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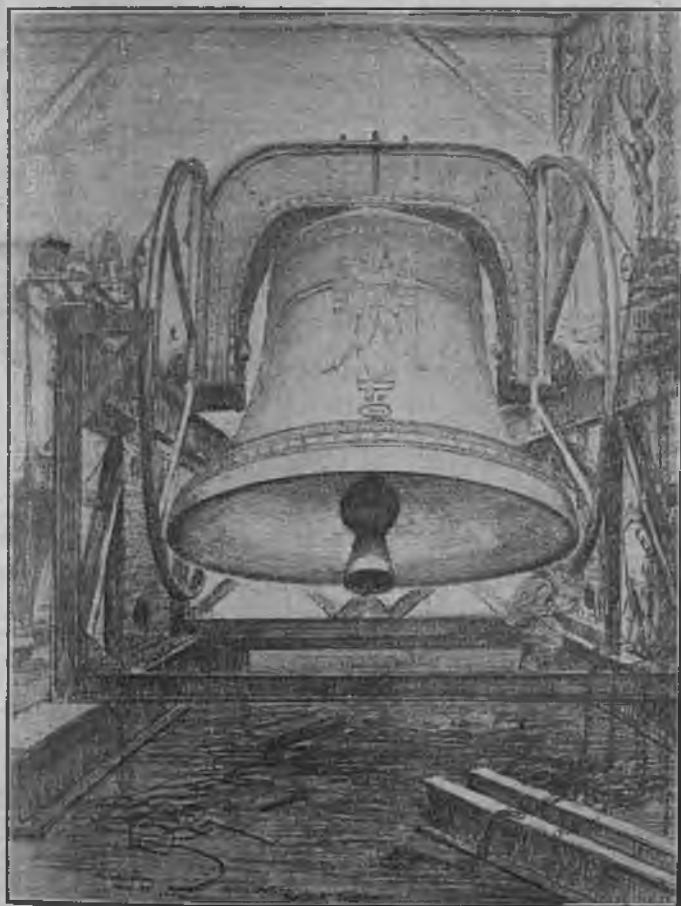
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DEFAULTERS!

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association takes a strong, but, we think, very proper line with those members who fail to pay their subscriptions. Those who become defaulters are automatically struck off the roll, and for this reason the association has lost seven towers and 58 members since the last report. Many of the associations have the power of excluding ringers who drop into arrear with their contributions, but not all of them enforce the rule. The result is that membership returns are not always a true criterion of the real strength of an organisation. Defaulters are usually the men without interest in their association, and they are always a source of expense, the mere cost of printing their names in a report and providing them with a free copy involving an outlay which can ill be spared. On the other hand, there are some who endeavour to let their subscriptions slide, but do not fail to take advantage of any facilities which their association may offer in the way of cheap travelling, cheap teas and other things. Such ringers—happily only a small class, yet nevertheless existent—are infinitely worse than the indifferent ones, who merely let their payments lapse because of the absence of any interest on their part in their county or diocesan organisation.

Among the reasons, we imagine, why in some societies defaulters are tolerated are the difficulty which is experienced in getting ringers into the fold and the hope that some day the arrears may be recovered. Twelve months, however, ought to be sufficient time for a man to find his modest subscription of two shillings, or even less in many cases, and the ringer who will not do this—unless it is through genuine pecuniary distress—is hardly worth having. He has no notion of the additional work which he and his class put upon the officials and the trouble which his slackness often involves.

Almost as bad is the man who delays paying his contribution until nearly the end of the year. He hampers the work of the association, unless it happens to be one of the few wealthy ones which have substantial funds in hand, and in other ways makes the task of the officials more difficult. There is no way in a ringing organisation of enforcing payment, but members ought to treat it as a matter of honour to meet the obligation as soon as it becomes due. While we feel that something got for nothing is never fully appreciated, it would be an interesting experiment if one of the associations could endeavour to get the Church authorities to pay, not the whole, but a portion of the contributions of the ringers of their respective towers. There is no association where this is done at present, although there are individual cases

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where the association subscription is paid for the ringers. But if, in recognition of the ringers' services, the Church Councils made themselves responsible for part of the contribution, it would perhaps result in a more prompt payment of the dues and fewer lapses of membership.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	* F. DONALD BOREHAM 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
RALPH COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
JAMES W. WILKINS 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6111 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	SAM PINDER 6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
EDWARD C. GOBBY 3	ALFRED J. BARRETT 8
GEORGE WEST 4	* JAMES F. GEORGE 9
* FRANK BRADLEY 5	NORMAN HEMMINGTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who has been connected with the above church for 31 years.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 4	WALTER LAGO 9
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 5	B. LESLIE JONES Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Treble ringer from Chester, 3rd from Wolverhampton, 4th and 5th from Hereford, 8th from Rhyl, and the rest are of the local band.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	* WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
* THOMAS HEMMING 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
HARRY PRICE 3	* HECTOR G. BIRD 8
GORDON W. CHECKITTS 4	* CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 9
SAMUEL GROVE 5	* ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Price, who entertained the band to a meat tea after the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	ALLAN F. BAILEY 8
TOM WILDE 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county, by the association, and by the hand except the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 31 cwt.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
* WILLIAM DORBIN 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 7
* LEWIS MOORE 4	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman.

CORSTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This is the first peal in the method in which two tower bells have been rung by one ringer.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 2	JOHN GARRATT 6
CHARLES BROWN 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	THOMAS W. BARWELL Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The conductor called the only peal ever rung on the old five in this tower.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

* MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	CHARLES LOVELOCK 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
THOMAS DAVISON 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	WILFRED G. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First attempt for Triples. Rung for the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. West. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hillier, of Devizes, Ringing Member of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
STEPHEN H. HOARD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT CATTERWELL Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
ARTHUR MAXIM 2	THEODORE SLATER 6
PERCY JOHNSON 3	GRANVILLE C. BIXBY 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GRANVILLE C. BIXBY

Arranged for Mr. J. G. Nash, of London, who was elected a member of the Suffolk Guild before starting the peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FILLOUGHLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
* WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

PENHOW, NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

T. MORRIS Treble	F. HARRIS 4
I. J. RICHARDS 2	J. A. FREEBURY 5
T. E. EDWARDS 3	A. FLOOK Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FREEBURY.

This is the first peal on the bells and the first peal for all the ringers. All are members of the local band.

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THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD YOUNGS... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
JAMES BETTS... .. 2	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. 5
ALPHAEUS BERRY... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Betts, Poppy and Rumsey. It was also the one hundredth peal for the Suffolk Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Reverse, and 4 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT... .. Treble	ERNEST F. GODFREY... .. 4
BRIAN BRAY... .. 2	GEORGE HOBBS... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 3	JACK BRAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in four methods by all except ringers of 4th and 6th. All are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor and Mrs. Bray.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 changes each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. Treble	EDWARD A. HERN... .. 3
HUGH McVAY... .. 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR... .. 4

ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cvr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 10 each of Stedman and Grandsire, and 14 of St. Dunstan, each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. ARNOLD... .. Treble	E. FREEDY... .. 4
A. HARMER... .. 2	T. PRICE... .. 5
J. JOYNER... .. 3	A. VAILE... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. JOYNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by all in five methods. All are local ringers.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE GROOM... .. Treble	JOHN LEWIN... .. 4
FRANK LEWIN... .. 2	LESLIE GROOM... .. 5
THOMAS GARLEY... .. 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal and first attempt. The band are all employees in the engineering department of the L.M.S. Railway Co., and this is the first railwaymen's peal for the Guild, and in the county. Rung at the first attempt.

FALING.—On July 2nd on handbells, at 52, Lammas Park Road, 720 Fulbeck Bob Minor: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERTIE PEPPER... .. Treble	FREDERICK DEARING... .. 4
WILLIAM HOWARD... .. 2	ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 5
HORACE PEPPER... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 300th peal.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with different callings. Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY AMOS... .. Treble	SYDNEY FOSKETT... .. 4
FRANK W. BURGESS... .. 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT... .. 5
GEORGE PARKER... .. 3	THOMAS WISE... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Ringers of 2nd and 3rd were proposed members of the Guild before starting.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JAMES H. BURTON... .. Treble	*JAMES H. MUNNISETT... .. 4
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 5
*WALTER EMMETT... .. 3	*FRANK BLONDELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Burton.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of Plain Bob and 38 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten different callings.

JOHN R. JACKSON... .. Treble	*CECIL H. JALLANDS... .. 3
*MARK BEND... .. 2	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS... .. 4

ARTHUR W. WARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WARD.

* First peal of Doubles. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 4th. It was at this tower he first learnt to ring.

BATH RINGERS VISIT CIRENCESTER.

The members of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association had their annual outing on Saturday, June 9th, the places visited being Fairford and Cirencester. The party, numbering 33, travelled by charabanc, and went by way of Malmesbury and Cricklade to Fairford, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed and the lovely stained-glass windows much admired. The time allowed for the stay proved quite inadequate for the members thoroughly to inspect this beautiful church. After tea at the Bull Hotel, the journey was resumed. At Watermoor Church the visitors were heartily welcomed by the Vicar and towermaster, and another pleasant hour's ringing passed all too quickly. Cirencester Parish Church came next on the programme, and here the 75 minutes allowed were fully occupied, ringing on the twelve bells in that tower proving an interesting experience to many of the ringers. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The return journey was made by way of Tetbury and Acton Turville, Bath being reached just before eleven o'clock, and everyone voting the day a great success. Much to the regret of the party, the chairman of the branch, Prebendary F. A. Bromley, was unable to accompany them.

LAVENHAM.—On Wednesday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, C. Charge's): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Poulson 6, W. Fairers 7, F. A. Turner 8.

THE CHURCH ON THE 'MIRY HILL'

SOLIHULL'S BELLS IN HISTORY.

A brightly-written souvenir of a church fete at Solihull, Warwickshire, has brought a useful addition to the funds. One of the joint editors is Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, well-known in Birmingham and Nottingham ringing circles, and he and his coadjutor, Mr. E. J. P. Orrell, are to be congratulated upon not only an interesting but an entertaining booklet, with many articles of an original type and a profusion of illustrations, many of which are really historical.

In serious vein, the souvenir tells the 700 years' story of Solihull Parish Church, Solihull being just old English for Miry Hill. The history of the bells, too, finds a place, and perhaps we may be permitted to quote from this. In the sixteenth century there were three bells in the tower, but by 1659 the peal had been increased to six. In 1635 these bells were recast by Henry Bagley, a new bell was provided in place of No. 5, and two trebles were added, making a ring of eight with a tenor nearly a ton in weight. The new peal was a great attraction, and, as will be seen from the following quaint certificate (to be found among the parish records), drew ringers from considerable distances:—

* 27th day August, 1686.

'These are to certify whom it may concern; that I Samuel Scattergood, Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester, having severall times viewed and tryed ye sound of ye 8 New Bells lately cast by Mr. Henry Bagley Bellfounder for ye Parish Church of Solihull in ye county of Warw. and now hung in ye sd Church; especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd by myself and about 20 other skillful psons accompanying me from Leicester to that purpose doe with ye genll approbation & consent of ye said Persons, judge all ye sd 8 Bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall ye chearfullest & best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard. And also that ye clappers and other iron work & tackle with which ye aforesd 8 Bells are hung, are now made quite good, so as to need no further alteracon, that I know of. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this aforesd 27th day of August and dai 1686.

* SAM SCATTERGOOD.

In 1786, just a hundred years later, a peal of Bob Major, 5,184 changes, was rung in 3 hours 10 minutes, by the St. Martin's Youths, and this is the earliest recorded peal at the tower. The composer and conductor of this peal was the notable Samuel Lawrence.

Lawrence, a gentleman of means, was a native of Shifnal, who did most of his ringing in and around Birmingham. He was a tremendously big man, weighing about 24 stones, and he travelled about in a one-horse chaise, built especially low so that he could get in or out quite easily. An example of his ringing enthusiasm comes from Dudley. When the bells of that church were opened at the very beginning of the nineteenth century, Lawrence took his hand over to try the new ring. To his dismay he found that the belfry steps were so narrow and twisted so awkwardly that he could not get up to the ringing chamber. In no way discouraged, he cast his eye around, and, espying the hoisting tackle still left in position by the bell hanger, he caused himself to be hoisted up outside the tower and pushed in through the belfry window.

It was perhaps as well for Samuel Lawrence that in 1786 the floor of the ringing chamber at Solihull was lower than it is to-day, so that he had to climb only thirty steps instead of fifty-four; but this fact makes the peal a more creditable achievement, for the bells were on their old frame and the flight of rope inordinately long. Lawrence climbing Solihull belfry steps would have provided a worthy spectacle, one equalled only by the sight of the great man entertaining the successful band at supper in the George Hotel after the peal. The low chaise was the cause of Samuel Lawrence's death. One day he slipped in dismounting and fell heavily, fracturing his leg. From this accident he never recovered.

In 1841 the floor of the ringing chamber was raised from the capitals of the columns of the tower to its present position, but nothing of note was done to the bells until 1894. About this time Mr. Geoffrey Martineau became interested in raising a change ringing band in Solihull, and solicited help from Birmingham, thus re-establishing the old connection between St. Martin's Church and his own tower. The bells and their fittings were in a poor condition, and the old frame so crazy that the south-eastern corner, where the 9th bell now hangs, was literally in the air. Mr. Martineau was instrumental in getting the bells retuned and rehung; and two trebles were added by public subscription. The splendid ring of 10 was a great attraction. The local band made strides in the art of change ringing, and the tower entertained in turn the rival Birmingham societies, each striving for the first peal. The Birmingham District Amalgamated Society were successful on December 3rd, 1894, when they rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,093 changes, in 3 hours 19 minutes. The conductor of this peal was Mr. John Carter. He was one of the world's greatest ringers, and his change ringing machine, which reposes in the South Kensington Museum, is a monument to twenty years of patient experiment, and is a great puzzle even to students of mechanism.

The tenor is one of the 1659 Bagley bells.

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THE GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 'INCIDENT.'

SURREY RINGERS REFUSED ADMISSION TO TOWER.

The ringers of Cranleigh, Surrey, had a trip across England by road for their annual outing, and on the way home had the unpleasant experience of being refused admission to the tower of Gloucester Cathedral under the unusual circumstances referred to in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' A party numbering 20, and comprising the ringers, their wives, sweethearts and friends, left the Surrey village at 6 a.m. on June 30th, and arrived at 8.50 a.m. at St. Giles', Oxford, where Rev. C. Inge, a former curate of Cranleigh, is the Rector. He had given leave to the party to have a short ring on his bells at 9 o'clock, and a very welcome cup of tea awaited them at St. Giles' Parish Room. After a couple of short touches, with the kind assistance of one of the local baud, the party wore off towards Worcester, via Witney and Cheltenham. Lunch had been arranged at the Cafe of the Worcester Co-operative Society at 1.30, and the excursionists wore there punctually. A stay of two hours in the city had been allowed, and after lunch all had a good look round the Cathedral and went down to the banks of the Severn, etc. The journey was then resumed to Hereford, via Malvern, and the Wyche Pass, which is 900 feet above sea level, and from where a most glorious view was obtained over eleven different counties, and including the three cathedrals of Worcester, Gloucester and Hereford. The party all left their seats at this beautiful spot and climbed still higher, getting a good blow and a view of the Welsh mountains. Arrangements had been made to stay the night at Hereford, and Thomas' Temperance Hotel gave splendid accommodation for the whole party. Strictly to schedule time, 5.45, the travellers were there asking for their tea. Afterwards ringing took place at St. Nicolas' and at All Saints' Churches, and the party wish to thank Rev. H. S. T. Richardson for granting permission for ringing at his tower, and for the courteous assistance he gave them, both there and at All Saints'. Unfortunately he was the only ringer they had the pleasure of meeting in Hereford. A look round the historic old city, a good drink of Hereford cider, was followed by a walk by the banks of the Wye, then to Thomas', and so to bed.

Breakfast at 6.45 was the order for Sunday morning, and the party were passing out of Hereford, over the Wye Bridge, bound for Gloucester via Ross, at 7.30, on a glorious morning and through beautiful country. Mr. Austin, of Gloucester, had told them they were very lucky in having selected July 1st for their visit to Gloucester, as, being the first Sunday in the month, there was ringing at the Cathedral, and he would arrange for them to have a ring there if they could arrive by 9 o'clock. At 8.50 the visitors were all in front of Gloucester Cathedral, but as far as ringing at the Cathedral was concerned they were doomed to disappointment. The Dean of Gloucester had forbidden the foreman of the Cathedral ringers to take the visitors into the tower at all. In fact, he went so far as to say that if there was likely to be any scene or unpleasantness about it the Cathedral ringers were not themselves to do any ringing or go into the tower that morning at all. Members of the Cathedral band, as well as Mr. Austin, expressed their regret at such a state of affairs, and told the travellers that they had arranged ringing for them at St. Mary-de-Lode Church close by. Although keenly regretting that such a thing could possibly happen in these days of Diocesan Guilds, and the appreciative statements frequently made by Bishops, Deans, etc., as to the good work ringers throughout the country are doing for the church, the visitors saw to it that there was no 'scene or unpleasantness,' and took themselves off to St. Mary-de-Lode and rang some Minor and Doubles. They would like to thank Mr. Austin for his trouble and interest on their behalf. Had Gloucester possessed a heavy ring of 12 bells the attitude of the Dean to strangers would be quite understandable, as it certainly would be unwise to allow any 'Jack, Tom or Harry' hand to try and ring them. But Gloucester Cathedral has only a ring of eight, with a tenor of about 26 cwt., which any eight-bell company could quite well manage. After the ringing, the Surrey men proceeded to Cirencester, where lunch had been arranged, and they much enjoyed the beautiful ride through the Cotswolds. Lunch over, they started for Basingstoke via Swindon and Marlborough, a 60-mile ride. At Basingstoke they were met by Mr. Horne, who had very kindly arranged ringing for them at All Saints' Church. After tea the last 30 miles was embarked upon, and Cranleigh was reached again at 9 o'clock, after a tour of 314 miles, through seven counties, and including four cathedral cities. The party wish to thank every person who assisted them in any way whatever.

E. W.

(Continued from previous column.)

In lighter mood we find in the booklet 'Nursery Rhymes for Bell Ringers.' For instance:—

Sing a song of Ringers, ringing by the hour,
Ten lusty rope-pullers locked within the tower;
When the door is opened, the police are there at least,
This will be a lively row to set before the priest.

There is quite a collection of these rhymes brought up to date. Other verses, set to the tune of 'Widdicombe Fair' tell the tale of the Solihull choir and ringers' dinner, the which ringers, we are told, 'do Stedman Caters like peeling pertaters.'

There is quite a lot for sixpence in this souvenir, and it will interest ringers in parishes other than St. Alphege, Solihull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SOMERSET'S HERITAGE.

Yeovil was the centre of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's annual festival on Saturday week. In the morning there was ringing at East Coker, and the fine peal of ten, with 42 cwt. tenor, at Yeovil Parish Church, were rung during the afternoon and evening. The visitors were welcomed by the Vicar of Yeovil (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison), Mr. John Goodchild (an honorary member of the association and steward of the local Guild), and Mr. J. E. Baker (secretary and conductor of the local Guild). Amongst the towers in the diocese represented were Taunton, Martock, Bath, Burnham, Ilminster, and Chilcompton, and from outside the county Buckhorn Weston (Dorset), Mere and Wootton Bassett (Wilts), Exeter, and Bristol. The Master of the Association (the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton) were amongst those present.

The ringers attended a special service in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar of Yeovil was the preacher. He emphasised the point that whilst the ringers had the privilege of sending forth the message calling people to God's house, so the privilege threw additional responsibilities upon them. One of the most amazing things as one goes about the county of Somerset is, he said, to find in every village not only a beautiful church but a beautiful peal of bells. He contrasted this with the position in some other parts of England, and said it was a treasure and a heritage for which Somerset people should be profoundly thankful.

Afterwards tea was enjoyed in St. John's schoolroom, served by Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. C. E. Newis, and Miss Jackson.

The annual meeting followed, under the chairmanship of the Master of the association.

The Master, in the course of his annual report, stated that he regretted to have to record a loss of seven towers and 58 members. These losses were due chiefly to the non-observance of Rule 7 (failure to pay subscriptions). The losses noted the previous year were due to the same cause. He appealed to all members, tower and deanery secretaries, to help the association in this matter. There were now 147 towers affiliated to the Association; last year there were 154. Honorary life members numbered 8, hon. members 68, performing members 1,219, unattached 27, non-resident ringing 2, ditto life 213, total 1,537. Fifty-eight peals had been credited to the association during the year, 10 being rung by visitors. When the 10 peals rung by visitors were subtracted they found that 19 out of 48 were Grandsire Doubles. There were several excellent and interesting methods of Doubles to be found in the Central Council Collection. More variety in methods was needed; nothing kept a band together so well. The outstanding features of the peals were the 7,200 Surprise Minor rung at Wilton, and the Stedman Doubles rung at Bishop's Hull. A peal of 10 Surprise methods was an undoubted achievement, and one of which the association might well be proud. With regard to the Bishop's Hull peal, whilst many ringers knew that there were 15 six-scores of Stedman Doubles, it was Mr. J. Hunt who pointed out that they could be rung in 180 ways. At Bishop's Hull 42 six-scores were each rung differently—no mean performance.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed that the association had increased its balance during the year by £13 5s. 1d.

Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) presented a report on the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and mentioned that the Council had passed a resolution asking that ringers in places where it had been the custom to ring the curfew should do their best to maintain it (hear, hear). A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hunt for his report.

On the motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Coles, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock was unanimously re-elected Master of the association, Mr. Dyke was reappointed hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Taylor hon. auditor. Mr. A. G. Butts (Exeter) was elected a life member, and Mr. Francis Padwick (Yeovil) a full member.

On the recommendation of the committee it was resolved to hold quarterly meetings at Timberscombe, Yatton and Martock; and that the insurance scheme now in force be dropped after the current year.

Mr. F. Farrant (Martock) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yeovil for his address, Mrs. Goodchild, who had provided such an excellent tea for them, and Mr. J. E. Baker for superintending the arrangements in connection with their visit.

Thanks were also passed to the Rev. G. A. Nicholson (West Coker) and Rev. M. Bailey (East Coker) for placing the towers of those churches at the disposal of the ringers.

MR. GEORGE BAILEY'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor (conducted 1) 4, three Minor methods 6, four Minor methods 1, five Minor methods 6, six Minor methods (conducted 1) 1, seven Minor methods (conducted 1) 6, seven Treble Bob methods 10, seven Surprise methods 3, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Norfolk Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 8, Superlative Surprise 5, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Lancashire Surprise 1, Bristol Surprise 10, Guildford Surprise 4, London Surprise 14, Rochester Surprise 3, Edinburgh Surprise 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; total, 100 (conducted 3).

BELL TONES.

'AFTERTHOUGHTS' IN A 'FOREWORD.'

The articles on English bells and their tuning, which we published some time ago, have been reprinted in booklet form by the author, Mr. E. Alex. Young, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., hon. secretary of the Central Council, for private circulation.

In a 'foreword,' which also embraces some 'afterthoughts,' Mr. Young remarks that his historical sketch dealing with the development of bell tones was largely built up of the many notes prepared for his motion on Simpson tuning, discussed at the Ipswich meeting of the Council. It had become apparent to him, he says, that this particular section of our art had to some extent remained in obscurity, and that it would be of advantage if further light could be thrown upon it.

Mr. Young admits that his original article was controversial, and it is probably all to the good that it was so, for it has brought to light views that might not otherwise have received the wider attention which they will now be given from their inclusion in the author's foreword. Mr. Young quotes one of his bell founder critics, traversing the statement that enough is known of the medieval bells of England to make it clear that they were on the same lines as those governing most continental bells, i.e., having the octave hum note, and with it the minor third as chief harmonic. Mr. Young's critic says emphatically that 'the medieval founders knew nothing about the hum-note octave, nor, indeed, has any English founder known before Simpson's time.' He reinforces his statement by many facts gathered from the actual bells which have passed into his foundry over a long number of years. These, as Mr. Young points out, are among the missing links of history, and if all the founders could have, over the past (say) 300 years, given us close records of the bell tones ere they were lost for ever, we should be on firm ground to-day as to the precise gifts of these medieval founders. The investigations, made with tuning forks, showed that the bells all varied on either side of the exact hum-note octave, and that not one was actually correct.

Mr. Young deals with other replies, both public and private, to his original sketch, and concludes by remarking that music is mostly an art, and in art one is allowed to differ. One need not then be surprised to find those having musical taste and of standing in the musical world disagreeing as to the musical value of 'Simpson tuning.' 'If we turn,' he says, 'from the experts to the more numerous class of people who, not being trained musicians, have what is called a musical ear, here again there is a great divergence of view, where, indeed, views are held at all. It appears, however, that with the majority "Simpsonism" is in favour. The historian tells us that throughout the ages false standards of taste have been put up only to pass away, so either side can hope for what they deem the best.'

Mr. Young's endeavour to get down to the truth of the subject is manifest in his 'foreword,' and it forms a thoughtful contribution to the articles which first appeared in these columns.

BELL WELDING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In view of the fact that ancient church bells have a distinct and well-recognised sentimental value, and that their recasting when damaged in distasteful to all who regard sympathetically all those things which belong to a bygone age, the statement recently made in a well-known periodical to the effect that the repair of cracked church bells of historic interest is a matter of considerable difficulty, cannot be allowed to go unchallenged, because it tends to induce the wholly false impression that nothing remains to be done other than the 'scrapping' of the unit.

As one having considerable experience of the reconstruction of bells of both large and small dimensions, may I say that, owing to the employment of modern scientific methods, their restoration—irrespective of age, size, composition, or condition—is a comparatively simple matter. Indeed, the firm with which I am associated has already completely restored several valuable and historic bells dating from the 13th century, and is at the moment engaged on the reparation of a peculiarly interesting bell, the seventh of a peal of twelve, founded in the year 1697, and, as the whole question is one of very considerable interest, I should welcome its inspection by anyone possessing special knowledge of bells or bell foundry.

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EGREMONT BELLS OVERHAULED.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recently completed the overhaul of the bells at Egremont, Cumberland, and the first touch on them since the completion of the bells was rung for morning service on Sunday, when 504 Stedman Triples was brought round by W. Norman 1, W. F. Douglas 2, J. Hutchinson 3, A. Eilbeck 4, W. H. Cook 5, J. H. Rothery 6, G. W. Temby (conductor) 7, J. Spadding 8. Everyone was pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

LEYTONSTONE MEN'S BUSY TOUR.

In July, 1899, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, now of Bradpole, Dorset (who was the first hon. secretary to the Leytonstone Society) proposed that they should have a two days' outing, and this has been carried out every year since, with the exception of the war period. This year the society received a pressing invitation from their former secretary to pay a visit to Salisbury and district. On Friday, June 15th, he met them at that city at 11 p.m., and, after friendly greetings, conducted them to the Coach and Horses Hotel, the headquarters during the brief stay. Supper and bed were the first items. After a 7 a.m. breakfast next day, the visitors were soon speeding in a splendid charabanc through lovely country towards Barford, where, on the handy ring of six, the first 720 of the tour was scored in four methods spliced, viz., Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick. A short touch of York followed to give all the members a pull, and then they were off to Dinton. Here is a very interesting peal of six, with tenor about 17 cwt., and dating from somewhere between 1380 and 1400. The 2nd and 3rd were cast in 1860, and 4th and 5th in 1866. The bells go well, but have rather a long draught, the ropes coming down in the middle of the church. Luck failed the visitors here, for neither Norwich nor York would go to more than a touch. Tisbury, the next place of call, was found to possess a well-going peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt., and a 720 London was well rung, non-conducted, also 720 Norwich Surprise. The next move was to Semley, but the stay was short, for here they found a heavy ring of six, with tenor nearly a ton, and taking three men to pull it up. It was not surprising, therefore, that the limit of ringing was a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. The next stop was of more interest, for at Ye Old Two Brewers, Shaftesbury, a splendid lunch was awaiting the party. This over, the official photographer was busy with his camera, and took groups in the splendid surroundings of the gardens of the hostelry. A half-hour's ringing had been arranged at two of the peals of six in the town, and, 720's being out of the question, 240 each of Southwell and Cambridge were rung on the fine-toned ring (tenor 17 cwt.) at St. Peter's, and at Holy Trinity London and York were rung. The next visit was to Donhead, and was not at all pleasant. Here was a fairly good peal of six, but the bellhanger deserves no credit. The 4th and 5th ropes hang less than three inches from the wall, and the others hang anywhere but in a circle. York and Grandsire Doubles were struggled through, but a plain course of each was sufficient. At Berwick, the party were welcomed by the Rector (Canon W. Goodchild). On the handy ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.), a 720 Spliced in four Surprise methods was attempted, but failed through the breaking of a rope. Another short touch followed, and then a surprise awaited the ringers, for the reverend gentleman had a splendid tea ready for them on the Rectory lawn. After

a vote of thanks to their generous host, a group photograph was taken with the Canon Goodchild in the middle. A hasty good-bye, and then on to Broadchalk. Here the visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Barry, who was formerly at Leytonstone. Short touches of Wells and Durham were rung on the well-going ring of six. At Coombe Bissett some of the local men met the tourists, and short touches were brought round on another musical ring of six. Arriving back at Salisbury about eight o'clock, they visited St. Martin's, where Mr. Romans was busy getting the bells up for them. Touches of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman brought the day's ringing to a close.

After supper, the health of Mr. W. Nevard was drunk. To the regret of all he had been unable, at the last moment, to accompany the party.

On Sunday morning, touches of Cambridge and York were rung for the eight o'clock service at St. Paul's Church. Breakfast over, a drive of about ten miles through beautiful scenery along the valley of the Avon brought the party to Amesbury. The church is a fine cruciform structure, and the bells a grand ring of six, with tenor about 18½ cwt. A 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung by the novices, but York failed when half-way, through the heavy going of the back bells. Next a visit to Stonehenge was much appreciated, then on to South Newton, where the handy ring of six were set going to Wells and York, a good 720 in each method being rung. The Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and expressed regret that he could not get the young men of his parish to take up change ringing. After lunch a visit was paid to St. Edmund's, Salisbury. Here is a good ring of eight, but sadly in need of a bell hanger, change ringing being next to impossible on them. A cup of tea, and then to the last place of call, St. Thomas', Salisbury. Here is another heavy ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), which go very well. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung, and the party were satisfied at having had a fairly busy time.

To all the clergy and the many local ringers, the visitors tender their very best thanks, and especially to Mr. T. Hervey Beams for the splendid arrangements made.

MR. P. CROOK'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, three methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 44 (conducted 27); Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 31 (conducted 11); Stedman Caters, 1; Erin Triples 1 (conducted 1); St. Clement's Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7 (conducted 2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 8 (conducted 2); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; total, 100 (conducted 43). Rung in four counties, 25 towers, with 195 ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with an important Irish order. They are to recast the peal of eight bells at Loughduerry Cathedral and rehang them in a new frame for fourteen bells. The eight will be hung for ringing.

Much sympathy has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lambert, of Beveden, Kent, whose only daughter has recently been killed by being knocked down by a motor-cycle. Mr. Lambert is an old and respected member of the Kent County Association.

There will be a new departure in broadcasting next Sunday evening. As the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are now at the Whitechapel Foundry, it is hoped to broadcast a handbell course of Stedman Cinques from the chancel of St. Martin's Church at 7.55 p.m. as a prelude to the service at 8 p.m.

The peal of 'Mixed Bob Major,' at Newcastle, recorded last week, comprised Bob and Little Bob Major.

The other evening the band who rang Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples, non-conducted, on handbells (surely the greatest performance of its kind ever accomplished), met at the Coffee Pot to celebrate the anniversary. They rang three courses on handbells in the same order and manner, and afterwards, with two of London's outstanding 'youngsters,' rang two courses of Stedman Cinques, conducted by H. Langdon.

The report of a peal at Hanley Castle on July 7th has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Ringers in Hertfordshire and district will learn with regret that Mr. G. T. Croft, one of the district secretaries of the Herts Association, and a member of the Hitchin band, has been ordered to go into a sanatorium for several months. Mr. D. C. Mears, Offley, has stepped into the breach and offered to carry on the duties of secretary. Ringers who have met Mr. Croft will recognise his sterling abilities, both as a ringer and conductor, and will join the Hitchin band in wishing him a speedy recovery to normal health.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, shooting in the King's Prize competition at Bisley last week, finished 143rd out of 992 competitors at the first stage, and thus qualified to shoot in the second stage.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal rung by eight ladies—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

Five years ago to-morrow the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 10 hours at Over, Cheshire.

On July 25th, 1889, eight Jameses rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, for the St. James' Society.

Samuel Thurston called a peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832.

BARHAM'S LAST PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. Hodgkin's inquiry in connection with James Barham, I still have the copy of Barham's peal book in my possession, and the last peal recorded in there is the one mentioned by him. I do not think that Barham rang any more peals; if he had done so someone would surely have found them during the last 40 years, as there have been several who have made a hobby of searching old newspapers and tapping every source from which it was thought to gain even a little information. Except the entry enclosed I cannot give any further information relating to Barham.—Yours truly,

Glensford, Suffolk.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

From the 'Maidstone Gazette,' July 8th, 1817: 'Leeds Youths Ringers.—A few days since was rung at Leeds five hundred and fifty changes of Leeds New Treble Bob by the following boys: James Barham treble (age 91), Thomas Bigg 2 (age 63), William Tilby 3 (age 80), James Boulden 4 (age 58), William Masters 5 (age 47), Thomas King 6 (age 72), Thomas Austin 7 (age 81), Benjamin Bottle tenor (age 56). Total amount of ages, 550.'

This seems to be the explanation of the 'peal' rung by Barham at the age of 91 years. Apparently it was only a 'touch' in which he took part at that date. It was evidently a special length to coincide with the aggregate ages of the ringers.—En. 'R.W.'

RIPON AND FOUNTAINS ABBEY.

The ringers of the Milnrow Parish Church (Lancashire) had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, when they visited Ripon and Fountains Abbey. Leaving Milnrow by charabanc at 7.30, they travelled via Huddersfield, Birstall, Leeds and Harrogate, arriving at Ripon at noon. On the way a halt was made at Birstall, where the fine peals of bells were rung to touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. After dinner at Ripon the ringers made their way to the belfry of the Cathedral, and soon had this fine ring of bells going to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards they wended their way to Fountains Abbey and spent an enjoyable time exploring these ruins and sauntering through the grounds. The party returned to Ripon for tea, and started for home at 7 p.m. via Bradford, Halifax and Rochdale. Milnrow was reached about 11 o'clock, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the authorities at Birstall and Ripon for their kind permission to ring on their respective bells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Favoured with summer-like weather, a large company of ringers assembled at Brecon on Saturday last, to participate in the fifth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Ringers from Tenby, Llanelly (Carmarthen), Gorseinon, Aberavon, Morriston, Neath, Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Swansea, Llandilo, Glasbury, Llanelly (Breck), Llangatock, Talgarth, and Bedwellty, arrived early in the day, and, with the local ringers of St. David's and St. Mary's, kept the bells going until evening, Canon E. A. T. Roberts and the Rev. John Simon, R.D., having kindly permitted the bells to be rung from 10 a.m. onwards. A service was held in the afternoon in the beautiful Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John. The Lord Bishop was present, and the robed clergy included the Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Rev. Canon W. Morgan (Canon in Residence), Rev. John Simon, R.D., Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary), Rev. W. G. Davies (Llanelly, Breck), and Rev. F. W. Lockyer (Glasbury). Other clergy at the service were Rev. David Williams (Talgarth), Rev. F. A. Oswell (Henby), and the Rev. W. D. Lewis (Llanelly, Carmarthen). The service was intoned by the Sub-Dean, the Rev. W. D. Lewis presided at the organ, whilst the sermon was preached by the diocesan missionary, who, in the course of an instructive and appreciative address, laid stress on the fact that though the chief duty of a ringer was that he should call the people to church by the sound of the bells, it was as much a duty to attend the service after ringing was over.—At the close a collection was taken, and the proceeds handed over towards the maintenance of the Men's Chapel in the Cathedral. The service concluded with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.

The members afterwards adjourned to the grounds of Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), where tea was partaken of on the lawns, at the kind invitation of the Bishop, and the annual meeting then followed.

The meeting was presided over by the Bishop, who welcomed the ringers to Brecon, and thanked the diocesan missionary for his address. Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from the Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon) and Mr. John F. Fidler (Loughborough).

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented his accounts for the past year, and these were adopted on the motion of Rev. John Simon, seconded by Mr. James P. Hyett.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Rev. F. A. Oswell, the following were elected en bloc: President, the Lord Bishop of the diocese; vice-presidents, the Archdeacon of Brecon, the Archdeacon of Gower, Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart (Skeffy), Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton (Llangatock), Rev. John Simon, R.D. (St. David's, Brecon), Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon), with the addition of Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary), proposed by Mr. Charles Powell, seconded by Rev. F. A. Oswell; Master of the Guild, Mr. A. J. Pitman, Aberavon; hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell, Brecon; hon. secretary, Mr. W. R. Howells, Neath. The committee re-elected consisted of the following representatives: Morriston, Mr. George Lewis; Builth, Mr. R. E. Sparkes; Llangatock, Mr. Charles Powell; Talgarth, Mr. W. D. Griffiths; Skeffy, Mr. Charles Morse; Gorseinon, Mr. W. J. Williams; Aberavon, Mr. E. Stitch; Glasbury, Mr. James P. Hyett; Llanstephan, Mr. George Morris; Cadoxton, Mr. D. J. Lewis; Llanelly, Breck, Mr. S. T. Rackham; St. Mary's, Brecon, Mr. F. E. Thomas; Tenby, Rev. F. A. Oswell; and the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, Cwmduddwr. New committee members elected were: Baglan, Miss Lucy Thomas, in place of Mrs. E. G. Bellringer, who has left the district; St. David's, Brecon, Mr. Wm. Williams for Mr. George Hardwick (resigned); Neath, Mr. Harry Boyce for Mr. F. Hatton (deceased); St. Mary's, Swansea, Mr. F. Curtis; Llandilo, Mr. Marcus Davies; Llanelly (Carmarthen), Mr. Chris Hawkins.

The annual festival in 1929 is to be held in the Southern District, and the Rev. F. A. Oswell extended to the Guild a hearty invitation to Tenby.—On being put to the meeting, this was unanimously accepted.

Mr. W. D. Griffiths informed the meeting that he had consulted his Vicar (Rev. David Williams), and he invited the Guild to Talgarth for the annual competition to be held in May next.—The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Master of the Guild presented his report on the Central Council meeting, and was heartily thanked for it.

The Hon. Secretary reported that during the past year the Guild was able to present the new membership cards, and the numbers issued were: Northern District 72, Southern District 86; total 158. All towers not in possession of tower cards should apply to the hon. secretary immediately.

The Peal Recording Book had not yet been obtained, but district secretaries were asked to forward a complete list of peals rung in their districts since the formation of the Guild in order to bring the Peal Book up to date.—This request led Mr. James P. Hyett to offer a copy of a complete list of peals in his possession, and he suggested that all future peals should be taken from 'The Ringing World'.—It was decided that this should be carried out. To date, 30 peals have been rung for the Guild.

The Ringing Competition for 1928 was held at Cadoxton in May last, and resulted as follows (maximum points 240): Neath 226, Cadoxton (handicap 9 points) 223, Gorseinon 221, St. Mary's, Brecon 'A,' 219, Aberavon 217, Llanelly (Carmarthen) 212, St. Mary's, Brecon 'B,' 210, St. David's, Brecon, 209.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that the Guild was now established enough to permit the issue of an annual report, the first of which would cover the period from the formation of the Guild to date. The meeting unanimously adopted the suggestion, on the proposition of Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. S. T. Rackham.—Mr. Charles Powell's proposal, seconded by Mr. E. Stitch, that a charge of 6d. be made for the report (or cheaper if the expense permitted it), was adopted.

Mr. Stitch (on behalf of a member who was unable to be present) raised the question of (1) the Guild endeavouring to meet members' travelling expenses to meetings, and (2) that no entry fee per ringer be made at the ringing competition.—The Hon. Treasurer replied to the second question, and it was decided that this could not be entertained, but with regard to the first question, the Chairman humorously remarked that owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Winston Churchill) the meeting could not deal with the matter.—It was eventually decided that the matter lie on the table.

A long discussion took place on the former resolution passed on the subject of the balance of district funds, and several suggestions were put forward. On the proposition of Rev. John Simon, seconded by Mr. A. J. Pitman, it was left to the officers of the Guild to consider the matter further, and to bring up their report at the next meeting.

The Lord Bishop was heartily thanked for his generosity in inviting the company to tea and presiding over the meeting, on the proposition of the Rev. W. G. Davies, seconded by the hon. secretary.

The members were afterwards photographed on the lawns.

At a committee meeting held after the general meeting (presided over by the Master of the Guild) it was decided that the rules of the ringing competition be the same as in previous competitions, with the addition of a rule that should any band desire to ring Steadman Doubles or Minor, such band would have the benefit of winning 5 points for so doing. The former competitions having been confined to Doubles (any method), it was felt that by giving a band five points it would act as an incentive to ring methods other than Doubles. All arrangements were left in the hands of the hon. secretary as on previous occasions.

A party of ringers journeyed to Llanfagan Parish Church after the meeting, at the kind invitation of the Rev. T. Aneurin Davies, Rector, where touches of several methods were well rung on the beautiful peal of eight bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT MEETING.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, and about twenty ringers attended, although, sad to relate, those from the towers in the district were few, owing to other events. One band, for instance, had their annual outing on that day. However, those who did attend had a very pleasant time, with the additional diversion of the Village Flower Show, which was held on the same afternoon in the Vicarage grounds. The Vicar (the Rev. W. N. Willis) had a busy day. Not only did he supervise the flower show arrangements, and the catering department, but he conducted the ringers' service and gave an address, and also presided over the business meeting, which was held in one of the commodious rooms in the Vicarage.

The District Secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) reported that there was a lack of interest in the weekly combined practices, the ringers appearing not to care to go away from their own towers. This was in striking contrast to the success which was attending them in the other districts, and the matter is to be further considered.

Mr. R. Whittington gave a report on the Central Council meeting, which he attended on behalf of the Guild, and some discussion took place on the question of the right of an association to direct representatives as to how they should vote. Mr. Whittington was thanked for his report.

The General Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) said a suggestion had been made that the Guild should adopt a badge to be issued to members at a small cost, and asked for the opinion of the meeting. This was given by a vote in favour of a badge.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Steadman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, some of the ringers getting their first touches in these methods.

WEDDING BELLS.

Before evensong, at St. Mary's Church, Lower Slaughter, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, A. Warren 2, F. A. Clements (conductor) 3, F. Winfield 4, G. Ayres 5, G. Simmons 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hobbs, whose wedding took place on Wednesday week. Mr. Hobbs was a regular ringer in this tower until a few months ago, when he left to take another position at Long Crendon, near Thame, Oxon.

BIRMINGHAM, SHEFFIELD AND DERBY RINGERS.**UNITED MEETING AT DUFFIELD.**

Perfect weather favoured the large number of ringers who visited Duffield for the second annual fraternal gathering of Birmingham, Sheffield and Derby enthusiasts. This particular gathering, which has been organised by Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, looks very much like becoming a regular affair, if the success of last Saturday's meeting is anything to go by.

The Birmingham contingent called at Derby en route, where they rang an excellent course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman Caters on the recently restored peal of ten bells at the Cathedral. The improved tone of these bells is a revelation of what can be done by modern methods of tuning, and general approval was expressed on the tone and 'go' of this peal.

The 'Brums' had hoped also to ring on the heavy eight at St. Luke's, but were unlucky owing to the fact that a happy couple had decided to be married on that day, and time did not permit the party waiting until the ceremony was concluded. It was far more important that the bride should get her ring, so that Brums, being sportsmanlike, decided to do without theirs.

The visitors then proceeded to Duffield, where the Sheffield and Derby men were waiting. Ringing in various methods by the enthusiasts was enjoyed by those who were sensible enough to sit by the river and 'hearken.' (It should be remembered that the temperature was empty something in the shade, and the writer knows now what was in Canon Solloway's mind when he said at York last year that all ringers are mad!)

Ten was served at the Bridge Inn, and afterwards Alderman J. S. Pritchett briefly addressed those present. He said that Duffield had become to be regarded as a ringers' Mecca, and this was because of the late Sir Arthur Heywood's association with the place. It was he who had worked hard and long to advance the art, and also to secure recognition for ringers as churchworkers. Alderman Pritchett expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Albert Walker for the splendid way he had organised the meeting.—Mr. Walker, in reply, said that if the party were enjoying themselves (and he thought they were) he was amply repaid. They regretted the absence of Mr. Percy Johnson, the genial secretary of the Yorks Association, who was prevented here present by an unavoidable business engagement, and Mr. S. F. Palmer, who was on holiday.

A collection was taken in aid of the fund for the restoration of Duffield bells, which are in great need of attention by the bell tuner. It is to be hoped that the local ringers will realise their ambition, which is to effect the much-needed improvement before next year's meeting.

Thanks were accorded to the church authorities at Derby and Duffield for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. J. Pagett and S. Dawson for making the necessary arrangements.

It should be mentioned that on the exact stroke of seven o'clock glasses were solemnly raised to the health of a certain Woking gentleman and his lady, and also to that of Mr. F. B. Yates and the ringers of King's Norton, who were having their annual 'do' at Bedford, all the parties concerned having previously agreed to remember each other at the hour mentioned.

J. F. S.

PORTSMOUTH RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. E. J. Harding, sen., of St. Mary's, Portsmouth, and late secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, has sustained a severe loss by the death of his father, Mr. S. J. Harding, aged 76, of Berrynarbor, North Devon. For many years he was a member of the choir and one of the bellringers up to the time of his death, and was so much a part of the village and its interests generally that his cheery presence will be sadly missed. There was a large number of family mourners at the funeral and also relatives and friends from Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe and Combe Martin.

'DOUBLE-HANDED' DOUBLE NORWICH.**MR. JOHN THOMAS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.**

Mr. John Thomas, of London, has created another record by ringing two tower bells to a peal of Double Norwich Major. This was at Corston, near Bristol, on Friday, where he rang the 2nd and 3rd. It is the first time Mr. Thomas has rung two church bells to a peal, but it is the first time that a peal of Double Norwich has ever been rung in this way, and those who took part in the performance bear witness to a very fine achievement. An attempt was made for the peal a fortnight previously, but it was lost, after two-thirds had been rung, in a rather peculiar way. The sallies at Corston belfry go right through the holes in the ceiling, and a projection of the tucking of the treble rope just beneath the sally caught the edge of the boss, causing the bell to drop. This had happened before, therefore, for the second attempt for the peal, the rope ends were shortened, and all went well. The steeplekeeper's comment was, 'It is a good job you broke down last time, for you have rung a splendid peal to-night—one of the best on the bells.'

Mr. Thomas has not rung two bells to a peal since the war, in which he served in the Royal Air Force. While serving, he met with a serious accident, both his arms being broken by a whirling propeller.

BELL HANGER KILLED.**FATAL ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.**

A distressing accident occurred on Saturday, at Sulgrave, near Banbury, resulting in the death of Mr. Charles H. Austin, a bell hanger employed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and a well-known ringer.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the restoration of the five bells at Sulgrave, the ancestral home of George Washington, first President of the United States, and Mr. Austin was engaged in fixing the new iron frame in the church tower when, from some cause, he fell through the hatchway, a distance of some 30 feet, to the church floor below. His neck was broken, and he died within a few minutes.

Mr. Austin, who was the son of Mr. John Austin, of 38, Lysons Avenue, Gloucester, a popular West Country ringer, was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow and four young children. Much sympathy will be felt with the relatives in their tragic bereavement.

In the war, Mr. Austin served in the Coldstream Guards, and he joined the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1923, becoming one of their most trusted bell hangers. He was a capable ringer, and had taken part in numerous peals, including the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on February 14th, 1920. This occupied 8hrs. 45mins., and is the longest length yet rung on twelve bells.

An inquest was held on Monday, and the interment took place at Gloucester.

This is the first fatal accident which has happened in connection with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's firm during the eighty-four years of its existence.

HANDBELL RINGING IN CANADA.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—In the city of Montreal there are quite a number of bells, but in none of the churches is there a peal of bells suitable for change-ringing. The only way ringers from the old country can indulge in their favourite pastime is handbell ringing.

Mr. Tony Price recently arrived from Boston, and practices have been held for some weeks at 198, Beaconsfield Avenue, N.D.G. Several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and 720's of Bob Minor and a few courses of Double Court have been rung by E. Weatherby (Market Drayton and Guildford) 1-2, Chas. Willshire (Guildford) 3-4, Tony A. R. Price (Shouldham, King's Lynn) (conductor) 5-6. We should be glad to meet any ringers coming to Montreal, and any inquiries addressed to Mr. Chas. Willshire, 198, Beaconsfield Avenue, N.D.G., will receive a prompt reply.—Yours faithfully,

E. WEATHERBY.

DISAPPOINTMENT COMPENSATED.

Six of the Southover, Lewes, ringers paid a visit to Westham, Sussex, on Thursday, July 12th, by the kindness of their Rector and Mr. Rugg, their hon. secretary. This visit was the outcome of some rather disappointing ringing when they were there on the occasion of their annual outing on June 23rd, owing to the ropes not being quite in order. Since that time they have been attended to by Mr. Dallaway. On the occasion of this second visit 720 Bob Minor was rung by W. Ward 1, C. J. Rugg 2, D. White 3, A. J. Turner 4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 6. Also 108 Minor, conducted by R. W. Dawe, in which Mr. Dallaway took part, and two 120's Grandsire Doubles, conducted by D. White.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Mark's, Pensnett, in ideal summer weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Pensnett (Rev. Norman Edwards), who gave an eloquent address.

The business meeting was held in the lady chapel, the Vicar presiding. After routine matters had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Clent, subject to the usual permission being obtained. The quarterly peal will be attempted at Pensnett, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Guild's representative to the Central Council gave his report of the proceedings of the meeting at Hereford, and Mr. Hughes was heartily thanked for his able and lucid report, also for his attendance at the meeting.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they partook of tea arranged by Mr. S. Parkes and the Vicar, and which, it is needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Pensnett for permission to hold the meeting at Pensnett, for conducting the service in church, for his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells, and for presiding at the business meeting. Thanks were also given to Mr. F. Walker, the secretary, and Mr. S. Parkes, who made the necessary arrangements, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy one.—The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

DISTRICTS' LACK OF INTEREST.

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Derby on Saturday, July 7th. Although the attendance was not very large, there was quite a good gathering, representing four districts of the Guild. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral, where the members were met by Mr. James Pagett, Mr. Frank Smallwood, and other local ringers. A short service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Pronger. Before the address, Mr. Pronger welcomed the Guild to Derby on behalf of the Vicar, who was unable to be present. Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Leeds, kindly presided at the organ.

About thirty members and friends sat down to tea in St. Mary's Schools, and prior to the business meeting the president, Miss E. Steel, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pronger for taking the

urge all members to make an effort to attend when possible and so show their interest in the Guild. On the other hand, some of the districts are flourishing and members are very keen. One new district has been formed in Lincolnshire under the secretaryship of Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. L. W. Jacques has succeeded Mrs. Powell as secretary of the Northern District. In the Central District the secretary, Mrs. Hairs, has removed to Falmouth, but it has not yet been possible to arrange a meeting to elect a new secretary. The other districts have re-elected their secretaries, and to all the heartfelt thanks of the Guild are due for their untiring efforts. It is a great pleasure to be able to record two peals. One of Bob Major at Handsworth, the first peal of Major for the Guild, was rung by the Northern District, and the other of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first Surprise peal for the Guild, was rung by the Central District at Crayford. This shows a marked advancement, which it is hoped will continue. All secretaries have a good deal of difficulty in collecting subscriptions, and if members would forward these when due, much time and trouble would



THE LADIES' GUILD'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung by eight ladies at Crayford, Kent, on March 31st, was one of which the Guild is justifiably proud. The above is a photograph of the band. Back row: Mrs. F. I. Hairs (8th), Mrs. A. D. Barker (7th), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, conductor (tenor). Middle row: Mrs. R. A. Fardon (2nd), Miss E. E. Chapman (3rd), Miss F. E. Orr (4th). Bottom row: Miss S. Davis (5th), Miss B. Mills (treble).

service, to the organist for obliging at short notice, and to the Vicars and ringers at the three churches for allowing the Guild the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), and Mr. Crocker, an ex-churchwarden of the Cathedral, replied.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president. A letter was read from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, expressing his regret at being unable to be present, and wishing the Guild a very successful gathering.

Owing to heavy expenses in printing new service forms and receipt books, the accounts showed a deficit of £3 15s. 10d. on the year's working, but the Guild still possesses a balance of £18 4s. 7½d.

The Secretary reported as follows: 'The past year has been rather disappointing in some respects. In several districts there seems to be a lack of interest in the Guild, and though the secretaries work very hard to arrange meetings these are not very well attended. It is very discouraging to work hard and then get very little support. I would

be saved. There still remain many lady ringers who have not yet joined the Guild, and here again is an opportunity for individual members to do some good work. I cannot conclude this report without an expression of my deep gratitude to all members for the handsome wedding gift which was presented at the meeting at St. Clement Danes, London, in January. This gift has an honoured place in my home, and is a constant reminder of the many pleasant gatherings which have taken place since the Guild's formation.'

Miss Steel was re-elected president, and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Secretary regretted that she had been unable to revise the rules as promised, but would proceed with these at once and have them ready for the next annual meeting. The publications of reports was held over until the new rules are passed.

London was chosen for the place of the next annual meeting, to be held the first Saturday in July.

After the meeting, ringing took place at St. Alkmund's, where a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by eight members of the Guild, and at St. Andrew's.

A RINGING EXCURSION IN NORTH YORKS.

The Cleveland District of North Yorkshire had been chosen this year for the annual outing of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Guild, and, favoured with a fine day in a wet week, a very happy time was spent. The party numbered 19, including the Vicar (Rev. G. H. J. Baily), the curate (Rev. G. D. John), the two churchwardens, and a few other friends. Leaving Sunderland in the early morning, in a very comfortable charabanc, they passed through Stockton, and soon reached Ormesby, where the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Mr. T. Metcalfe, and Mr. Hall, of the same association, met them, and the fine peal of eight in Ormesby Church were soon set going to Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative. A group photo, with the church as a background, was taken here, and then the party set off for Guisborough, where they were met by the president of the Cleveland Association, Mr. Pollard. After an enjoyable ring on the six bells, an excellent dinner at the Buck Hotel, and a walk through the old Priory Gardens, the motor was boarded again, and, skirting the Cleveland Hills and passing through Stokesley, the beautiful village of Carlton was reached. The church here, dedicated to St. Botolph, is comparatively new, and the eight bells are a pleasure to ring and to listen to.

After a short stay, as time pressed, the ringers again set off, via Yarm, to Hurworth-on-Tees, where an excellent tea awaited them. The inner man satisfied, votes of thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their presence and assistance, and Mr. Stanley M. Ritson responded, in his inimitable manner, to the toast of 'Our Visitors.' The six bells of Hurworth were found to be rather heavy going, so a move was made to the next stopping place, Heighington, where, unfortunately, the coming of the party had been overlooked, and the bells were not available, so after a look round the old church the homeward journey was resumed, and, passing Durham and Chester-le-Street, they arrived safely shortly before 10 p.m. So ended one of the most enjoyable trips the Guild have ever had, and best thanks are due to the clergy of the four towers for the use of their bells, and to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for their kind assistance.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A successful district meeting was held on Saturday, June 30th, at Sproughton, near Ipswich, the bells at Bramford being also available. Although there were several other meetings, outings and 'haysel' being also in full swing, preventing ringers from attending, about 20 sat down to a tea, lavishly supplied by Mr. Charles Mee, and presided over by Mr. F. St. George Caulfield, Governor-General of the Malay Peninsula, churchwarden of Sproughton, who was supported by his brother warden, Mr. H. Making.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their presence, Mr. Mee mentioned how much the meeting appreciated their courteousness at such short notice.—This was seconded by Mr. G. E. Symonds, and carried.—Mr. Making, in responding, said he would make a suggestion to the secretary of the Suffolk musical competitions that handbell ringing contests be included in their programme.

Ringers attended from Ipswich, Cretingham, Framsdon, Polstead and Stowupland, augmented by the local company.

MR. G. F. SWANN'S 400 PEALS.

	Tower.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Four Methods, Minor	1	1	0	0
Grandsire Triples	16	3	6	*2
Grandsire Caters	2	1	1	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	0	1	0
Stedman Triples	91	50	6	5
Stedman Caters	16	3	36	10
Stedman Cinques	28	2	82	*21
Stedman Sextuples	0	0	1	0
Erin Triples	2	2	0	0
Erin Cinques	0	0	1	0
Bob Major	15	12	0	0
Little Bob Major	1	1	0	0
Double Norwich Major	22	5	0	0
Double Oxford Major	2	1	0	0
Double Yorkshire Major	2	0	0	0
Forward Major	1	1	0	0
Kent Treble Bob Major	11	6	1	0
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	0	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	0	0	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	2	0	0
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	0	0	0
Superlative Major	10	1	0	0
Cambridge Minor	1	1	0	0
Cambridge Major	18	7	0	0
Cambridge Royal	2	0	0	0
Cambridge Maximus	3	0	0	0
Bristol Major	4	0	0	0
London Major	6	1	0	0
	259	100	141	41

* Including one non-conducted. Total 400, conducted 141.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, July 15th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. R. Coombes 1, W. F. Judge (conductor) 2, F. Tuffrey 3, C. Bennett 4, J. Franklin 5, W. H. Thorne 6, J. Judge 7, A. Morris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Franklin, who has been a ringer at this tower for forty-five years.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, July 15th, for evensong of the Dedication Festival and the visit of the Bishop of Stepney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: I. J. Attwater (conductor) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. H. Parrott 3, J. F. Parrott 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, R. Hills 6, J. Martin 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

EALING.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., at Christ Church: J. A. D. Webb 1, G. E. Harbour 2, Reg. J. Davey 3, C. D. Nichols 4, W. G. Wilson 5, E. C. S. Turner (first quarter-peal as conductor in the method) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, H. A. Reeves (first quarter-peal) 8.

PUTNEY.—On July 15th, at the Church of St. Mary, for the evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Wood 1, F. C. Hawthorne 2, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 3, F. A. Folkard 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6. Rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers' annual outing.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 8th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 36 mins., for evening service: G. H. Walters 1, E. Blowing 2, H. Halford 3, W. Yeend (conductor) 4, J. F. Ballinger 5. Also a few six-scores with local men, with the assistance of A. F. Hunt, after service. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the late Sir James Horlich.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 8th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, R. Warnett 4, H. H. Chaudler 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. Corko 7, E. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. H. Chandler 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, R. Warnett 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, W. Honor 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. Smith 8. First quarter in both methods on an inside bell by F. G. Baldwin, and first attempt.

YEOVIL.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. John's Parish Church, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to S. A. Ricketts and H. F. Travers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by J. T. Dyke, in 50 mins.: H. Batty 1, L. A. Wilson 2, E. G. Coward 3, H. F. Travers 4, W. Fry 5, S. A. Ricketts 6, E. T. Griffin 7, W. C. Slute 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, T. J. Settle 10.

STREATHAM.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, 1,344 Bob Major: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. W. Chapman 6, T. W. J. Walters 7, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 8.—On Monday, July 9th, at Emanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. W. F. Leadbitter 1, R. H. Dove 2, Miss Grace Bush (first quarter) 3, D. Cooper 4, H. Tourle 5, J. Lott 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bush.

WEST GLANDON, SURREY.—For morning service, on Sunday, July 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Walker 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Bennett 5, N. Harding (first extent as conductor) 6.

LAVERNHAM.—On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, W. Faiers 3, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Rung to oblige Mr. T. A. King, late conductor of the Lavenham company.

REIGATE.—On June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service in 48 mins.: G. Stemp 1, A. Bashford 2, R. Harris 3, M. Northover 4, J. Foster 5, G. F. Hoad 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, A. Cheasley 8.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stemp 1, A. Bashford 2, M. Northover 3, J. Foster 4, A. Errey 5, A. Cheasley (longest length inside) 6, G. Hoad (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. W. Hibbert 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. E. Richards 3, A. N. Hardy 4, S. C. Moya 5, E. J. King 6, H. Wright 7, T. W. Taffender 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. H. Peters 10.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: S. C. Moya 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, T. W. Taffender 4, T. Newman 5, R. W. Bullen 6, F. E. Collins 7, W. R. Madgwick 8, G. A. Card 9, J. R. Gammon 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, June 3rd (King's birthday), at St. John's Church, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Eliot 3, R. Steers 4, H. Norgate 5, C. Davis 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, W. A. Martin 2, C. Eliot 3, H. Norgate 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Steers 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: N. Kingwood 1, F. Gurr 2, N. Smeaton 3, E. J. Ladd 4, F. G. Willey 5, F. Kingswood 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, G. S. Diplock 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Head-quarters on the 24th at 8 p.m. for handbell practice. District meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 28th at 3 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. Special business: election of a branch president, also committeeman.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting till 6.30 evensong, after which bells will be available till 8.30. All ringers welcome, but let me have a post card to signify, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' rally will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 21st. The Hon. President, Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., has kindly offered the Rectory Grounds for this occasion. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to attend. Grounds open 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4 p.m. Photo group to be taken. Tea 5 p.m. All associated ringers with their wives and friends are invited to be present. Tea 1/- each.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 16, Gawber Rd., Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice will be held at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st, at 6 p.m. No ringing at White Waltham.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at Wonston (5), Micheldever (6) and Barton Stacey (5) from 2.30. Service at Wonston 4.15. Tea at the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, 5 o'clock.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good bus service from Cambridge and trains Long Stanton, L.N.E.R.—F. Warrington, Hon. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on July 21st. Bells open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Littlebourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. onwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Saturday, July 21st.—Reginald Scott, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club have again placed their athletic grounds, Bromwich Street, at the disposal of ringers, their wives and friends for a bowling match and social on Saturday, July 21st. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Reading Room. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. The eight bells of the Parish Church will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick St., Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome, and a good attendance hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Pinner, Monday, July 23rd. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed. A pleasant evening's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Ten-Terden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Will all those attending tea please notify by July 25th? All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me by last post, Monday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Station Road, Haslemere, by July 23rd.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2/- each to members who apply for same, with remittance, before Tuesday, July 24th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify undersigned not later than Tuesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Meilons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 25th. Tea will only be provided for those who notify.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Bambergh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 24th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) ready 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. Service 6. The bells at Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), Enford (6) available from 3 till 5 p.m.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, for all sending me names by July 23rd.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, July 28th. A good attendance hoped for. All are welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

SOUTH ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.—The opening of Anston bells after rehang and retuning, recasting tenor, and adding two new trebles to complete the octave, will take place on July 28th by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Service at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Tea provided (in the Vicarage grounds, weather permitting).—Hy. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual outing will take place to Beverley on Saturday, the 28th inst. Permission has been granted to ring on the Minster bells. Train leaves Doncaster 1.25 p.m. Will all those who intend going please meet outside station not later than 1.15 p.m.? Fare: 6s. return.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 25th.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 24th.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) 4.30, followed by meeting. The beautiful Rectory gardens will be open to visitors. Kindly send number for tea by the 24th inst. to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Inworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all who advise Mr. E. Mingay, Inworth Street, Inworth, Kelvedon, not later than Wednesday, July 25th.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Earl's Colne, Essex.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Abbots Langley, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6). Bells open 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30. Names for tea by 24th, please. Cheap trains from London to King's Langley (nearest station) or Watford Junction. Bus runs to village from either station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wherwell on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from 2.30, also Longparish (5). Tea at Wherwell Vicarage at 5 p.m. Numbers by 25th.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Echinswell Vicarage, Newbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Roll up and visit these beautiful gardens and let me know by July 24th those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., to those who notify me of their intention to be present before Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome. — H. Parker, Branch Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

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