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BELLS AND 'WIRELESS.'

A pertinent point is raised by a correspondent in another column, by the suggestion that some step should be taken to ensure that only the best ringing should be broadcast. The writer is quite correct when he says that some of the ringing which has been 'sent over' to listeners has been of very poor quality, and likely to be detrimental to the interests of ringing. Readers will remember that at the Central Council meeting at Chester last year a resolution was passed with a view to getting the British Broadcasting Company to substitute, for the chiming, which at that period was the only sound of bells which the public heard by wireless, some genuine examples of our art. Since that time, undoubtedly largely as the result of the representations made, there have been numerous broadcasts of bell ringing, but unfortunately not all of them have been above reproach in regard to the striking. The fault has sometimes been due, as our correspondent points out, to the fact that the B.B.C., anxious to include the bells of some particular church in their programme, usually as a prelude to a service, has done so without realising the capabilities of the ringers. The consequent performance must occasionally have left the lay public far from impressed with the rhythmic beauty of change ringing, and such dislike as may thus be created might quite possibly become the germ of opposition to ringing generally.

Unquestionably it would be a step in the right direction if the B.B.C. could be induced to set up a sort of consulting committee of ringers, who would be able to advise them on this matter. The Central Council might well take the initiative, although in this case it does not necessarily follow that an Advisory Committee exclusively of members of the Council would be best able to give the broadcasting authorities the information they ought to have. It is delicate ground, but the position ought nevertheless to be faced, for bells have been very much to the fore in broadcasting programmes recently, and not only are early impressions lasting, but they will doubtless decide whether bells shall form any part of future programmes. Admitting that every hand does its best upon this, as it should upon every occasion, it has also to be realised that some men are far from perfect strikers. We have heard broadcasts in which, perhaps, one bell has been consistently slow, with the result that in every change there has been an irritating gap. The ringer of the bell, in such a case, obviously had no 'ears,' neither presumably had the conductor. This is but one example of the type of ringing which may be injurious to the art in the public opinion, but it illustrates our point that it is not every band that is fitted for such an important task as broadcasting. We hope our correspondent's letter

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will rouse the Exercise to the seriousness of the matter, and that something may be done to co-operate with the B.B.C. in securing only the best performances of our art for wireless listeners.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	Treble	*THOMAS BEVAN 7
FRANK SMITH 2		GEORGE A. CARD 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3		WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
CHARLES V. HARE 4		LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... 10
STAFFORD H. GREEN 5		JAMES BENNETT 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6		EDWIN PUGH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS

* First peal of Stedman inside.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT 2	Treble	*JOHN C. ADAMS 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2		BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
*ROBERT PICKERING 3		EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9
JOHN BASS 4		WILLIAM A. COOPER 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5		WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 11
*ROBERT MATTHEWS 6		*SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Langley to Mr. J. Elcock, the bride being the sister of one of the local ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... 2	Treble	GEORGE J. HARMAN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2		WILLIAM ESSERY 6
LESTER CRAY 3		JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7
†GEORGE DAWSON 4		WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from the tenor behind. † First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble		ROBERT BRUNDLE 5
JAMES DURRANT 2		CHARLES PARKER 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3		GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4		GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble		ERNEST PITSTOW 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2		WALTER AYRE 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3		THOMAS J. WAYTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4		GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

STONY STRATFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BECKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Treble	† HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 5
* WILLIAM G. CLARKE ... 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 3	EDWIN YATES ... 7
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal of Major. 50th peal as conductor. Rung on eve of St. Bartholomew's Day, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Major on bells.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD ... Treble	* HARRY CHAMBERS ... 5
JOHN J. MAWBY ... 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
JOHN KING ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
JOHN R. MAIN ... 4	JAMES T. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of Triples on the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

AMOS W. CLARK ... Treble	JAMES E. COOPER ... 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
DANIEL COOPER ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Edith Stark, the fiancée of the conductor, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Charles H. Kippin.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

* ALFRED BLOGG ... Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. J. Leatherbarrow's first attempt to ring London.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE CLAXTON ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
BEN S. THOMPSON ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	FREDR. J. HOWCHIN ... 7
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, and was published in 'The Ringing World' on August 6th, 1926.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Tizzard 1, N. E. Elliott 2, J. Wren 3, R. V. Johnson 4, F. Willey 5, A. J. Bull 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ARNOLD HILL ... Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 6
GIBSON JACKSON ... 3	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 4	ROBERT SARSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... Treble	JOHN BURLS ... 5
CHARLES WATERMAN ... 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... 6
* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 7
* HARRY ARGENT ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	† GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
* WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First in the method on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS WILSON ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
JAMES A. TEALE ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 4	ARTHUR TROTTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wooton.

LONGEST TOUCH ON NEW BELLS.

At West Clandon Church on Monday evening, August 23rd, as a compliment to the Earl of Onslow on his 50th birthday, a quarter-peal of Minor in 48 mins. (360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): H. Harding, sen. (longest touch) 1, G. Grover 2, G. Worsfold 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. Longest touch on the bells since they were restored after the fire in 1914.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM J. JOHNSON 3	HENRY JENNINGS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman.

SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	CHARLES TRIBE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.	Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.
GEORGE R. PYE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	CHARLES TRIBE 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY MARLOW Treble	JOSEPH DEAN 4
* ARTHUR ROBINSON 2	WALTER AUSTIN 5
JACK DOVE 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd bells.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODB.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS HAWKES Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4
WILLIAM C. WASLEY 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOSHUA STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HARRIS.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JOHN E. METCALFE Treble	RAYMOND J. WEBB 4
* STANLEY C. J. ASHMAN 2	CYRIL S. P. WEBB 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS 3	* WILLIAM G. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal and first attempt.

MICHAELCHURCH ESKLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* WILLIAM J. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS 3
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN BOURNE 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 23, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: W. R. J. POULSON.

First handbell peal of Minor by the above Association.

WESTON UNDERWOOD.—On Thursday, August 26th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Fisher 1, W. H. Hewett 2, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 3, W. Freeman 4, E. S. Mynard 5, Reuben Sanders 6.—Also 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire, with F. Boswell, A. Freeman, H. Lovell and R. Perkins taking part.—Also on the previous evening at St. Peter's, Olney, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung by the above. This ringing was specially arranged for Messrs. Sanders and Hewett, who were on holiday in this district, and thanks are due to Mr. W. Freeman for his arrangements.

THE 'SURFLEET WEEK'

SPALDING, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, August 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	J. WILLIAM WOOD 5
*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	WALTER AYRE 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, August 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, August 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six-and-a-Half Minutes,*

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, August 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 300th peal for the Lincoln Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

second peal was attempted, but came to a sudden end after one and a half hours' ringing.

Sunday, August 22nd.—Three of the more energetic members of the party were early astir, and a peal of Bob Minor was brought round previous to breakfast, thus enabling Mr. and Mrs. F. I. to complete the list of Plain Bob on handbells, both having now rung peals of this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung for morning service at the Church of St. Lawrence. After dinner, an attempt was made for Bob Major with mine host and hostess, this being successfully accomplished in 2 hours 27 minutes. Rupert being desirous of christening his new 'rifle range,' a peal of Bob Royal was rung after tea; thus the last day of a very pleasant week closed with ringing Minor, Major and Royal all within thirteen hours.

Monday, August 23rd.—The unwelcome day had arrived, and parting commenced at the early hour of 7 a.m., the 'bachelors' leaving later, that hour being far too early for the notorious trunk and its owner.

Once again the party thank Mr. and Mrs. Rupert for their unstinted hospitality.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

IN THE WORKSHOP AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
*FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor in hand, thus completing the sequence from Minor to Maximus on handbells.

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

IN THE NEW BULB SHED,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

THE SURFLEET 'DIARY.'

Saturday, August 14th, saw the arrival of the party for the 'good old annual' at Surfleet, the now famous trunk arriving in good time, with 'Old Bill' bringing up the rear. Unfortunately, the gathering was not so large this year, Mrs. W. Ayre being unable to be present owing to her little daughter being on the sick list.

Sunday, August 15th.—In the morning a visit was paid to the Parish Church, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters being rung for morning service. After dinner, preparations were made for a visit to Boston. Arriving at the famous 'Stump,' a gentle climb to the ringing room (180ft. from the ground) was not at all appreciated by some of the members, but the view to be seen from the top of the tower was full compensation for the climb. The close proximity of the bells to the ringing room, and the huge dome standing up in the middle of the floor, make the tower unique, although not conducive to comfortable ringing, but, despite these drawbacks, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service.

Monday, August 16th.—Work was the order, and after the 'townies' had spent a full day in the field amongst the wheat and oats there was more than one aching limb, but no one regretted doing a little work for a change. Retiring at 11 p.m., old Bill's bed was not at all to his liking, which necessitated its removal to the bottom of the stairs, where he was left heaping showers of blessings upon the ladies.

Tuesday, August 17th.—A visit was first paid to Spalding market. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the bells at the Parish Church were set going to Cambridge Surprise Major, and after 3 hours 23 minutes' ringing a good peal was brought round, this being Rupert's first in the method as conductor and his better half's first peal of Major in the method. After the peal, the party were welcomed by the Vicar, full justice being done to the meat tea kindly provided by him. The band were unanimous in their opinion that Messrs. Taylor had made a good job of rehanging the peal.

Wednesday, August 18th.—Work was again the order of the day, but the clerk of the weather was in an undecided mood until mid-day, when he finally settled matters for the party, a peal of Bob Royal being brought round in fine style. This day will always be remembered as a black one, the behaviour of the 'bachelors' necessitating a visit from the local police.

Thursday, August 19th, was allotted for a day at the seaside, and all were on the move earlier than usual, despite the fact that the 'bachelors' had had a somewhat restless night!

Friday, August 20th.—Breakfast over, an early start was made for Bob Royal, which came round a few minutes before dinner. The afternoon was spent in watching other people work, while in the evening a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was brought round, much to the satisfaction of all.

Saturday, August 21st.—This was commenced in the usual way by the party wishing Rupert 'many happy returns of the day,' and then ringing a peal of Bob Royal in honour of his birthday. A (Continued at foot of previous column.)

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The following are Mr. Segar's instructions for tapping changes, according to a system which will work in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, and the few other methods in which the coursing order of the bells is not broken or practically not broken throughout the course.

'At first do not use handbells, but obtain a circular piece of cardboard, say, seven or eight inches in diameter, and write on its edge, as on a clock face, as many figures as required in this order—

2 4 6 8 10 9 7 5 3 1
For example, try eight figures—

5
7 3
8 1
6 2
4

It is necessary to use two hands, say the forefinger of each. Place R.F. (right-hand finger) on 1 and L.F. (left-hand finger) on 2. Move them in opposite directions until they meet.

Thus R.F. will tap 1 3 5 7 and

L.F. will tap 2 4 6 8.

Now tap alternately, starting with R.F. on 1, and you produce rounds. Then, still starting with R.F. on 1 and L.F. on 2, tap alternately, beginning with L.F., and you will produce 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7. You have now finished (both ways) with pair 1—2.

Take the next pair in clock-wise direction, namely, 2 and 4.

First R.F. start produces 2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7.

Then L.F. start produces 4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5.

It should be noted that in arithmetic there are only four pairs in eight, but round this clock face there are eight pairs, which must be used clock-wise—12—24—46—68—87—75—53—31.

Start twice from each pair, first clock-wise, and then anti-clockwise, which produces the first lead of Plain Bob on any number so far as the row 1 3 2 5 4 7 6, etc.

Every time the treble leads move the treble anti-clockwise, as shown:—

5
7 1
8 3
6 2
4

This clock face contains the sixteen changes of the second lead. After satisfying himself that this is so, the tapper should throw away this card and practice this lead on the original clock face. He must get used to tapping 1 between 3 and 5 and omitting it where written.

Similarly with all the other positions of the treble moved anti-clockwise, until you have tapped the plain course. Then fetch out the handbells and hang them as under—

7 5 3 1
8 6 4 2

You still have the clock face, but it is a very much flattened circle.

For Kent move 2 round, then 4, and so on.

For Grandsire move 1 and 2 round.'

I have copied these directions exactly as Mr. Segar wrote them, for they are quite clear. Obviously, however, the directions for tapping Kent would in practice require a little amplification.

Now here is something to amuse a ringer for an hour or two on a winter's evening. And when he understands it he will learn something more than just how to tap a plain course. For the system is based on the most important thing in Method Construction—the law of cyclical movement.

If the reader is interested he may, when he has mastered Mr. Segar's directions, turn to the article I wrote in 'The Ringing World' of February 20th, 1925, on Constructional Shunts. This tapping is a practical example of what I was there trying to explain. And, perhaps, if he is clever enough, he may from my article find a way to adapt this system to such methods as Double Norwich or Double Oxford. It is easy to see from Mr. Segar's letter how it can be adapted to Reverse Bob and Double Bob. Note, too, the light it throws on another question at one time much disputed about by the experts of the Exercise—the question of whether Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same method.

Here you have a proof of the truth of Shipway's statement that Grandsire is only bob ringing with a bell in the hunt, for in tapping them you use exactly the same means, only in the latter you move 1 only through the other bells, and in the former you move 1—2.

Though Mr. Segar does not deal with anything beyond the plain course, it is easy to understand how to ring touches. When a bob is called you must not only move the treble one step anti-clockwise, but also the two bells at the time coursing one in front and one behind it. You must then remember the altered coursing order of the working bells, and move the treble among them. The thing now begins to be difficult—not nearly so difficult as tapping by transposing every change, for you have to alter the imaginary positions of your bells once only every lead. From lead head to lead end the process is practically mechanical—but more than difficult enough to be the master of the vast majority of us ordinary ringers.

EARL SHILTON AND BARWELL RINGERS COMBINE.

A long run was enjoyed by the ringers of Earl Shilton and Barwell, on the occasion of their annual outing, when they were accompanied by a few friends, including Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton and Mr. Tom Cooper, of Sapcote. A lovely bus was 'commandeered,' and a start was made from Barwell about mid-day. Leadenham was reached about 3.30, the journey being a very pleasant one, which took the party through Leicester. A halt was made to refresh the inner man at Melton Mowbray, then on through Grantham. A nice view was seen whilst travelling through Rutland, with Belvoir Castle towering above the tall trees in the distance, and looking a fine picture in the bright sunshine. When Leadenham was reached, the fine peal of six bells were soon going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob. A call was made at Fulbeck, and several touches rung on the light six there before the party got back to the eight bells at Caythorpe, but this was the Eight Bells Inn, where a fine meat tea awaited the visitors. When all were satisfied, the other eight bells were visited, namely, those in a grand tower and steeple. The bells, a beautiful light peal, were soon set going, but unfortunately the ringing was brought to a sudden stop. Everyone had had a good ring, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. During a course of Kent Treble Bob Major the sixth rope broke. This put 'paid' to the ringing, except for the handbells. The return journey was made through Newark, and home reached about midnight, after a pleasant day.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12 part) in 41 mins.: C. Lovell 1, A. J. Backshall 2, H. Gravett 3, A. J. Feist 4, J. Parsons 5, T. Stringer 6, J. Feist (conductor) 7, G. Gaston 8. The ringers belong to Burgess Hill and Keymer.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH AT MARSHFIELD.**

In delightful weather the monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Marshfield, on Saturday last. The Bristol contingent enjoyed the motor trip of 12½ miles from the city. It is hoped that this chartering of a motor for all meetings outside the city will be made a feature of the excursions in the future. The following towers were represented: Bristol (St. James', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', St. Luke's), Almondsbury, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Warmley, and a full muster of the local band, and the following were welcome visitors: Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. W. H. Brown, T. F. King, W. Prescott (Bath), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), F. C. Haynes (Cambridge University Guild), F. Lambeth (Chippingham), and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), making a total of 42.

Ringing commenced at 3, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Asplen). At the short business meeting, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), who welcomed all their visitors, Messrs. F. C. Benger (Dorchester, Dorset) and F. E. Haynes (Cambridge University) were elected life members.

A card was sent round in support of the restoration of the peal of bells at Deane, Hampshire, where the present Vicar (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) is making a special effort to raise funds for this worthy object, and the chairman, Messrs. W. A. Cave, and E. Guise appealed for support. It is pleasing to be able to say that the appeal was not made in vain. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies took great interest in the Gloucester and Bristol Association while living in the diocese.

Mr. Heginbotham proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist and blower, to the local band, especially Mr. Beazer, the local secretary, for preparing tea, and to the ladies for waiting at the tables. He also gave the meeting, in his well-known gifted style, his own opinion on many matters appertaining to making ringers and ringing a success.

After the meeting, several of the members visited the Vicarage grounds and gardens, which were much appreciated. They also visited the last resting place of the late secretary of the local band, Mr. W. Lewis, who did much in his time for the ringers and ringing at Marshfield, and his happy face was missed at the meeting.

Good practice was obtained on the bells, the methods varying from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, and some of the ringers had their first touch in the different methods. The members spent a very pleasant and interesting afternoon.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Alsom, where the grand old peal have been restored, and it is hoped to see a large gathering of the clans present.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.**CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

The explanation of the calling of Grandsire Doubles given last week should have given the young conductor sufficient insight to enable him to call any of the different 120's that are given in the ringing books, with which every aspirant in ringing should have armed himself. In case, however, there may be any young conductor who has no such book in his possession, it may be pointed out that in addition to the calling explained in the last notes, namely, a bob at alternate leads, with a single substituted for one of the bobs at a corresponding place in each half, there is another simple form which produces 120. This is to call a single every time the observation bell is in 4-5 up and a bob at each alternate 'Before,' which is when the observation bell makes 3rd's. Thus you can call a single the first time the observation bell is in 4-5 up, a bob the next lead (when it is 'Before'), and a single the next lead, when it is again in 4-5 up. You then omit a call the next lead, when the observation bell is again 'Before.' Or you can begin with a bob at the first 'Before,' and omit it the next time the observation bell makes third's.

The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples reported in last week's issue, in this column, without giving the tower, was rung at Pendleton.

At Walthamstow, on Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: Leslie R. Welch (aged 14) 1, C. T. Coles 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. Maynard, sen., 4, J. C. Adams 5, H. Rumens (conductor) 6. First 720 and longest length by the ringer of the treble.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes: T. Gasson 1, W. Watts 2, L. Wheatland 3, E. J. Davey (conductor) 4, W. Wheeler 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, A. Absalom 8. Rung in honour of W. Watts' birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In a very impressive service, on Sunday afternoon, the new ring of twelve bells at York Minster were dedicated. The important event was broadcast, and thus hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country were able to listen to and, in a sense, share in this noteworthy event. The rounds rung on the bells were eagerly listened to by ringers, and from many parts of the country we have received praises of the magnificent ring which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have erected. The 'ringers' day' has not yet been fixed.

The first peal on the bells at Michaelchurch Eskley, Herefordshire, was rung on Sunday. These are a ring of five cast by Rudhall in 1732. It is hoped to add a new treble in the near future. At present there is a sum of £40 in hand towards the fund, and the parishioners intend to endeavour to raise the remainder during the coming winter.

Arrangements are now nearing completion for the Yorkshire commemorative dinner, which will be held this year at Sheffield, on September 18th. Notwithstanding the present crisis in the industrial world, it is hoped that an effort will be made by ringers to attend the gathering to honour the memories of past founders and uphold the traditions of the association.

Mr. Segar's explanation of one method of 'tapping,' which Mr. Trollope deals with in his 'Notes by the Way,' recalls the letter of Mr. H. Dew, in our issue of July 9th, suggesting that it would be interesting to have the opinion of some of our readers as to whom they consider the greatest exponent of these wonderful performances. Mr. Dew's letter was printed as referring to 'peal lapping,' whereas it should have been 'peal tapping.'

Yesterday was the anniversary of a peal of 5,039 Grandsire Caters, the first on the bells, rung at Bishop's Stortford, on September 2nd, 1820, by the Junior Society of College Youths.

On September 6th, 1807, a peal of 6,140 'Bob Major Royal' was rung in 4 hrs. 23 mins. on the famous and now departed Coventry bells.

Thomas Tolladay took part in a peal of 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth, on September 7th, 1830.

At St. George's, Southwark, a peal of Bob Triples was rung on September 9th, 1750.

Mrs. Pulling, of Guildford, who suffered from concussion owing to the motor-cycle spill on the first day of the Somerset tour, was still in Sherborne Hospital at the beginning of this week. She is, however, going on very satisfactorily.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR BRIGHTON.

Brighton is to have another new peal of bells. An order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for a ring of eight for the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Brighton already has two modern peals of ten, viz., at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'. If two trebles were added at the former church, where the tenor is 25 cwt., the borough would possess modern rings of eight, ten and twelve. There is already an old peal of eight at St. Paul's Church, where there is now little or no ringing.

A QUAIN CAMPANOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE IN 1809

In 'The Meteor,' the Rugby School Magazine, of July 14th, 1887, is an account, written by Mr. M. H. Bloxam, then 82 years of age, of the celebrations at Rugby on the occasion of the Jubilee of King George III. on October 25th, 1809. This account also contains some reminiscences of the Rev. Charles Hume, who was a boy at the school at the period, and was, at the time of writing, Rector of Moonstoke, Hants, and 89 years of age. Mr. Hume gives the following account of a performance on Rugby Parish Church bells:—

'It was cried round the town that in the course of the day tunes would be rung on the church bells and royal salutes given in honour of his Majesty, George the Third, the whole to be performed by one person. This excited so much curiosity in me, that I determined I would see how it could possibly be done, and to satisfy myself I went up into the tower of Rugby Church, before the performance commenced. The professor was a strong-built man, and his evident self-assurance gave me confidence and expectation as I watched his proceedings. I observed that having taken a central point of the very solid floor of the belfry, he described with chalk a circle around it. He then, with the help of his assistant, a strong-looking man, drew each bell-rope just short of actually sounding the bell, and in succession secured each rope on the chalk circular line by strong staples cleverly driven home into the floor. This done, the soloist sat down in the centre of the circular arrangement of ropes, and with a surprising command of his "corporation sole," head, shoulders, elbows, wrists, hands, back, knees, feet, with a versatility and precision I could not have believed unless I had seen it done, the professor played on those strong hempen cords the popular tunes of the day, finishing with "God save the King," and for a royal salute sweeping those strong hempen cords with a continuous rolling of himself round his central pivot on the floor, which I may describe as a centrifugal convoluted hob major of himself, well deserving the applause elicited by a performance so surpassing expectation and challenging proof.'

DEATH OF MR. F. J. COPE.**RINGER AT LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.**

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick James Cope, of Lichfield, which took place on August 17th, at the age of 71 years.

Deceased's occupation was that of a printer, and he had worked at Messrs. Meacham's for the long period of 56 years when in March last he had to give up owing to illness, which proved, later, to be cancer. For the last eight weeks he had taken to his bed, and his sufferings were acute.

The funeral took place on August 22nd. The first part of the service was taken at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. H. Cresswell, Vicar, assisted by Archdeacon Bright and the Rev. Canon Penny, and the interment in St. Michael's churchyard. At the conclusion of the obsequies a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by A. Walker 1-2, H. Knight 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, and A. Paddon Smith 7-8. The bearers were six of deceased's old ringing friends from the local towers, viz.: Messrs. A. Bowler, J. Powles, C. Barratt, W. Rogers, S. Gregory and H. Gallimore. Other ringers

**THE LATE MR. F. J. COPE.**

who attended were Messrs. J. Key (aged 84) (St. Mary's), J. W. Timms (Tainworth), and J. Swinfield (Burton). Many floral tributes were sent, amongst which was one from members of the Stafford Archdeaconry in the shape of a bell with wheel attached.

A widow, five sons (two of whom are ringers), and a daughter are left to mourn their loss.

Although no record has been kept, it is known that deceased rang in upwards of 100 peals, many of which he conducted, including the four standard methods and Double Norwich. These were rung under the auspices of the Midland Counties Association, St. Martin's Guild, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Mr. Cope was one of the original members of the latter, when it was formed in 1883, and attended each annual meeting except the one in June last, when he was too ill to do so. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's for 57 years, and at the Cathedral for 53, the ringers at these towers being more or less one band undertaking duty at both places, and Mr. Cope was the conductor. His interest in ringing was maintained to the last, and a few minutes before his demise he asked that his glasses might be put on so that he could read 'The Ringing World.'

Touches of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung at St. Mary's Church and at the Cathedral, and Bob Minimus on the four old bells at St. Chad's, the tenor of which is reputed to have been cast in A.D. 1255.

Our portrait of Mr. Cope is published through the courtesy of the 'Lichfield Mercury.'

GREAT DUNMOW'S NEW TREBLES.**ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.**

An order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to add two trebles to complete the octave in St. Mary's Church, Great Dunmow, Essex. The same firm recently re-hung the existing ring of six in an iron frame and recast the three trebles. The new bells are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, October 31st, at 3 p.m.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Chorley 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, L. Gray 3, R. H. Bullen 4, W. G. Matthews 5, J. Scholes 6, F. C. Newman 7, L. Hill 8, F. Winney 9, H. Taylor 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 8th.

BELL RINGING BROADCASTS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Although one can never get much sound information, one hears from time to time that the change-ringing 'broadcast' from various towers is far from satisfactory. While the bells themselves may be satisfactory in every respect, the quality of the ringing sometimes is the subject of adverse criticism, not only from ringers, who understand the difficulty of producing a perfect touch to order, but from members of the general public who do not, but naturally expect to hear as perfect a piece of music as they would if listening in to a piano solo, for instance. Even from cathedrals and famous towers, one hears of poor performances on the wireless. This is important and serious, because it is liable either to lower the public opinion of the art of ringing or decrease the number of opportunities to broadcast, or both. It seems to be assumed that because a cathedral or other tower has a good peal of bells that the ringers there are sure to put up a good performance, whereas it is well known to ringers that this is often far from being the case.

Frequently the perfect ringing that will occur in long stretches during a peal cannot be attained in a short touch, sometimes not even in a plain course, especially on what I will call a 'nervous' occasion before the listening-in public. A company broadcast a touch of Grandsire Caters some months ago, which was severely criticised, on a good peal of bells. It is the only method they practise, and there is plenty of evidence that they seldom, if ever, accomplish a well-struck touch. To use a common term, they have been in the 'same rut' for years.

I am aware that the suggestion I shall now put forward is liable to cause controversy by its very nature, but as this question is entirely in the hands of ringers, to secure good ringing for broadcasting it should be tackled in a spirit of broadmindedness.

The suggestion is that a committee, preferably of the Central Council, be formed, to draw up a list of towers suitable for broadcasting, where competent bands are known to be in good practice, and likely to put up good performances.

This committee should be empowered to get in touch with the broadcasting authorities, and be in a position to explain why certain good peals are not available because at present the ringing is not up to the standard; secondly, to present their list of towers where good ringing is likely to be obtained. Lastly, that in big centres, at any rate, a special band might be obtained for special occasions where the local company is inefficient and could be induced to stand down.

This suggestion is drastic, but surely necessary. If ringers are to get control of the broadcasting of their own art, some scheme should be started before the situation is out of control. It could scarcely call up bad feeling if ringers generally really love the best of their art, and have the desire to present only the best to the public, always remembering that a bad performer in any other form of art is liable to be hissed off the stage.—Yours, etc.,

'OUT-OF-COURSE.'**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The usual monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday, August 21st, when a very pleasant and instructive time was spent.

Some ringers took inside bells for the first time, one lady ringer ringing rounds for the first time, and others taking a hand in new methods. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 4.40 the Guild service was conducted by the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Seymour Collett, M.A.), Miss Hobbs, the organist, being at the organ.

Tea was held at the Church Institute, and between 20 and 30 sat down, including the Vicar, the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and the secretary (Mr. F. Green).

The Vicar spoke a few words of welcome on the first visit of the branch to Bratton since his appointment to the parish, saying how nice it was to be again, after a space of twelve years, in a parish where there was a peal of bells. He gave advice to the ringers to undertake ringing from a right motive as a work for God and His Church.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), who welcomed the new Vicar into the branch, and thanked him for the use of the bells, and conducting the service.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the organist.

Further ringing then took place, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung.

Ringers were present from Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Edington, Trowbridge, Holt, Melksham, Westbury and Warminster.

Several new members were elected, including the Rev. S. Collett (Bratton) and Mrs. W. West (Melksham).

The chairman drew the attention of the ringers to a recent article in 'The Ringing World' about individual members taking an interest in the work of their Guilds, and showing how important this was if the work was to progress.

Ringings was continued till 7.30 p.m., when some of the ringers proceeded to the fine old church at Edington, where touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Everyone present spent a pleasant time.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last, in the parish of Brecon, the towers of St. Mary's (eight bells) and St. David's (six bells) being open for ringing. A large number also journeyed by charabanc to Llanfagan, a parish situate within a few miles of Brecon, where there was a peal of eight bells also available. The towers represented at the meeting were: St. Mary's and St. David's (Brecon), Llanelly (Brecon), Talgarth, Glasbury, Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Gorseimon, Llangattock, and Llanstephan. Visiting bands from Bodwas and Caerphilly were also present, as well as Mr. John P. Fidler, of Stockport (who was on a visit to the district). Ringing commenced shortly after 11 a.m., and continued practically throughout the day.

A short service was held at the Cathedral Church of St. John at 3.15 p.m., when the president of the Guild, the Lord Bishop of the diocese, preached to a large congregation. The service was intoned by the sub-Dean (Canon Roberts), assisted by Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones, whilst the Rev. John Simon (Rural Dean) read the lesson. In the course of his address, the Bishop welcomed the ringers, and remarked that bell-ringing was quite an indispensable part of church work and life. The work of the church would be a very dull affair, and the life of the parishes would also be dull unless there came forth from the church towers the inspiring sound of the bells. He hoped in time to come there would be bells in many more towers in the diocese, and that existing bells that needed it would be improved and added to and brought up to a full number.

The Lord Bishop afterwards entertained the company to tea on the lawn of Ely Tower (the Bishop's residence).

The annual business meeting followed, presided over by the Bishop, who was supported by the sub-Dean, the Rural Dean, and Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones.

His Lordship was unanimously re-elected as president of the Guild, and the vice-presidents (the Archdeacons of Gower and Brecon), the sub-Dean (Canon Roberts), Canon H. J. Stewart, the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton, were also re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. J. Simon (Rural Dean).

Mr. J. Hammond, owing to his having removed to Newport, Mon, desired to be relieved of his duties as Master of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Pitman (Aberavon) was elected in his stead. Mr. Hammond was also secretary for the Southern District.

Messrs. W. R. Howells and Charles Powell were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively, and the committee elected were Messrs. George Lewis (Morriston), S. T. Rackham (Llanelly), Fred Thomas (Brecon St. Mary's), Charles Powell (Llangattock), R. E. Sparkes (Builth Wells), W. D. Griffiths (Talgarth), C. Morse (Sketty), D. J. Williams (Gorseimon), E. Stitch (Aberavon), J. P. Evelt (Glasbury), Geo. Morris (Llanstephan), D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton), Mrs. E. G. Bellringer (Baglan), A. Hatton (Neath), George Hardwick (Brecon St. David's), and Minor Canon T. R. J. Jones.

The hon. treasurer presented his accounts, which were adopted. A discussion took place as to what items should be a proper charge to the general fund, and several suggestions were made. It was also agreed that the expenses of the Central Council representative should be paid out of the general fund, and not made a charge on district funds as before.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Llanstephan, on July 2nd, 1927, whilst the next ringing competition is to be held at Llanelly, Breconshire, on Saturday, May 21st or 28th, 1927. The details of the latter were left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. A. J. Pitman (the newly-elected Master of the Guild) was nominated to attend the Central Council meetings.

Mr. E. Stitch (Aberavon) was appointed secretary of the Southern District, and Mr. Fred Thomas (Brecon) was appointed secretary of the Northern District.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his helpful address, for presiding over the meeting, and also for having provided tea, was proposed by Mr. D. J. Williams (Gorseimon) and seconded by Mr. Bellringer (Baglan), and unanimously accorded.

It was encouraging to find that over 100 members attended the meeting, despite the fact that many of them have been severely handicapped owing to the industrial crisis. Their effort to attend is therefore all the more to be admired. A fine tribute was paid them by the Lord Bishop in the course of his address.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 7th, the St. Giles-in-the-Fields Guild held their annual outing. The first stop was made at Christ Church, Epsom, and, after a short ring there, the party proceeded to St. Giles', Ashted, where a very enjoyable ring for about an hour was indulged in. Leatherhead Institute was then visited for tea. Later, in company with members of the Ashted and Leatherhead bands, ringing in Grandsire, Stedman Triples, London and Bristol Surprise was carried on during the evening. An adjournment to the King's Head concluded a very happy afternoon's programme. All were grateful to the respective incumbents, also to Mr. J. Wyatt, Mr. A. Dean, and the local ringers for their kind welcome and arrangements for the visitors.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. BANBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Banbury branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Banbury on Saturday, August 14th. After some preliminary ringing, service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. Canon Jones officiated, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane, Vicar of Great Tew.

Tea was served at the George and Dragon Hotel, and was followed by the annual meeting, at which the Rev. W. F. MacFarlane presided, supported by Canon Jones and the branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. R. Lewis.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £2 11s. 4d., was adopted, and the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was re-elected president and the Rev. W. F. MacFarlane vice-president.

At the suggestion of the chairman, Canon Jones, who was an honorary member of the Guild, was elected a patron of the district, the motion being carried with acclamation.

Mr. Lewis was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, with thanks for his past services. An invitation from the Vicar of Wardington to hold the next branch meeting in that parish was accepted with thanks, the date fixed being October 30th.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary of the Guild, was present, and also represented the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. He said he was pleased to be with them that day. If the Master of the Guild could not come to every meeting they must not think that he was not thinking of the branches. They had thirteen branches in full swing, and every branch held four meetings a year, and if they kept their dates separate they would see what a job the Master of the Guild had. They had, however, the finest Master (applause). What they wanted, not only in the Oxford Guild, but in every association in the country, was local enthusiasm. Fifty years ago there were plenty of enthusiasts and change-ringing was brought up to a fine standard, but to-day the picture palaces, dances and whist drives had their attraction, and it was difficult to get young ringers. They must not, however, be discouraged, for by helping someone to become a ringer they were doing something for the Church. Another thing was to make a branch successful like their chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary had made that one, which entailed a vast amount of work and a good deal of patience. He would ask the members to back them up to the best of their ability, and one of the finest ways of doing that was to be local enthusiasts and get the young blood. He felt sure that if the members paid their subscriptions when due he did not think Mr. Lewis would want to resign the branch secretaryship (applause).

A Deddington member asked if the Banbury ringers could visit the Deddington Church.

Mr. Lewis said they had tried to arrange monthly practices at the different towers affiliated to the branch, but the difficulty was to get six change-ringers together. In their local band they had eight or nine change-ringers, but unfortunately when one was free another would be working at nights.

Mr. R. Coleman, of Great Tew, was elected as a new member, and certificates were presented to the members elected at the last meeting.

Mr. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Banbury for the use of the bells, to the organist for presiding at the organ during the service, and to the vice-chairman for his admirable address and also for presiding at the meeting. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Canon Jones said it had been a great pleasure to allow the use of the tower and also the use of the church on that occasion. Their thanks, he thought, were really due to the Vicar of Great Tew for his very interesting and instructive address, and to the organist, Mr. C. R. Palmer, for coming to play. Their thanks were also due to their excellent secretary for the arrangements made, which had passed without a hitch. A secretary's life, like a policeman's, was not always a happy one, but Mr. Lewis was always happy when working in the belfry and on behalf of the Guild (applause).

After the meeting, the bells were again rung. The methods practised during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Several rang their first touch of Triples.

Ringers were present from Appleton, Banbury, Churchill, Adderbury, Deddington, Cropredy, Wallington, Southam, Warmingston and Great Tew.

MANGOTSFIELD RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 21st, the members of the St. James' Guild, Mangotsfield, together with a few friends, to the number of 28, held their annual outing. Leaving Mangotsfield at 9 a.m. in a 'Maid of the Mountains' charabanc, they proceeded through Nailsworth, Stroud, Painswick, Cheltenham, and Tewkesbury, to Upton-on-Severn, where they pulled up at the Star Hotel and sat down to lunch. They were met by Mr. Charles Camm, who escorted them to the church tower, where there is a lovely ring of eight bells. These were raised, and touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major brought round. The bells were then lowered, and the party proceeded to Great Malvern, and visited St. Anne's Well, where they all imbibed and felt much better. Having walked round the hills to Malvern Wells, they reached the Nag's Head Inn for tea. The return was through Ledbury and Gloucester, and everyone enjoyed a delightful outing.

REASONED THOUGHTS ON SIMPSON TUNING

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I didn't smile when I read 'Sammy's' comments on the treatment of metal. It may be rude, but I laughed outright. For a start, my friend Sammy must disabuse his mind of some of his thoughts concerning the above. I agree with this Sammy (or any other)—difference of treatment will have an effect on metal. But anyone with one grain of common sense will agree that a bell is not like beetroot! If the latter is scraped or chipped the least, the juices run out, and the beetroot loses its beautiful carmine. People who are born under the planet of Mercury are quick to understand this: they don't want a hammer and chisel to drive it in, and they love 'harmony' in all things.

Millet must have been born under Mercury, or he would not have given us that picture of two Norman peasants, standing with bowed heads in the mellowing shades of twilight, blending in perfect harmony with the Angelus!

Ah! Mr. Editor, 'The Angelus' bell was tuned with hammer and chisel, in the old style, and those who do know a little about this subject will agree that the Angelus and the Ave Maria bells have weathered the storms of centuries; but I ask, Was the usage the same? With emphasis I say 'NO!' These medieval specimens left to us—to say nothing of other rubbish (from a musical standpoint) which ousted other Pre-Reformation examples—were subjected to far different treatment from the time they were first cast, and for centuries afterwards. Has it ever dawned on the people who profess to know so much about bells—old and new—that the ringing of a 5,000 to-day will have a more far-reaching effect on that ancient bell, which alone chimed three strokes at the Elevation of the Host year in, year out, as the ordered preface demanded? Just consider this same mass of metal now throbbing, throbbing, throbbing for three solid hours—not one fraction of its whole constitution in a state of inertia. What's going on internally in that bell? Who's ruining these 'beautiful old bells'?

Bells of to-day are bashed and bumped, peal snatching! Bells of old, that have weathered the centuries, were treated quite differently. They told the canonical hour; we are not content with Aves, Matins, Tierce, Prime. No; we must have the whole twenty-four hours boomed out, and, gluttons as we are, not content with that, we demand the quarters. Every one of these blows brings about slowly, but surely, a transformation in that metal! The elasticity is undermined and undermined, till at last the modulus is reached, the metal takes a permanent set. What then? A fracture!

'Our Sammy' has given Simpson tuning one of the best unsolicited testimonials it ever had. Like all other critics, he alleges this, that, and the other. Ye gods! He blames it, but he'll never shame it by saying, 'The quantity of reverberations emitted by each bell is greater in Simpson bells than in tap-note bells.' What a statement to make, especially when we know he's got some oil in his lamp.

I have before made allusion to beetroot, and we all know the juices run out; but the resonance, which is the juice in a bell, does not sizzle out in great pools to the bottom of the bell-pit; it doesn't evaporate or dry up similar to the clothes on the clothes line on washdays.

Is it not logic, and will not even the lay mind agree, that if the reverberation in a Simpson bell is greater than it is in the tap-note bell, it is only reasonable not to suppose but to be sure that the elasticity in the former is greater than it is in the latter? Common sense tells one that elastic limit will be reached first by the tap-note bell, which does not contain the elasticity of the Simpson bell.

Take a spliced ring of bells, Simpson tuned, or tap-note tuned, I don't care which. Will the elasticity in the old bells be on a par with that which has been recently fused and put in the new bells? No, it will not! The old bells have been subjected to vibratory action; the percussion blow of the clapper has set up in greater or lesser degree a granular structure; the more pronounced this is the sooner will the elasticity be expended. Now, then, where are we? The new bells are free from this crystalline weakness, which really and truly is decomposition. The old bells are in an advanced stage, the new ones quite frosh. If these bells are all treated alike, clanged and clanged in peal ringing, the new bells will develop the same trouble. Yes, and their more elderly sisters will gradually advance from stage to stage till at last there is no throb left in 'em, and they are as dead as 'Queen Liz.' The others, however, will still be breathing, possibly for centuries after we have done knocking the elasticity out of bells, which Sammy admits are checkfull of it when they are 'S.T.'

One has not had occasion to seek counsel's advice on this question, and, in conclusion, I may be pardoned for pointing out one or two other facts (not wild imagination). My friend speaks of speed-merchants, when he suggests tapping a 5,000 in ten minutes less time than it took to tap one a decade previously. To quote four peals, well over the decade, two of which I am convinced he has heard and rung on, to wit, Dore east 1909, Norton 1896, Ilkeston 1910, Eastwood (Notts) 1905. Have the former—Dore and Norton—lost any resonance? That's a naughty one, Sam! I'll answer for the lot of them. They have not as yet depreciated the 1,000th part of a vibration, and to rush such peals to gain ten minutes only adds further testimony to the decision of the 'C.C.' on Simpson-tuned bells.—Yours fraternally,

IRENAEUS.

P.S.—The howls evolve from the ghosts of the old vaudal founders who haunt the towers, and that's that!

BELL DEDICATION IN PEAKLAND.

EYAM'S NEW TREBLES.

Saturday, August 28th, was indeed a red-letter day for the Peakland village of Eyam, which is situated in one of the most beautiful districts in England. The place has become historic because of the visitation of the Great Plague of London in 1665-1666, and for the heroic unselfishness shown by the people of that time in deciding to remain in the village and face death rather than flee away and spread the infection. The story tells us how out of 360 people there were only 60 left when the plague died out.

There were at that time four bells cast by Oldfield, of Nottingham, dated 1618, 1618, 1619 and 1628. These four bells have been rehung with new fittings, retuned, eighth turned, and, together with two new trebles, hung in a new iron frame on steel girders.

The new trebles are memorial bells, one given by Rev. W. P. Wright, in memory of his parents, Canon Charles Sisum Wright and Charlotte Elizabeth, his wife; the other, the gift of the village and friends in memory of their daughter, Emily Georgina Wright. The work has been admirably done by the Loughborough foundry, and gives the greatest satisfaction.

The new bells were dedicated on Saturday, August 28th, by the Bishop of Derby.

Immediately after the service a very excellent opening 720 was rung by the following band: C. Harrison (St. Marie's, Sheffield) 1, Arthur Craven (Sheffield Cathedral) 2, F. Watkinson (Handsworth) 3, J. H. Brothwell (Rotherham) 4, W. Biggin (Norton) 5, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) (conductor) 6.

The bells were kept ringing in various methods until nine in the evening by visiting ringers from Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Norton, Handsworth, Dore and Bawtry. Ringers and village people alike were loud in their praises of the tone and go of the bells.

The visiting ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. W. P. Wright. There is a promising band of learners in the village, where, of course, hitherto, with only four bells, change-ringing was unknown, but already half a dozen have been through the plain course of Minor on handbells, and it is hoped that before long they will be able to do the work on the tower bells. If depends, of course, on their own enthusiasm and perseverance.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORK TOWN DISTRICT AT A QUIANT TOWER.

The tower of Yateley Parish Church, where the York Town District of the Winchester Guild held a meeting on Saturday, August 21st, is one of the quaintest to be found in the diocese. The bell frame is carried on heavy timber supports carried up from the ground, but for all that they go reasonably well. The village is quite off the beaten track, and rather inaccessible to the majority of ringers in the district. It was not surprising, therefore, that the attendance was somewhat small. The towers represented were: Bagshot, Blackwater, Bray (Berks), Chertsey, Sandhurst, Weybridge, Yorktown, and the local band, while the visitors included Miss Moss, of Hillingdon. Owing to the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Howell) being on holiday, no service was held. Tea was served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting, Miss B. E. Stilwell occupied the chair. Three compounding members were elected, and it was decided that for the good of the district a combined practice should be held in the various towers on the regular practice night, these to be arranged at each end of the district.

Mr. Nye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss B. E. Stilwell for presiding over the business meeting, to the local ringers who had arranged the tea, also the Rev. A. J. Howell for allowing the use of the bells. The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, August 21st, but owing to various reasons was very poorly attended, only about 16 members being present from Billingshurst, Chichester, Fulham, Lymington, Havant, Havant, Horsham, Shoreham, Slinfold, Pulborough, and Warnham. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Five Bells Hotel.

At the business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Frost) presided, supported by the churchwarden, Mr. A. G. Dewdney. The following new members were elected: Miss Irene Hastie (non-resident member), Willis Aylmore, Herbert Elliott, William Thomas Ayling, and Edward Sturt, acting members, and the Rev. E. J. Frost, hon. member.

Slinfold was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, for granting the use of the bells, and for his kindness in finding part of the expense of the tea. Another visit was then made to the belfry.

At the commencement of the meeting, mention was made of the very sad death of the well-known ringer, Mr. I. G. Shado, for many years a member of the Sussex Association, and the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to his memory.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**TAUNTON RINGERS AT WELLS AND BRISTOL.**

St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Taunton, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 14th. Leaving Taunton by charabanc at 8 a.m., the places visited were: Wells Cathedral, Shepton Mallet, Frome, Beckington, Trowbridge and Bristol. The methods rung at the various places during the day included Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major. Lunch was partaken of at the White Swan, Trowbridge, the enterer being Mr. S. J. Hector, the well-known Wiltshire ringer, who supplied a splendid lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Leaving Trowbridge at 4 o'clock, Bristol was reached at 5 p.m., and, after tea, steps were turned to St. Mary Redcliffe. Here some well-known Bristol friends and ringers were waiting for the visitors, among them being Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, who took part in the ringing. Stedman Cinques were rung on this very fine ring of twelve. Bidding their Bristol friends 'Good-bye,' the party left at 8 p.m., arriving home at 10.45 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. The Guild wish to thank the Cathedral authorities and the various Vicars for the use of their bells, and the ringers who met them. They wish to give special thanks to Mr. S. J. Hector for the splendid lunch he provided, and their Bristol friends, particularly Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

SHEFFIELD AND ECCLESFIELD RINGERS' TRIP INTO DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 28th, a party of 20 ringers from Sheffield (St. Marie's and the Cathedral) and Ecclesfield left the city at 2 p.m. in two ten-seater charabancs, their objective being Longstone, near Bakedwell. The Ecclesfield band had made this journey six weeks previously, when the outing was such a success that it was decided to renew acquaintance with this glorious part of Peakland at the earliest opportunity, so when the St. Marie's company were considering where to spend their annual outing they eagerly joined hands with Ecclesfield in the adventure.

With two highly-powered buses, 40 miles an hour being 'touched' several times, they were soon on the moors passing the Fox House Inn, down through Grindleford and on to Eyam (the scene of the plague in 1665-1666). Here two of the party were dropped to take part in the opening of the light peal of six which have been put in fine fettle by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The remainder of the party went on their journey, and at Monsal Head a stop was made and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on the handbells. Proceeding, the buses went on their way and forgot to take a turning to the left, with the result that the party found themselves three miles from Buxton, but with glorious weather prevailing this was regarded as a treat, for the scenery in Peakland during August has no rival in the whole of England. However, Longstone was reached at 4.30, and the little peal in a very little tower were soon ringing out changes of various Minor methods. The tenor is only about seven cwt., and, owing to the ropes falling so close to the wall, the 4th and 5th ringers had to stand back-to-back, but, nevertheless, some excellent striking was heard. John from Rotherham, with his 'flying' machine, brought the two over from Eyam when they had finished their little job, and, after a touch of Cambridge Minor, an adjournment for tea was made at the Crispens, where everyone had their fill. All then settled down to a jolly evening, piano, vocalists and handbells, for both tunes and touches, keeping the ball rolling. George from Ecclesfield gave that amusing recitation, 'Betsy Hutchins,' and also 'Keg-Meg' on the handbells, the copyright of which 'Uncle Joe' is reputed to hold, but for this occasion 'French leave' was taken. Twilight setting in, the party started on their way home by Baslow, Peacock Inn and Cross Scythes, one bus dropping its cargo in the city and the other rattling on to Ecclesfield just in time to 'have another.' The outing was such a success that the company are already thinking about next year, when it is hoped that industrial troubles will be a thing of the past and a more ambitious programme fall to their lot.

BUSINESS COMBINED WITH PLEASURE.

On Monday, August 9th, the Halesworth and Chediston company had their annual outing. Accompanied by their Rector and churchwarden, the party (15 all told) proceeded in a charabanc to Henley, near Ipswich, ringing at Wickham Market and Pettistree (both six-bell towers) en route. They were met at Henley and welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and rang touches on the musical peal of eight bells. Dinner followed in the Vicarage garden, after which the annual meeting was held. All the officers were re-elected, with thanks for past services. The secretary's report showed that the Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and four peals had been rung since their last meeting. The treasurer reported a satisfactory balance in hand. The Rev. Pearson's unique collection of old ringing books, etc., was inspected with much interest, and further ringing followed, in which their host took part. Bramford, with its pretty peal of six, was next visited, and several touches rung.

Tea followed at Ipswich, and an hour's ringing on the eight bells of St. Margaret's, with several old Ipswich friends, concluded the day's ringing. The methods rung were Oxford, Kent, Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, at the six-bell towers, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major on the peals of eight. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the various clergy, churchwardens, towerkeepers, and ringers of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, DURHAM.—On Sunday, August 29th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 27½ mins.: *L. Hodgson 1, F. Newton 2, *B. Newton 3, T. Newton (conductor) 4, W. Newton 5, W. Simpson 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method (called differently) in 28 mins.: *Miss Kate Simpson 1, F. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, T. Newton (conductor) 4, W. Newton 5, W. Simpson 6. *First 720 in method.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 29th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, W. C. Cuss 2, H. Acceck 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Telling (first quarter-peal of Triples inside) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss Blanche Stadden 1, Mrs. W. Edwards 2, J. Nisbet 3, Miss Gwen Stadden 4, H. J. Collier (Flixton, Lancashire) 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8. Arranged for Mr. Collier, who was on a visit to the district.

WEST EALING.—On August 29th, for morning service, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, J. Hunnisset 5, A. Fulwell 6, H. Folkard 7, E. Harris 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Mitchell 1, G. Apps 2, E. Quickenden (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Whcale 4, J. Burdfield 5, G. Woods 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on August 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. I. T. Gian 3, F. Gian 4, A. J. Gian 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

FRODSHAM.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: George Cook (first 720) 1, W. Bibby 2, T. Lightfoot 3, G. Valentine 4, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 5, F. Bibby 6. Mr. G. Cook, who has recently come to reside in Frodsham, is a brother of Mr. J. Cook, of Rockferry, Birkenhead.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 15th, after evensong at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Sprague (Ilfracombe) 1, A. H. Hayward (Combe Martin) 2, T. G. Bartlett (treasurer Devon Guild) 3, J. Richards (Ilfracombe) 4, W. J. Jeffery (London) (conductor) 5, G. Moorhouse (Leeds, Yorkshire) 6, F. Blackman (Ilfracombe) 7, W. Slocombe (Ilfracombe) 8.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, August 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Reeve 1, F. W. Naunton 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. J. G. Brown (conductor) 4, A. H. Watson 5, J. Wardley 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, August 15th, for service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples.—For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. by the following: E. Hope 1, F. G. Willey 2, G. Hewitt 3, G. Tizzard 4, H. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren 7, S. Chesson 8. These two touches were arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Walthamstow, London.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. Draycott 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Miss G. M. Dodds 4, J. E. Moreton 5, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Harris (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, Miss G. M. Dodds 2, C. E. Rayson 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, J. E. Moreton 5, J. Draycott (first in the method inside) 6, J. F. Clark, sear., 7, H. Wright 8. Rung as a birth.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, E. Godfray 2, J. Coles 3, B. Bray (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday morning, August 15th, 720 of Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon Doubles: E. Eady 1, P. Almond 2, J. Bowell 3, D. Elliott 4, W. Nevard 5. This made the 599th tower in which Mr. Nevard had rung.—In the afternoon, Bures (St. Mary's) was visited, 720 of Oxford, 720 of Cambridge, and 120 of Kent: P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, C. Clark 3, E. Eady 4, W. Nevard 5, D. Elliott 6, and C. Bowers 7.—For evening service at Assington Church, 720 of Oxford and 144 of Kent: P. Almond 1, W. Deal 2, C. Clark 3, E. Eady 4, W. Nevard 5, D. Elliott 6, and J. Bowell 7. The conducting was done by W. Nevard and D. Elliott.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor: G. Pratt 1, Ken Seward 2, F. Warrington 3, G. Perkins 4, J. Perkins 5, J. Smart (conductor) 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor belong to Huntingdon, 4th and 5th to Hemmingford, Abbots, and 3rd to Long Stanton.

NOTICE.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staverton on Saturday, September 11th. Usual arrangements. Badges now ready 1/3 each.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 16th, 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 11th, at 3 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m., except Beddington. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 3 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl, on September 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head for those who notify William Sturman, High Common, Barlborough, Chesterfield. Cheap buses and railway fares, ex Doncaster, Worksop, Mansfield and Sheffield etc., (Underwood's) and L.N.E. return fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Annual outing to Southend-on-Sea Saturday, Sept. 4th. Meet at No. 13 platform, Liverpool Street Station, at 1.20 p.m. sharp. Ringing at Prittlewell. Due back 10 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., York House, Watford Road, Sudbury, Middlesex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-, all ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Rd., Shaw, Newbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, September 4th. Usual arrangements. Badges now ready, price 1s. 3d.—H. Baxter, Silver St., Broughton, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on September 4th, at Bolsterstone (8 bells). Bus service every 20 minutes from Middlewood Tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Chart Sutton on Sat. September 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Buses from Maidstone to Sutton Valence, then 10 minutes walk. Tea will be arranged.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungallow, Linton, Maidstone.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Next meeting Solihull, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged as usual for those who send in their names not later than Sept. 7th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Sept. 11th. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at Plumb's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Those wishing for tea please apply by Sept. 7th to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells at Penwortham Church will be dedicated at a Masonic Service on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. The West Lancashire Prov. Grand Master and his officers will be present. The bells will be open to ringers after service, about 5 p.m.—J. R. Taylor, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 11th. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock, also Stamford-on-Soar (8 bells). The Bell Foundry Works will also be open from 2 till 4 p.m. to enable visiting ringers to look round. Tea is being arranged at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Will ringers and friends kindly let me know who will be requiring tea by Sept. 9th?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3.15 and St. Mary's after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH. — The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The first annual competition for the Shield will be held at Barnesley (St. Mary's), on Saturday, September 11th: the time of draw to be 2.40 p.m. prompt in the Parish Room. Ringing to commence 3 p.m. prompt and according to rules already published. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room if sufficient number apply, viz., 60 before September 8th. The officials will recommend to the meeting that members with their wives who are affected by the strike have tea free of charge. Failing sufficient applications members must make own arrangements. The Rector, Rev. H. E. Hone, has kindly offered use of Parish Room and Rectory grounds. C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Thursday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30. Applications for dinner tickets (price 5/6 each) must be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, September 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett (half-way between Dudley and Kingswinford) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. N. Edwards (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30, for those who send word by Tuesday, the 14th inst. Reports ready for distribution. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Withercombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., at 5.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Wolverley on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me not later than Sept. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me as soon as possible, as exact number has to be given? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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