's Arms (2/6 each) for all who notify the Hon. Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 belis) on Saturday, June 26th, at 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Collingham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send in their names to the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Collingham Vicarage, Leeds, not later than June 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS (Estab. 1623).—The Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells open at 9 a.m. A luncheon will be held at 1 o'clock, price 2/-. All visitors welcome, and will those wishing to be present kindly send word by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch Spring meeting (postponed from May 15th) will be held at Tackley on Saturday, June 26th. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (President). Tea at Tackley Park, 4 p.m., at 1. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Tackley (6), Wootton (6), Woodstock (8), Rousham (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. Evetts, Jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., Palmer Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to tea time. St. John's after tea. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. F. Larbey, 5, Newark Road, South Croydon, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting is to be held at Brabourne, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, by Tuesday, June 22nd.—A. C. Kay, District Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30. where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius' Churches (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present will kindly advise the Sec. not later than the 23rd.—George S. Taylor, District Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 3rd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in St. Thomas' Church 4 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Meetings and tea will be at St. Thomas' Parish Hall (Green Row Rooms). Those requiring tea please notify me by July 1st. Towers available: St. Thomas' (8), St. Mary's, Portsea (8), and Alverstoke (8). All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for branch president for the next two years.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Details will be announced later.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading

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