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SELF-HELP.

Last week we referred in this column to what has been proved, by an Essex experiment, to be possible in the way of recruiting by means of a carefully organised meeting. We have constantly urged that if the ranks of the Exercise are to be kept filled, the associations must make it their business to see that the belfries keep up their quota of ringers. One of their objects is the promotion of the art of change ringing, and change ringing cannot be extended unless the supply of ringers is maintained. For the sake of the art and their own existence, the associations are vitally concerned in that all important work of securing a constant supply of recruits. Whether all of our big organisations are devoting as much attention to this part of their responsibilities as they might is questionable, but none can afford to neglect it. The future of the art and of the associations depends upon the success of their efforts to bring into the Exercise a steady and adequate flow of young ringers.

There is, however, another side to the question, and that is that church authorities themselves have a responsibility. Indeed, theirs is the primary responsibility to keep the bells of their churches ringing for the Sunday services, and if they would do it successfully they must adopt the principle of self-help. The maintenance of a Sunday service band should be treated as a matter of equal importance to the maintenance of a choir, yet in how many cases is this really so? Not only is there often a total indifference as to the proper ringing of the bells, but instances are to be found where the incumbent is actually opposed to the formation of a band, except, perhaps, under almost impossible conditions. In cases of this kind there is little or nothing to be done, but where ringing is a welcome preliminary to the Church's services, it is still the duty of the authorities to organise their own band of ringers, and not wait until an outside body comes along with suggestions and promises of help.

This responsibility can be brought home tactfully by associations when occasion arises, and opportunity should never be lost to stress its importance. The best results will be obtained when the policy of self-help is supplemented by assistance which the large ringing organisations ought to be able to give to the weak bands, and when the problem is tackled in the right spirit there can generally be found sufficient volunteers from neighbouring towers to enable useful work to be done in building up a strong company. In these days of difficulty in finding recruits it is something to be grateful for if enough can be obtained to man the ropes, but it ought always to

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be the aim to have at least a fifty per cent. margin of man power, if there is to be a reasonable possibility of ringing all the bells on all occasions. What a great many hands suffer from is a limited personnel, which results in having to ring only some of the bells if for any reason one or two of the band are absent. In every well organised pastime there is always a reserve. We, however, put church bell ringing on a higher plane than a mere pastime, and therefore it is all the more necessary that there shall be sufficient ringers to ensure that all the bells shall be rung for the services. In raising the strength of a local company, it is again largely a question of self-help, although, unfortunately, the need for an adequate reserve is not always fully appreciated by church authorities.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY PRING	...Trebble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	3	WALTER FARLEY... ..	8
WILLIAM KNIGHT	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
CHARLES H. JENNINGS	5	URIAH BRAVEN	Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

First peal of Stedman by J. E. Lewis Cockey, who hails from Sheffield, and for whom it was arranged. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Knight, third son of the ringer of the fourth, to Miss K. H. Longman.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING	...Trebble	HERBERT KNIGHT	6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN PERRY	3	WILLIAM FISHER... ..	8
WILLIAM A. COOPER	4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY... ..	9
EDWARD F. MITCHELL	5	BENJAMIN GOUGH	Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.
Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN	...Trebble	ALFRED PANKHURST	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	BENJAMIN HOBBS	6
THOMAS J. SALTER	3	KEITH HART... ..	7
GEORGE STOKES	4	JOHN SHARP	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 4-6-8 covering.

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. WHEELER... ..	...Trebble	E. HUGHES	5
G. A. WEBLEY	2	REV. R. L. C. NEWHOUSE	6
J. PEARCE	3	H. TAYLOR	7
T. CLARK	4	F. CARTER	Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

This is the first attempt for a peal by resident 'Vale of White Horse' ringers.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	JAMES HEMMING 5
HERBERT JORDAN 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
FREDERICK NURDEN 3	HARRY MIDDLETON 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
The first peal rung in the method, and rung as the annual peal for the association: Method No. 14, Composition No. 37. C.C. Plain Major Collection. Fiftieth peal as conductor, and a birthday compliment to Miss N. Johnson.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	EDWARD C. GOBBY 5
JAMES PAGETT 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	HENRY FLETCHER 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal and first attempt.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	CECIL NICE 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thursday, August 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCOLA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN RICKARDS Treble	FREDERICK SMITH 5
*CHARLIE ROOK 2	AMBROSE H. HAYWARD ... 6
JAMES SPRAGUE 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
WALTER W. STEVENS 4	*THOMAS GUBB Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells, the only peal previously rung on them being a peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, rung by the local band. The ringers of 4th and 5th hail from Bethnal Green, and were elected non-resident life members before starting the peal. The conductor is from St. John-the-Evangelist's, Deptford, treble and 3rd ringers from Ilfracombe. The rest belong to the local band.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ROBERT J. BALDRY Treble	ALFRED T. WESTCOAT ... 5
†GEORGE GODARD 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
†SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples away from treble. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th from Emmanuel, 5th from Charles Church, 4th, 7th and 8th from St. Andrew's, Plymouth. The band tender their best thanks to the Rev. E. E. Benson for permission to ring, and to Mr. C. Harrison, churchwarden, for meeting them. These bells are a very fine ring by Warner and Co.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
STEPHEN H. WOOD 2	THOMAS F. KING 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Messrs. King and Wood were elected members previous to starting:

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, □

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
*JAMES H. RAPER 4	*CHARLES G. BATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
DANIEL D. COOPER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. George Jennings, of Beddington.

BUSHEY HEATH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SERLEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	KEITH HART 7
EDWIN COLLISON 4	JOSEPH WREN Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged to commemorate Mr. J. Wren's forty years' service to the church. It was also the 500th peal for the association by Mr. F. Bennett.

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BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM DALE Treble	GEORGE E. DANN 5
WALTER FRANKS... .. 2	WILFRED BOOTH 6
ALBERT HOBDEN 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	GEORGE E. PONT... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS
First peal of Triples on the bells since they were rehung. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Pont, the hon. secretary to the local band.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cassy, ON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
This was the quarterly peal, and also a birthday compliment to the branch Master, Mr. A. Hackett.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM STOCK... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
EDWARD H. TINGEY 4	*THOMAS HARTWELL Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor in the method on tower bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS WM. THORPE Treble	*JOSEPH H. BEALE 4
CHAS. HARRY WEBB... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
†WILLIAM A. STONE 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal, and made a member of the association previous to starting. Rung after meeting one short for Kent and Oxford, Mr. T. W. Thorpe kindly standing in at the last minute.

NEWCASTLE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST A. GILLMORE Treble	JOHN E. SCOTT 4
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	†WILLIAM SHECKFORD 5
†JOHN ROTHWELL 3	ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal, and hails from Durham Cathedral. † First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. H. J. Walton and Miss A. G. Young, who were married the same afternoon at the above church, where the bridegroom, who is chaplain-designate of St. Aidan's, Stagshaw, has been curate for the past two and a half years.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

O. WRINTMORE Treble	E. BOURTON... .. 4
C. THATCHER 2	H. PROUT 5
W. SHERBORNE 3	A. SHERBORNE Tenor

Conducted by H. PROUT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to a fellow-ringer, William Sellers, who was buried on August 22nd in the churchyard of this church.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor about 19 cwt.

DENNIS HALE Treble	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE 4
ROBERT MILLS 2	TOM W. CREED 5
GERALD LOCK 3	ROBERT MANNING Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

D. Hale is aged 15. First peal by Robert Manning, who is aged 72. First peal on the bells. Arranged for Mr. R. Manning. All wish to thank the Vicar for the bells, and Mr. S. Tilley for getting everything ready.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Ipswich, York, London, Durham, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CORFIELD Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	FRANK TRINER 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the Rector and Mrs. Hamlet's silver wedding.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 Spliced and 20 ordinary six-scores. Tenor reputed 17½ cwt.

PERCY GRICE Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 3
RONALD H. DOVE 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 4

ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal rung on these ancient bells. The 2nd and 5th are undated, but circa 1500, 4th 1624, 3rd 1630, treble 1660.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 120's of Plain Bob and twenty-six 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALBERT THOMAS Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	RICHARD H. FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and first of Doubles by all the band. F. H. Crawley's 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor; also as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. R. B. Faulkner), who is leaving the living after 37 years. The band wish to thank him for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Thursday evening, August 25th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashworth, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: Wm. McCleave 1, H. Wormwell 2, W. Stephenson 3, T. Redman 4, F. Bentley 5, R. Hartley 6, Wm. Hunter (conductor) 7, Wm. Robinson 8. Mr. Richard Ashworth was formerly a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, but is now attached to St. Peter's tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5128 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON... 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: JOHN HALL.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band and by the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss N. JOHNSON.

NORTREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

In the Tower of the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four 240's, arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and 34 extents, 14 different callings. Tenor size 15 in B.

CYRIL POOLE ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. Roberts, of Truro, after arrangements for a tower bell peal had fallen through. It was his first peal 'in hand.'

THE 'SURFLEET' WEEK.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ... 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6

FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6

FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8

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

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat,

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ... 7-8

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10

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5,013 STEDMAN CINQUES.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

2314567890E 5 18

A 24531678E90

53412	—	—
41325	—	—
32154	—	—
35214	—	—
31524	—	—
52143	—	—
14235	—	—
23451	—	—
25431	—	S
43512	—	—
51324	—	—
32145	—	—
34215	—	—
31425	—	—
42153	—	—
15234	—	—
23541	—	—
24351	—	—

C 215347698E0

B 21354

Round first change of last six.

A=1 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 15 16 (20 sixes).

C=3 8 6 12 15 16 20 23 (24 sixes).

PEALS OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

5,088.

23456 M B W H

43526		2	1
62534	2	x	2
36245	x		2
32465	1	x	2
25463	1		2

Repeat twice.

5,024.				5,088.					
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
62534	x	2	2		35264		x		
36245	x		2		56234	1	x		
32465	1	x	2	2	32654	1	x		2
46325	1	x	2	1	62534			2	1
52364	2	x	2	1	36245	x			2
65243	x		2		65243	1			2
62453	1	x	2	2	53246	1			2
45623	1	x	2	1	52436	1	x	2	2
32654	2	x	2	1	54326	1	x	2	2
53246	x		2		54263	x			1
52436	1	x	2	2	62453			2	2
54326	1	x	2	2	64523	1	x	2	2
64523	x	1			64235	x			1
34625	x	1			32465			2	2
23456	x		2		34625	1	x	2	2
					23456	x			2

Second is never in 7-8 with the tenor in either of these three peals.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Egremont, Cumberland, on Sunday, August 14th, 576 Bob Major and 1,152 Kent Major, with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector, who died at Keswick the previous day.

Previous to his retirement four years ago, he had faithfully carried out his duties as parish priest for thirty years. He was interred at Keswick on Tuesday, August 16th. The following took part in the ringing: J. J. Spedding 1, A. Elteck 2, J. Hutchinson 3, W. Douglas 4, W. H. Cooke 5, J. H. Rothery 6, W. Norman 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8.

LIGHTNING STRIKES ABINGDON CHURCH.

Lightning struck St. Helen's Parish Church, Abingdon, Berks, on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Stacey, wife of the vergier, entered the belfry during a severe storm to toll the bell for a funeral, when she noticed a beam burning in the corner of the belfry.

Abingdon fire brigade quickly arrived on the scene and put out the fire.

Lightning had struck an electric bell on the beam through the lightning conductor in the roof of the belfry. The wire fused, set the beam alight, and melted a gas pipe.

St. Helen's Church has a ring of ten bells, with tenor of just over a ton.

**NEW TREBLE BELL AT COSBY.
VICAR'S GIFT TO HIS CHURCH.**

At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester, during evening service on Sunday, August 21st, the Vicar dedicated a new treble bell to make a ring of six, and new quarter chimes which have been added to the clock.

After service, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the M.C.A. (who were invited for the occasion by Mr. Fred King, head ringer): T. Kelham Deacon 1, William Cope 2, Cecil Carr 3, C. Harry Webb 4, Henry Bird 5, George A. Newton (conductor) 6. The new treble is the gift of the Vicar (Rev. Canon E. Poulter), and was supplied by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The quarter chimes are the gift of Miss Poulter, sister of the Vicar, this part of the work having been carried out by Messrs. Cope and Co., of Nottingham. The bells are now a very handy ring, with tenor approximately 13 cwt. They are hung in an iron frame, having been augmented to five with a frame for six in 1915.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORKTOWN DISTRICT DISCUSSES DIPLOMAS.**

A meeting of Yorktown District was held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th, when 21 members and visiting ringers attended, including Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Ringing did not commence until 3.40 p.m., and at 4.45 p.m. the ringers attended the Guild's service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter). Tea had been prepared in the Parish Hall, and the Vicar afterwards occupied the chair for a short business meeting.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the district at the presence of Mr. Jones, and, in responding, Mr. Jones thanked them for the warm welcome they had given him, and hoped that any member visiting Newport or district would write to him, and he would try and fix up some ringing for them.

The question of diplomas for young ringers was discussed, and it was the feeling of the meeting that a badge should be given to ringers on ringing their first peal in preference to a certificate.

It was also mentioned to the members that should they leave their district they should let the captain or one in charge know, so that they might be brought into touch with another tower.

A vote of thanks was given to the Rev. A. C. Tranter for the use of the bells, for conducting the Guild's service, and presiding at the meeting.

The tower was then again visited, and various methods rung.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Sheffield English on Saturday last. The musical peal of eight bells by Taylor and Co. were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea and a short meeting were held in the Church Room, the Rector and Mrs. Butler attending to the wants of the members. Tea had been arranged for 20, but 32 had to be catered for, and by a miracle all were well supplied.

Afterwards, the Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and Mr. G. Williams (Master) expressed the hope that the local band would join the Guild.

The Rector, himself an hon. member, said he would do what he could towards this object.

Mr. G. Pullinger, general secretary, gave a few details as to the formation of the new Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and also moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the kind arrangements made for tea.

The towers represented were Bishopstoke, Basingstoke, Romsey, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Southampton (St. Mary's), Stockbridge, Lymington, Bishop's Waltham, Ringwood, St. Martin's and St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Twyford and Winchester.

The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on Saturday, November 5th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**TEN IN A DAY.**

On Saturday, August 13th, the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, had their annual outing, accompanied by three friends from St. Andrew's Society, viz., Messrs. G. H. Myers, T. Myers and J. Gluas. The day was showery, but a happy party left at 8 a.m. by charabanc for a 15 miles' ride to Rattery, where there is an ancient church and a peal of five bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt. Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and rounds for the youngsters. Afterwards, a move was made to Harberton, where hangs a fine peal of six (tenor 17 cwt. in F), and a long draught of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were again rung, and a well-struck 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells, by: G. Godard 1, J. E. Lilley 2, T. Myers 3, G. H. Myers 4, J. Woodley 5, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 6. The party proceeded to Totnes for lunch, and then to Dartington, where Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. Woodley, were rung. At this church there is a fine ring of six, with 16 cwt. tenor, but the ropes are too short for change ringing in comfort. A move was then made to Steventon, where they found a ring of six, tenor 21 cwt., just rehung. Here Grandsire, Stedman and rounds were rung, and a fine 720 Bob Minor: J. Gluas 1, G. H. Myers 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, J. Woodley 5, T. Myers 6. Bradhempstone, with a light six, was next visited, and the same methods were rung, conducted by Messrs. Myers and Woodley, and then on to Little Hempstone, where there is the front five of a ring of six, the tenor pit being vacant. The visitors had a considerable job to get a 120 of Stedman on account of ropes being short. It was thought that a band of 7th. men must ring these bells, for one of the youths stood on a 3ft. stool to ring in rounds. Returning to Totnes, the party enjoyed a splendid tea, and then went on to Coleton, where Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the nice peal of five. Stoke Gabriel (six, with tenor 17 cwt.) was the next call, and then to Berry Pomeroy, where hangs a good eight (tenor 17 cwt.), and where there are critics. The bells were raised in peal, and a finely-struck 168 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Woodley, and another conducted by Mr. Lilley, brought round, and the party were congratulated on their ringing. Then on to the tenth tower of the day—Totnes, with its fine eight, tenor 28 cwt. Here again the bells were raised in peal, and a couple of 168's rung before departing for Plymouth, which was reached at 10.45 p.m., after an enjoyable day.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS RINGERS' EXCURSION.

St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, and visited various towers in Sussex and Surrey. The party, augmented by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst, Mr. Miles, of Mayfield, and Messrs. Lambert, of Horsmonden, with wives, sweethearts, and other friends, to the number of 20, left Tunbridge Wells by charabanc shortly after eight o'clock. Turner's Hill was the first stop, but owing to a service only a short ring was obtained. On arriving at Crawley, they were met by Mr. O. Sippetts and other local ringers. Short touches were the order of the day, and these ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge. Shortly after leaving here the rain commenced, and continued for the remainder of the day. Ranmore, on the Surrey hills, was the next objective, and, had the day been fine, some lovely views of the surrounding country would have been obtained. This tower and bells fully repaid the visit, which was, however, rather hurried owing to the time set for lunch, which was partaken of at the Victory Tea Gardens, Dorking, and a most excellent meal was provided. Dorking Parish Church tower was then visited, where Mr. E. E. Dodd had everything in readiness, and touches in various methods were rung. Leatherhead was next on the list, and here the visitors were met by Mr. J. Beams and other local ringers, and touches in various methods on eight and ten bells were brought round. Permission had been obtained to ring at Ashted, but time did not permit, and the party wish to express their deep regret to the steeplekeeper that they were unable to avail themselves of the permission. Epsom was reached, and, after an excellent tea at Wright's Restaurant, the visitors enjoyed some ringing, and shortly after 7.30 started for home. On halting at Betchingley, however, some of the more enthusiastic found the Vicar and obtained permission to ring, which they did for about an hour. This delay, together with tyre trouble that developed and a wrong turning taken in the dark by the driver, made it nearly midnight before Tunbridge Wells was reached. The society wish to return their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to ring, to the steeplekeepers and other ringers who kindly met them, and to Mr. E. E. Dodd and Mr. J. Beams for their kind assistance in arranging to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

(Reports of other outings unavoidably held over.)

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OLD ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH. LONG SERVICE AT WITHAM CHURCH.

The Essex Association has lost a very old member and valued supporter, and the church a loyal son, in the death of Mr. Arthur Chalk, of Witham, at the age of 70 years. He passed away on August 20th, after a short but painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude.

The deceased was the last of the old band of ringers at Witham, and had been in charge of the belfry for 48 years. He had only missed a few Sundays' duty during his long spell of service. He succeeded his father as leader, making a period of nearly 100 years that the Chalk family had occupied that position. It was a real joy to him to see that at the end of his ringing career the local band of ringers had reached such a high standard of proficiency.

The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week. The deceased was taken into the Parish Church of St. Nicholas that he had loved so well, and in which he had worshipped regularly the whole of his life. He was buried in the churchyard of All Saints', the only burial ground in the parish. Rev. Canon Galpin, a former Vicar of Witham, and now Rector of Faulkbourne, and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. N. Hagger (curate of Witham) officiated. In addition to numerous relations and friends, there were present Mr. O. E. Howard, Master, and Mr. W. Elliott, representing the Essex Association, Messrs. A. Evers, E. Bright, P. Ashcroft, W. Butler, W. B. Butler, and W. Mullen, members of the local band, and representatives of the 'Indian Chief' Lodge of Foresters, of which deceased was a member. The floral tributes included one from the clergy, wardens and sidesmen of St. Nicholas' Church, his fellow-ringers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, his late master, the servants, and old garden friends at Faulkbourne Hall, where deceased had worked for 29 years.

Before the funeral service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled; afterwards, 720 Double Court Bob with the bells half-muffled, conducted by E. Bright. Following the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. F. Chalk 1-2, C. H. Howard 3-4, W. Chalk 5-6, W. H. Chalk 7-8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Barkway on Saturday, when ringers were present from Baldock, Braughing, Royston, Sawston, Saffron Walden, Trumpington, Hitchin, Barley, Ware, and a number of the local band. The bells are a beautiful ring of eight, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Most of the best striking was in the Surprise methods.

A short service was arranged for five o'clock, but the Vicar did not

put in an appearance until much later, being unavoidably detained. After tea, which was an excellent meal, Mr. A. E. Pitstow took the chair at the business meeting.

Two new life members were made, namely, Messrs. L. E. Pitstow and L. Simmonds, and Royston was decided upon as the next place for a meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a churchwarden present agreed to convey the same to him. The best thanks were due to the local captain, Mr. W. Machon, who made all necessary arrangements, which tended to make a pleasant time.

DEATH OF A MACCLESFIELD RINGER.

On Wednesday, August 17th, there passed to his rest, after a long illness, Thomas Mottershead, a member of the Parish Church company of Macclesfield, at the age of 68 years.

Deceased started his ringing career over 46 years ago at St. James', Sutton. Twenty-four years ago he joined the company at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, and since then has been a most attentive, regular and enthusiastic ringer, always ready at any time to do anything in his power to further the art of change ringing and to help any young band to the best of his ability. And while he called others to worship, he neglected not the call himself, for he was a regular communicant and worshipper.

He will be greatly missed by his brother ringers, for he was of a genial disposition and a good companion. He had rung about 20 peals.

He was buried at St. James', Sutton, on Saturday, August 20th, amidst many manifestations of regret. There were over 30 beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of a bell from his fellow-ringers, who also carried him to his last resting place. The service was taken by the Rev. T. J. Nash, Vicar of Birtles, in the absence on holiday of the Vicars of Macclesfield and St. James'. A touch on handbells was rung over the grave by Macclesfield and Sutton ringers, and, afterwards, 336 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung on the Parish Church bells, in which E. Johnson, of Gawsorth, took part.

On Sunday, the bells were half-muffled all day, and for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 54 mins.: J. Burgess 1, H. Lomas 2, G. Bottomley 3, H. Dean 4, S. Dean 5, J. Norbury 6, A. Burgess (conductor) 7, J. V. Norbury 8.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.—On August 16th (after abandoning a peal attempted owing to illness near by), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: K. C. Taylor 1, T. E. Taylor 2, H. T. Piper 3, H. R. Pickering 4, F. Brotherton (conductor) 5, H. Hoswell 6. First quarter for 3rd, 5th and 6th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is unusual to meet 'three short' for a peal, but this happened last week at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, when five men assembled for Stedman Triples in honour of the curate's wedding, and the remainder of the band from 'beside the seaside' failed to turn up. However, all was not lost, for a local man was dug out and a peal of Minor rung to celebrate the auspicious event.

A day or two before, another band had met two short at a church, some hundreds of miles from Newcastle. They, however, may have the credit for introducing a new occupation for unemployed ringers. Before an admiring (?) audience they played off a round of the County (Ringers') 'Shove ha'penny' Championship, and in the end Surrey beat Sussex.

A sprained ankle was the cause last Saturday of yet another band meeting short. This was at Wolverhampton, where Cinques had been arranged, but, 'Uncle Joe' meeting with an accident at the last moment, only Caters could be rung. When ringing's afoot, he might postpone until afterwards such annoying details as spraining an ankle; but everyone hopes soon to see him on his 'hind legs' again.

In the report of the peal at Buxton, Norfolk, published last week, the asterisk denoting 'first peal inside' should have been placed against the ringer of the 3rd, instead of the 2nd.

There were contrasts in age among the ringers of the first peal on the bells at Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, on Thursday week. Mr. Robert Manning rang the tenor to his first peal at the age of 72. At the other end of the scale, Dennis Hale, aged 15, rang the treble.

At last the Fairford bells have gone to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to be recast and to have new fittings at a cost of £408. Up to the present, £260 13s. 6d. has been collected, and if any ringer would like to help this cause, donations would be thankfully received by Mr. J. Hope, London Street, Fairford, Glos.

A hundred and seven years ago to-day, the first peal was rung on the ten bells at Bishop's Stortford. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters by the Junior Society of College Youths.

Exactly forty years ago to-morrow the first peal was rung at Salisbury. This was at St. Martin's Church.

On September 6th, 1887, 6,140 'Bobb Major Royal' was rung at Coventry in 4 hrs. 23 mins.

Thomas Tolladay, a leading London ringer of his day, took part with a band of College Youths in a 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth, on September 7th, 1830.

A correspondent asks the following questions, to which, perhaps, readers can find answers:—

Is it a fact that the recent collapse in Cornhill was really caused by a prominent member of the C.Y.'s propping himself and his scooter against the building what time he searched for his way home?

Who is the youthful Midlands' ringer who did not have to learn like other men, but was born 'ready learned'?

Can the gent with the aforesaid scooter recommend the oil he uses it with to gargle Uncle Joe's bad ankle?

Has Uncle really got his 42583 course-end up?

'THE BELLRINGER.'

In the series of 'Plain Guides to Lay Work,' published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, No. 8, which has just been issued, is 'The Bellringer.' Its author is the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose work for the art of ringing is too well known to need introduction to readers of 'The Ringing World,' and the fact that the little brochure comes from the pen of such a writer is sufficient guarantee that it is written with knowledge and sympathy.

The work opens with a short explanation of the mechanical operation of bells, and briefly deals with change ringing before going on to speak of the ringers themselves. Mr. Davies traces the reformation which has taken place in the belfry, and gives the following advice in cases where 'the old spirit of autocracy and insubordination' still lurks. He says 'in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred there is a simple way of overcoming the difficulty. Leave the "old lot" as they were, telling them that they shall still ring on occasions of payment, but that for other ringing, and in particular for ringing for church services, a new company is being founded, the members of which pledge themselves to learn, or do their best to learn, change ringing. This they will do for the glory of God and without any pecuniary reward. The result soon follows. The old company may, or may not, survive over the next Christmas season, the season of tips, Christmas boxes and the like, but before another such season comes round, bereft often of some of their own younger and more enterprising members who have gone over to the other side, they collapse of inanition. Left out in the cold, they leave the junior and more energetic society in possession of the field.'

Mr. Davies traces the modern development of the Exercise, points out the help which can be obtained by church authorities from the county and diocesan associations and Guilds, and from the Central Council, and concludes with a word to ringers upon the dignity of their calling.

This little book, published at the modest sum of 3d. by the S.P.C.K., is the very thing for associations to use in their propaganda work. In that respect alone it will fill a long-felt want.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fifth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

FURTHER EXTENTS BY LEAD-ENDS.

All of the 'regular' Minor methods have one of the five rows shown below, when the treble makes her first blow on the front at the first lead-end—the handstroke row; or the last row of our 'theoretical lead.' These five rows are:—

124365, 132546, 146253, 153624, 165432.

In fact, the changing pairs in the first leads are so arranged to MAKE one of these five turn up at this row; otherwise the method is not 'regular.' The method is then completed, by making second's or sixth's place, as we have seen. The first two of the above rows can only be treated in one way, or else the bells will run 'round' (that is, run into 'rounds order'). In other words, if we cause 124365 to make second's place, 123456 will turn up; and, similarly, if we cause 132546 to make sixth's place:—

12-4365

1-3254-6

12-3456

1-2345-6

So that these two can be treated only in the opposite ways—124365 to make sixth's place, and 132546 to make second's place. The remaining three rows may be treated in both ways; both places can be made without the bells running 'round.' The combinations are given:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12436-5	13-2546	14-6253	14625-3	15-3624	15362-4	16-5432	16543-2

14263-5	13-5264	14-2635	16452-3	15-6342	13526-4	16-4523	15634-2
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The lead 'ends' (or heads) below the line show that Nos. 1 and 3, 2 and 6, 4 and 7, and 5 and 8 respectively are identical; so that our five different rows are made to give four different lead-ends during the process of 'joining' the leads together in different methods. These four lead-ends are the same rows that we have in the plain course lead-ends of Bob Minor; and we have seen that, taking each one of these in turn, we can arrive at the lead-ends which will appear in the plain course of every method, no matter which place is made (second's or sixth's place).

In other words, the plain course of ALL METHODS which have the same row for the first lead-end could be 'called' (if we may use this term) from the same block of lead-ends, four blocks of which we have found, by taking each one in turn and using it as the first lead-end for transposition. This is very well for the plain course, but when 'calls' are introduced, a different case arises.

Singles, we know, are differently applied to the two classes of methods. To produce a single in a second's-place method we have to change a different pair from that which produces a single in a sixth's-place method; but the difference of the application of the bob is not so apparent, as we have always understood that it makes fourth's-place in EVERY METHOD.

This is true, and we may use it for finding our bob-rows from the first leads; but it must not be supposed, because the first lead-ends are identical in two methods, that the lead-ends of a 720 of a second's-place method will be similar to those of a sixth's-place method, just because the lead-ends in the plain course of each are the same, and that both have 'fourth's-place' bobs.

This 'fourth's-place' at a bob is applied to the row above the line to produce the new lead-head underneath. Examples 3 and 4 both have 146253 above the line, but they have different plain lead-ends; and yet, if the fourth's-place bob is applied to either we get 164(2)35 as the bob-end of each, making them one and the same method.

Examples No. 4 and No. 7 both have the same 'lead-end,' 164523, and therefore they belong to the same 'plain-course block' of lead-ends; but if the 'fourth's-place' be applied here, we get 164(2)35 in the one, and 156(4)23 in the other—two entirely different rows, which, at a bob, displace the same lead-end. For this reason, our lead-ends of the 720 will differ in second's-place and sixth's-place methods, even though the methods have the same plain lead-end.

We must clearly understand here that the pairs changing in the rows of the 'theoretical leads' can be so arranged that two entirely different methods can be made to end up (and to 'join' up) like any one of the eight examples above. We could have many different methods ending like example 1, or many like example 2, or 3, or 4, etc.

Provided that methods end-and-join with the same rows (in other words, are of the same 'class' with the same lead-end), then the lead-ends of the 720 will be exactly similar. So that one block of lead-ends can be used for the 720 of many methods, provided that, in such methods, the same observation bell is used, and that she is 'called' in the same 'positions' (at W.R.W., etc.).

The first parts of alternative callings are given below as examples. The tenor is the observation bell in each. Three such parts (that is, the given part twice repeated) will make a 720 of any Treble Bob method. The introduction of a single, and the whole repeated exactly, as shown before, will make a 720 of any plain-hunt method.

Call the singles where you will, so long as you do not disturb bells 5 and 6 when it is introduced, and so long as the single in the second

half is put in at a corresponding lead-end. Singles are better used as little as possible at this stage of our studies, for a reason that will appear, and it is unwise to introduce any more than is absolutely necessary. As we have said before, we must have at least two to produce 720 in a plain-hunt method.

Transpose the following, by the example of the plain lead-end, substituting the 'call row' when it is required, as we did with the Plain Bob calling. Use the black and red cards until the lead-ends can be written straight down without their aid.

It is usual to show lead-ends without the treble in the front of the rows, and she is understood always to be there, but it is better to write the rows out in full at the first.

For methods with 135264 as the first lead-end:—

SECOND'S-PLACE.

SIXTH'S-PLACE.

(Bob, 123564; Single, 132564.)		(Bob, 135642; Single, 135624.)	
W.R.W.	I.I. 4th's.	I.O.I.	4th's W.W.
123456	123456	123456	123456
— 23564	36264	35264	— 35642
36245	56342	56342	— 54263
64352	64523	— 64235	46532
— 45623	— 64235	43652	63425
— 45236	— 64352	35426	32654
— 45362	— 45623	52364	— 25463
56423	52436	— 26435	56234
62534	23564	— 63542	63542
25645	— 23645	34625	34625
134256	134256	142356	142356

The best place to introduce the singles for the W.R.W. and the I.I. 4th's figures is at the end of the third part, making 123456 into 124356, but it may be put in at any of the part-ends (134256, etc.), as it will not disturb the 5 and 6 here. With the other two sets of lead-ends, it cannot go at the part ends, but can be introduced at 56342 in the I.O.I., and at 56234 in the 4th's W.W. At both of these places the 5 and 6 would be undisturbed by the single. If it is placed at these particular lead-ends, it must be remembered that the corresponding ends in the second half must likewise be singled. It could also be placed at similar lead-ends in the repeated parts; that is to say, in the parts which follow those given. If any row in an example is altered by the introduction of a single, then all of the rows following will be different from those given here, so far as bells 2, 3, and 4 are concerned; but bells 5 and 6, being undisturbed, will be at similar places in the rows to those given above.

Now repeat these four 'callings' for each of the methods which have the lead-ends shown below:—

For methods with		Second's Place.		Sixth's Place.	
first lead-end:—	Bob row.	Single row.	Bob row.	Single row.	
142635	164235	146235	142356	142365	
156342	135642	153642	156423	156432	
164523	156423	165423	164235	164253	

The reader should take the trouble to work out the bob and single rows himself, although they are given here for reference. It is the principle that has to be impressed upon the mind, so that it may be applied to other numbers of bells. He who cares to prick out all of these combinations will have sixteen sets of lead-ends, which will provide two alternative 'callings' for any legitimate Minor method he may care to choose. The set to be used will depend upon the first lead-end (and the 'class') of the method chosen.

Apart from this, it is excellent practice in transposition, and the rows are useful for observing the 'fixed bells' when this stage is reached.

NOTE.—When dealing with the Plain Bob lead-ends, the alternative calling suggested for the I.O.I. was 'No. 5 bell O.I.O.' This is the same thing as No. 6 bell at 4th's W.W., and if we study these combinations we shall find that these callings automatically 'fix' both No. 5 and No. 6 bells as observations. For instance, the W.R.W. fixes No. 5 bell at '4th's O.O.' but more of this later.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th, and was well attended.

Mr. Claude J. Davies, of Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, was appointed branch secretary.

A discussion on the division of the branch was adjourned, and Hale was fixed for the next meeting on Saturday, September 11th.

RINGERS' GIFT OF BELL ROPES.

On Sunday morning, August 28th, a very pleasing little ceremony was performed in the tower of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, when the ringers presented to the church a set of new bell ropes. The captain of the tower (Mr. J. Woodley) asked the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Chapman) to accept them as a gift from the ringers, and this he duly acknowledged, and hoped the ringers would soon wear them out. Afterwards 168 Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Phelps 1, J. Symonds 2, C. R. Lilley 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. J. Baldry 5, G. Godard 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, S. Symonds 8.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

RING OF EIGHT OPENED IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE VILLAGE.

The opening of the bells at Ickleton, Cambs, took place at a service held on Thursday evening of last week, and proved an interesting and successful event.

Ickleton has been much in the eye of the Exercise in the last year or so, first by reason of the fact that the tenor collapsed one day while being rung, then by the tremendous efforts which the parishioners of this little village made to restore the bells, and by the encouraging results, which not only induced them to rehang the old six but to add two trebles to make eight. Lastly came the Consistory Court proceedings, in which the Chancellor of the diocese censured the Rector and churchwardens for beginning the work before the faculty was obtained, and proclaimed a 'ban' on the founders.

However, all's well that ends well, and Ickleton has now got an excellent ring of eight bells, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have installed in the tower, with an iron frame and all modern fittings. The tenor is in F.

The inscriptions and weights are as follow:—

Treble.—'In loving memory of Henry Francis and Ann Harriet Beales, this bell is dedicated by their sons and daughters, 1927. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' 4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

2nd.—'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

3rd.—'James Keath and Henry Hanchett, Churchwardens, 1761. Lester and Pack of London Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

4th.—'Thomas Newman of Norwich made me 1729. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 5 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

5th.—'Chapman of London Fecit, 1781. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

6th.—'John Haley and Matthias Ripsher, Churchwardens, 1755. Lester and Pack Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

7th.—'I tell all that doth me see that Newman of Norwich new cast me 1729. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 12 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Tenor.—'Thomas Lester of London Fecit. Charles Shepherd and Robert Miller, Churchwardens, 1751. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Total weight, 68 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

A large congregation was present at the initiation service, including several noted ringers from Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Sawston, Trumpington, Shelford, and other places. Captain Freeborn was present to represent the founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Cooke, and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) gave an interesting address, his text being the last two verses of 150th Psalm.

The Vicar announced that it was not quite a year since the tenor bell was broken, and now they had got a lovely peal of eight bells. Great credit was due to the firm, and also the two men who had done the work in such a clever manner. The cost, including repairing the tower, was about £230, and only about £130 was needed to clear off the debt, which was very satisfactory.

Before the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' the bells were rung in rounds for the first time by the local ringers.

The collection was in aid of the bell fund, and amounted to over £4.

After the service, the bells were rung by visiting ringers up till ten o'clock, nearly all the standard methods being rung, everyone being pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung in ball bearings with all the latest improvements. The tenor has a patent clapper, and all the bells are Simpson tuned. Practice night is Thursday, when all ringers will be welcome. The bells now run the right way round, instead of 'backhanded' as formerly.

THE WETTEST DAY OF 'SUMMER.'

On Saturday, August 20th, Gulval (Cornwall) ringers had their annual outing, accompanied by Dr. J. Symons (Ringing Master) and two lady ringers. At 8.30 a.m. a start was made by charabanc in a deluge of rain for Camborne, where several touches of Grand sire Triples were brought round. Thence to Kenwyn and Kea, at both of which places several touches of Triples were scored. A start was then made for Manaccan, by which time lunch was suggested, which took the form of a supply of pasties, which were taken on board before starting, and which were thoroughly enjoyed. At Manaccan, Grand sire, Bob Doubles and Stedman were the order, as also at the neighbouring church of St. Anthony, with its fine peal of six by Gillett and Johnston. After this, the party wended their way through lovely bye-ways to St. Keverne, with its beautiful peal of eight. After the bells had been started, it was thought to be time for tea. The tables, well laden with good things, were soon cleared, and then the ringers went back again to the belfry for a well-struck 504. Leaving St. Keverne, the party proceeded to Helston, ten miles distant, where there is another fine peal of eight, and here they finished their ringing for the day. By this time the church clock struck nine, and the car was turned homewards, all having thoroughly enjoyed six solid hours of ringing, and with spirits still buoyant, notwithstanding it was the wettest day of the summer.

AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

WINCHESTER GUILD RINGERS' VISIT TO DUNSFOLD.

Dunsfold, which the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild visited on Saturday, is a village nestling at the foot of the southern slopes of the North Downs, and possesses a church which, to those who have an eye for its beauties, is a perfect gem. The present building dates from the middle of the thirteenth century, and its architecture is one of the purest specimens of 'Decorated' work in the county, if not in the country. The church is well away from the village itself, and overlooks a tributary of the River Arun. It was probably built by the Augustinian Canons, who had a house close at hand on the river bank. There is a fine chancel, with a 'squinch hole,' and two glorious little transepts, while in the nave are many of the original bench ends, in which Dunsfold is richer than any other church in Surrey. Originally, doubtless, the building was bright with colours, and small parts of the ancient frescoes are now uncovered. There is a complete list of the Rectors since 1294, and the present Rector produced for the inspection of the visitors the massive original key of the church, made probably out of iron mined near at hand, which dates from the time of his first predecessor. There can be few churches which still have in use a key which has done duty for more than six hundred years.

It is believed that the builders intended to complete the church by a central tower, but this part of the plan was never carried out. Instead, there is a small spire carried up over the roof at the west end, and in this is housed a little ring of six bells. Originally there were three ancient castings, the oldest, which was badly cracked, being dated 1533, and founded by William Knight, of Reading. The other two were by the Eldridges, one of 1621, probably cast at Horsbarn, and the other 1649, in all probability cast at Chertsey. The bell frame is carried on massive timbers carried up from the floor of the building, and ringing is done in the church. For the inexperienced there is a rather long draught of rope.

Considering the fact that Dunsfold is a good four miles from a railway station, an attendance of five and twenty at this meeting, in the holiday and harvest season, was surprisingly good. Among the visitors was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who made a special journey from Swindon to ring in his two thousand and umpteenth tower, and measure the two thousand and umpteenth tenor across which he has put his rule.

With the organist in attendance, the Guild service went with a swing, the familiar hymns being sung with great heartiness. The outstanding feature, however, was the Rector's address. The Rev. A. E. Hollins is a 'man's parson,' with broad views and sympathies, a keen cricketer, and, as he himself said, a bit of a bellringer. He had prepared no address, he said, and he frankly admitted that that afternoon he had wanted to play in a cricket match, but finding no other day was suitable for the meeting he had willingly agreed to the Guild's visit, and he extended a warm welcome to Dunsfold. He briefly alluded to the historical interest of the church in which they were gathered, and said that they in Dunsfold delighted in the fact that their ringers really took their part in the services of the church. They did their work in the church itself, and were not shut away out of sight in a belfry. The Guild that day, he continued, had been unconsciously the cause of teaching a great lesson. That afternoon one of the parishioners had been buried, and at first among some of the people there had been some question as to the fitness of ringing the bells. It had given him the greatest opportunity of his life to bring home to his people the lesson of death, to point out to them that it was not the end of all things, but the beginning of a new and greater life, and that in his view it was fitting that the ringing of the bells should greet it. He had talked with the bereaved family about it, and they had seen it in the same light; indeed, they felt that the dead would rejoice to know that the bells were rung. For himself, he asked for nothing better than that, when his time came, he should be laid to rest to the sound of the bells merrily pealing.

Tea was afterwards served in the Rectory Coach House, and the Rector, who many years ago was a curate at Painswick, presided over the short business meeting, at which the district Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) said that, in view of the work which was being done in connection with organising the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the six-bell practices had had to be suspended. It was hoped to resume them later on, for they had proved of real value, not only in assisting the six-bell bands but in helping to bring home to those in authority the need, if they would have an efficient Sunday service band, of doing something to help themselves.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave a resume of what had been done up to the present in organising the new Guild, and asked for the support of the ringers and clergy in completing the arrangements. A preliminary meeting for that district was to be held at Guildford on October 1st, and for other districts on succeeding Saturdays, if possible, at Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, and his address, to the organist, and to the sexton and his wife who had prepared the tea.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grand sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Monday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: P. Kirby 1, W. C. Cuss 2, G. J. Winter 3, F. J. Lewis 4, A. J. King 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6. First 720 Minor by ringers of treble and 5th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ENJOYABLE MEETING AT ALMONDSBURY.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. R. Wood), the members of the Bristol Branch held another of their enjoyable monthly meetings at Almondsbury on Saturday last, and were favoured with fine weather. The Bristol party journeyed by motor for the last time this year in connection with the country meetings, but this method of transit has proved very convenient through the summer. Arriving on top of Almondsbury Hill, a fine view was obtained over the Severn towards the Welsh mountains in the distance, with the village of Almondsbury lying in the valley, and the church showing up prominently. The bells were raised in peal and rung in various methods until the service, which was of a very bright and hearty character, and conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address, taking his text from 1 Cor. ix. 16, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) followed in the Vicarage grounds. The wooded slopes and the lovely surroundings added greatly to the enjoyment of the members.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), about 60 being present, representing 18 towers. Members from outside the branch were Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Messrs. F. C. Benger (Dorchester), C. D. and C. Heginbotham (Devizes), and Rev. E. Slater (Woodford, Essex).

Arising out of the minutes, a letter was read from Mr. E. D. Taylor (Loughborough) thanking the members on behalf of the family for their kind sympathy in the bereavement sustained by the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The Hon. Secretary reported he had received a letter from Mr. E. Guiso (the general secretary), offering to give instruction in change ringing to St. Michael's Guild, Bristol, if the branch agreed, and the offer was accepted with thanks.

It was announced that the bye-meeting at Warmley had been fixed up for Saturday, September 10th, and the monthly meeting at Henbury on Saturday, September 24th. Tea, in each instance, would be provided at 6d. each.

The Chairman, in moving the vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, mentioned the special interest he took in his ringers, and the way he had paid attention to the belfry, which was deserving of praise. The belfry in the past week had been painted and renovated. He had heard a little secret that day. It was the Vicar's ringing son's 21st birthday on the following Tuesday, and he was going to attempt a peal with the local band. He wished him every success.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded the vote in characteristic style, and endorsed the chairman's remarks. As a layman in the church, he had, he said, learnt something that day from Canon Wood.

The Vicar, on rising, was given a cordial reception. He thanked the chairman and Mr. Heginbotham for all the kind things said of him. It was, he said, through the great interest his son Stephen took in ringing that it had been brought so prominently before him. He thought his son should make a speech after what had been said about him.

Mr. Stephen Wood, being called upon, said he had only made one speech in his life before, and that at the ringers' meeting held there last year, when he responded for his father, who was absent from home.

Mrs. and Miss Wood were also thanked, as also were the ladies who waited at the tables.

The meeting over, the members repaired to the belfry, where Canon Wood dedicated three peal boards (two peals on one board), recording four peals rung in the tower: Bob Major, on October 25th, 1919, composed by J. Carter, and conducted by E. Guise; Grandsire Triples, rung on April 25th, 1925 (Holt's Original), conducted by A. Prince; a local peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on October 9th, 1926 (Groves' Transposition of Parker's twelve part), conducted by G. E. Capewell; and Bob Major, rung on April 18th, 1927, composed by E. Morris, conducted by S. H. Wood.

Congratulations were given to the local band upon their first peal after eight attempts.

The Vicarage gardens were thrown open, and were much appreciated, especially by the ladies.

Practice on the bells was continued until 8.30, when the Bristol party departed for home, after another very pleasant meeting.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and Ashford District Guild was held at Lydd on Saturday, August 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Collins. Though it was a very wet day, about 40 members turned up. During the afternoon and evening, good use was made of the bells, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich. The Mayor, Mr. H. Finn, entertained the ringers to tea at the Town Hall, and presided over the business meeting which followed. He was supported by the Rev. Canon Collins and Mr. White, churchwarden.

Twelve new members were elected, and Rye was selected as the place of the next meeting, on Saturday, September 17th.

Mr. Younes, in humorous style, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for his kindness in providing the tea, and for presiding, and to Canon Collins for granting permission to hold the meeting and for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS. JOINT MEETING AT NORTHAW.

The first joint meeting of the Middlesex and Hertford County Associations was held at Northaw, a border village, on Saturday week, when members of the North and East District of the former, and of the St. Albans District of the latter association, fraternised and rang together. Even in these days of petrol traction, Northaw is still difficult of access, unless one can sport a car of one's own, and it was therefore not surprising that the members who braved the elements on one of the worst days of this dreary August were somewhat few in number. However, thanks to a motor-cycle which brought two from St. Albans, and Mr. Bob Pye's serviceable steed with five Middlesex members, the pretty peal of six were set going about 3.30, between which time and five o'clock touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and a course of London Surprise Minor were rung.

Divine service was then held, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Allen) gave an exceedingly interesting address. Some 21 ringers afterwards sat down to tea, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association), who was supported by Mr. B. Jarman (ex-president, Herts Association), Mr. W. Nash (district secretary, Herts Association), Messrs. C. T. Coles, N. A. Tomlinson and W. Pye (Middlesex Association officers), Mr. B. McKie (Northaw), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. A. W. Coles, etc. The meeting being a joint affair, no business was transacted, but Mr. C. T. Coles made a brief reference to the idea underlying the holding of joint meetings, which, he said, signified that associations were not formed in rivalry to one another, but that all existed for the same object, i.e., the furthering of change ringing. He was glad to welcome both Herts and Middlesex ringers to Northaw, and added that it was hoped that this meeting would be the first of many, and that next year's joint meeting would be held at North Mimms.

Mr. W. Nash endorsed all that Mr. Coles had said, and stated that he would be glad to do all he possibly could to make a joint meeting at North Mimms as pleasant as that at Northaw. He agreed entirely that these meetings were all for the good of ringing.

Mr. McKie welcomed the ringers to Northaw, and said how glad he was that the first joint meeting held by the two associations should be held at that tower.

Mr. B. Jarman proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his interesting address, which he was sure all enjoyed. This was carried with acclamation.

After a little more ringing had been done at Northaw, a move was made to Hatfield. By the kindness of Mr. Nash, a motor was provided, which took several to that tower, whilst Mr. Bob Pye also took a party. The latter, however, got to Hatfield House instead of Hatfield Church, and were rewarded with a view of the interior of that famous mansion before they joined the others of the party in the belfry. Here came to an end a very pleasant meeting, which, although poor in numbers, was rich in enthusiasm, and left happy recollections in the minds of those who attended it.

MARKET BOSWORTH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

Although 'warned off' this place by the voices of both sexes, if any had ambitions for a peal on the ancient and jiffy-going peal of five bells at Market Bosworth, a band met there on Saturday last and scored the 'first ever' on them. It was the hearty invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Law Harkness, R.D., and his double notes of welcome when he knew a band might try, that tempted the writer to make the venture. In asking for volunteers, it was mentioned they must be a band of 'heroes,' who would not mind some pain. This they manfully did, and although some were ambitious for 'umpteenth' methods, a preliminary half-six-score as a 'feeler' decided the conductor not to be venturesome, and stick to Grandsire. In spite of the weight and slow turning of the bells, a good peal was accomplished, as was testified by the locals afterwards. A nice lot of medals were on view at the conclusion, in the shape of blisters, and the conductor had one—not on view—about six inches long, near the place medals are usually worn.

In connection with this peal, the following extract, kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury clerical library, will be read with interest: 'Richard Dawes, a change ringer in the early part of the 18th century, was born at Market Bosworth in 1708. Being the son of poor parents and having great abilities, he was admitted as a sizar to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1725. He took his B.A. degree in 1729, and his M.A. in 1733. In Brand's "History of Newcastle-on-Tyne" we find the following concerning him: "Having indulged himself too much at college in an indolent, sedentary way of life, he at length found it absolutely necessary to have recourse to some kind of exercise. In this case, being of a strong athletic frame of body, and not over-delicate in the choice of his company, he took to the practice of ringing; and as such a genius could not stop at mediocrity, he quickly became the leader of the band, and carried the art to the highest perfection." In October, 1738, he was appointed headmaster of Newcastle Grammar School, and also master of St. Mary's Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Unfortunately, he gave way to intemperate habits, and the number of scholars at the school dwindled down so much that in 1749 the Corporation prevailed upon him to resign on promising him a pension of £80 per annum. He died at Heworth on March 25th, 1766, at the age of fifty-seven.'

THE SURFLEET 'ANNUAL'

HANDBELL PEALS AND HIGH JINKS.

The first day of the Surfleet 'annual' is usually of a very peaceful character, the visitors devoting their time to unpacking and settling down generally, but this year proved the exception to the rule, 'Old Bill' causing much amusement with his collection of pieces of wood, old 'Wellingtons', and bones, which he had made good use of to give his trunk that businesslike appearance (which has been lacking of former years), and to prevent his toothbrush and collar from moving about too much. Everyone settled, rooms allotted and unpacking finished, move was made to the supper table, but the unexpected (and unfortunate) arrival of Old Bill's 'missus' during supper was not at all welcome, but after the promise of a good supper and bed for the night, 'she' was eventually prevailed upon to 'dry up.'

On Sunday morning a visit was paid to the village church, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge being rung for morning service. The rest of the day was spent by all on the river.

Peal ringing should have commenced on Monday morning, but a burst of sunshine decided otherwise, and all had to turn to aid help with the 'cutting.' Everyone retired quite satisfied with their day's work and looking forward to a well-earned rest. But it was not to be, the bachelors giving a very good imitation of a cats' concert.

Tuesday was another field day for the party, Sutterton being the scene of operations. Later, the ladies followed, and an enjoyable tea in the harvest field was brought to an abrupt end by a rather sharp storm. Upon arriving home again, it was found to be too late to attempt a peal, so energies were given to making the 'cats' a very comfy bed, suitable food (fish and milk) being laid in a very appetising manner. Later, they were well rewarded by gentle showers from the garden syringe.

Wednesday's weather being anything but 'dry,' a peal of Bob Royal was attempted in the morning and brought round just in time to hear the dinner gong. Treble Bob was attempted after dinner, but, unfortunately, came to grief too late to start again before tea. Things were perfectly quiet and normal on retiring to bed, and a very peaceful night was hoped for by all, but again this was denied to everyone. A bad 'storm,' which broke forth from the direction of the loft, soon awoke the occupants from their slumbers, and one began to wonder if Glyn Garth would stand the shock. One of the party (no, we will not say who) was so nervous that he crept downstairs in his pyjamas and locked all the doors, hoping that that might have some good effect, but matters were getting from bad to worse. Eventually, to everyone's relief, the noise abated. The house still stood, and, we believe, had there been eye-witnesses outside they would have seen two rather suspicious persons hovering round trying to find some means of gaining access to the house. Doubtless the originators were under the impression that they were giving a lifelike reproduction of a jazz-band, but a collection of old tins require a lot of beating to obtain anything approaching a musical note out of them. Taking into consideration the amount of energy expended in their efforts, they deserved to get better results.

On Thursday, mine host deciding that he could manage better without help, left the remainder to do peal ringing. After several attempts during the day, the party decided to await Rupert's return and hear his opinion of them. We will not say what that was, so enough said. The majority of the party departed in small numbers to drown their sorrows fishing. The non-ringer of the party was not slow in pointing out that his oft-repeated remark was true: 'Some ringers can talk Cambridge Maximus but cannot ring Plain Bob!'

Our luck was certainly in on Friday, for two peals of Bob Major were scored in fine style, much to the satisfaction of one of the band, who invariably has a certain number of peals (anything from 5 to 20) he wants to score. One of the party was a little ahead of the calendar, for he had spent some time in procuring fireworks. These were 'let off' to line advantage after dark (?), but were much more appreciated next morning at breakfast than during the actual display.

Saturday morning was spent chiefly in amusing the younger members of the party, and here and there one could see whispering going on, as though plotting was ahead. Directly after dinner a peal of Bob Royal was rung. Fishing was the pastime for the evening, but either the river was devoid of fish or the 'bait' was no good (the latter being a regular 'grumble' of one of the so-called fishermen). Supper was hardly over when the tolling of a very doubtful bell (described as B flat, and it certainly was) summoned all to the upper regions for what proved to be the unveiling of a bell to the 'heavy-bell man' (no names, please, but it is interesting to note that the said gentleman tried his strength on the 11th at Exeter). The bell was cast by 'Richardson, Surfleet,' and was beautifully inscribed, but of the tone—well, there are not many harmonics to be got out of an 18-gallon copper. The ceremony over, all retired to rest, but two beds were found to be missing, and this was the signal for a general 'rag,' the net result of which was a broken chair, one mantlepiece cleared of all its ornaments and two of the party uncomfortably wet.

Sunday morning found the house decorated with highly-coloured posters wishing Rupert 'many happy returns,' to which he replied by writing 'Thanks' on each. Ringing for morning service and a quiet stroll brought 12 noon, and a hasty move was made after dinner to ring the all-important birthday peal. This came round in fine style, and an adjournment was then made to Bryn Gwyn for tea, at the kind

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins., transposed from A. T. Pitman's four-bob set peal: T. Pendry 1, W. Yeend 2, H. Halford 3, W. Rose 4, W. Hale 5, G. H. Walters (conductor) 6, E. Withers (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, C. Tovey 8. Arranged for E. Withers, of Evesham.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday morning, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Godfrey 1, H. G. Lewis 2, H. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, C. J. Edwards 5, W. A. Lewis 6, E. Gladman 7, A. Lewis 8.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, August 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Large 1, J. Kyte 2, E. Large 3, G. E. Large 4, S. Petherick 5, R. Hecks 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richens 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, on August 28th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the same band and conductor. Rung also in honour of W. Chambers' 52nd birthday.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: K. Sewart 1, J. Smart 2, G. Perkins 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, J. Perkins 5, F. S. Bayley 6.—Also 360 Bob Minor, with Miss Pople and G. Pratt in place of K. Sewart and J. Smart. Mr. Bayley is from Portsmouth.

OVER, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. W. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service at St. Mary-le-Tower, 720 Double Norwich Royal: B. Tillet 1, C. H. Gillingham 2, W. Tillet 3, W. G. Crickmer 4, H. Roper 5, W. P. Garrett 6, C. Catchpole 7, W. Woods 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, F. J. Tillet 10.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service on August 28th, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: E. Hunt 1, G. Large 2, W. Richards 3, P. Heath 4, F. Hamington (first quarter-peal inside) 5, L. Strong (first quarter-peal inside) 6, F. Smith 7, H. Smale, of Harlow Common, Essex (first quarter of Caters) 8, E. Combes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

RICKMANSWORTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Crowsley 1, H. Long (first 720) 2, G. Foster 3, S. Hoare 4, E. Hookham 5, B. Marks (conductor) 6, F. Elliott (covering) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8. Rung as a compliment, and with the best wishes of the band to Winifred Ethel, the youngest daughter of the conductor, on her marriage to Mr. Richard Philip Moloney, of the Poplars, Ash, Surrey, which took place at Farnham, on Wednesday, August 24th. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th. All the ringers belong to the local band.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, in 45 min., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. C. Peachey 1, G. Peare 2, H. Barnfield 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Day (first quarter-peal) 5, W. Peachey 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Thorne 1, J. Hunt 2, C. Strawbridge 3, H. L. Arcscott 4, F. Dale 5, W. W. Thorne (Ockham, Surrey) 6, G. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Mele 8. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. H. L. Arcscott.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Leonard's Church, Upper Deal, on Saturday last, when 22 members were present, representing Canterbury, Dover, Charing, Wickham, Wingham, Sturry, Littlebourne, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the local band. Tea was held at the Magnet, Upper Deal, immediately after which, there being no business, the ringers returned to the tower for some enjoyable ringing.

On account of the small number of ringers present at four o'clock, it was decided to omit the service from the afternoon's arrangements.

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invitation of Rupert's much-respected mother and sisters. Music followed, and then an order for home, as everyone had to be early astir next morn.

Once again the party have to thank Rupert and his good wife for their unstinted kindness. The 'bag' was smaller than usual, but the harvest was to blame, so it was no good wishing when work had to be done. The party also wish 'Jack' (Mr. J. Goldsmith, jun.), who is staying at Glyn Garth for the benefit of his health, a speedy return to his usual self. He certainly seems to be well on the road, if the doings of the previous week count for anything.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 15th and 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, September 3rd. 6 bells available, 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Clifton Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoston on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lypstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lypstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 1s., 4.30, all ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Norton (8 bells). Tea at a nominal charge. Cars to Woodseats.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, 12th and 26th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 6th, at eight. Committee meeting on Monday, 19th, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly advise the undersigned at latest by Tuesday, September 6th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at the latest.—R. E. P. Gorrington (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., Vicar of Childwall. Meeting afterwards. Business: Election of branch ringing master. Everyone welcome. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—By kind invitation of the Vicar and local band, a bye-meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5. Frequent motor bus service from tramway terminus. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by Wednesday, the 7th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harmston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. per head, for those who notify Mr. H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln, by the Monday previous. Bells (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The re-opening of the St. Mary's bells, Gateshead (after rehangings) will take place on Saturday, September 10th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Anchorage (adjoining the church) at 1s. 6d. per head. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. E. S. Kell, 26, Ellwood Gardens, Gateshead, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by Business meeting. All welcome. — J. A. Hales, 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 10th (Stoney Stanton bells not being available). Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The shield contest will take place at South Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. in Church Hall. The draw 2.30 p.m. prompt. The first company to commence ringing 2.45. The subscriptions for prizes must be received before Sept. 7th. Tea will be provided in Church Hall to those who apply before Sept. 8th to Mr. A. R. Harrison, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Sept. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please inform Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, the 14th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 15th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow will now be 3, Brunswick Cottages, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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WOOLWICH.—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,250 changes) in 44 mins.: H. G. Martin (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Culver 2, H. Finch 3, C. E. Palmer (first quarter on inside bell) 4, B. Aldridge (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. Fairman (first quarter-peal) 6. First quarter-peal rung by Sunday service ringers at this church.

APSLEY END.—On Wednesday, Aug. 24th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins.: R. Bruce (longest length) 1, C. J. Henley 2, A. V. Good 3, F. Tompkins 4, J. Stopp (conductor) 5, W. Jones 6.

PLYMOUTH.—For 'civic' week, and as a welcome to the Atlantic Fleet, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Andrew's Church in 57 mins.: C. Holmes (first quarter of Caters) 1, S. O'Shaughnessy (first inside) 2, T. G. Myers 3, J. Gluas 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, C. R. Lilley 7, W. Hamlyn 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. Marshall 10.

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