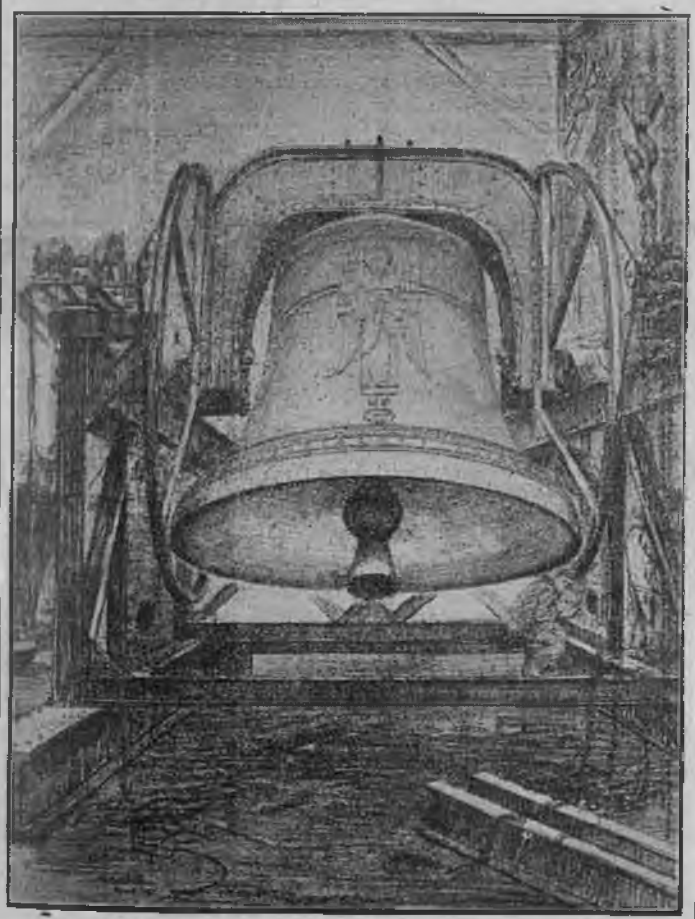
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THE 'DEAD' SPOTS.

In many respects the art and science of change ringing were never more alive than they are to-day, and yet in probably every association there are 'dead' spots which no amount of effort seems to vitalise. It is one of the problems which confront all our ringing organisations, and it is a difficult one at that. There are far too many towers without competent bands; or with ringers whose interest, both in the art and in their duties to the Church, is so small that they treat both with indifference. This canker can be found in the towns and in the villages, it eats away at the roots of progress and efficiency and, unless it can be counteracted, in the end it effectually kills ringing in any tower that may be so attacked. It has caused the break up of many a band; it has been the primary cause of many a ring of bells becoming silent and even derelict. No association, we imagine, would willingly let this creeping paralysis spread through its system, but only continual work will prevent it undermining an organisation. In some areas, however, this kind of 'dry rot' seems to have taken hold of quite large districts and threatens to spread until it will have a stranglehold upon all but the most virile centres. Officials know it, but many merely shake their heads and ask in despair, 'What can we do?'

The associations are not altogether to blame for the state of affairs. It is the Church authorities who are largely responsible. If there was a falling off in the attendance of the choir, the clergy would be the first to inquire into the cause and they would quickly apply a remedy. Either the choristers would have to mend their ways or other singers would be found. If however, the bells are unrung, or partially silent, many of these same clergy do not even trouble to ask for the reason. As long as there is some sort of sound from the belfry for a few minutes, that is all that matters in this department, and where this happens it is nearly always at those towers in which the ringers never receive a visit from the clergy. What is badly needed in all these 'dead' spots is as much a 'conversion' of the authorities as a reinspiration of the ringers. If in every church we could get the clergy really interested in their bells and ringers, what a different story there would be to tell! These 'dead' spots would soon disappear and all our bells would quickly be ringing again for Sunday services. Would it be possible to inaugurate a national campaign? Could not every association ascertain exactly the position existing in every such tower and make a report to the Bishop of the Diocese, whose help should be invoked to apply pressure on the clergy where necessary? Failing the Bishops, the

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Archdeacons might be made use of and considerable good might come of it, for there are few parochial clergy who are not ready to sit up and take notice when the Bishop or Archdeacon speaks.

In a matter such as this, diocesan recognition is a valuable asset, and it ought to be made full use of. We believe that many of the bishops would welcome from their ringing guilds a report which set out the failures as well as the successes. It would enable them to realise, even more than they do at present, how earnest these associations are, if the organisations would go to them for their influence and aid in getting efficient Sunday service ringing established in every tower. Those associations who look upon the spread of change ringing as their only task are missing what we consider their most important duty and most valuable step to future expansion if they do not make the setting up of Sunday service bands a first charge upon their time and diligence. Where it cannot be done by direct influence the help of outside powers should be, if possible, obtained.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	...*Treble*	FREDERICK DENCH	6
THOMAS FAULKNER	2	ARTHUR G. KING	7
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	WILLIAM E. BASON	8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	*EDWARD KETT	9
JOHN C. DICKEN	5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to 'Billy' Harwood.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	6
GORDON A. BACON	2	WILLIAM DUDLEY	7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	3	STANLEY W. BAYBUT... ...	8
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	LIONEL H. PAGE...	9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL...	5	GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of 'Granta' Royal by all the band except E. Barnett, jun. It was his 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PIKE	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	JOHN W. STEDDY...	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	KEITH HART...	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ERNEST MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PIKE	5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ...	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)
On Monday, August 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JAMES PARR	...*Treble*	ARTHUR LORD	5
†ALBERT YATES	2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ...	6
JOSEPH WOODS	3	JOHN HIRST	7
SYDNEY BROWN	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. † First away from treble in the method. Rung as a welcome home to Canon Elsee, president of the above association, on his return from Africa.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES R. BELTON	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	4	RONALD RUSSELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
50th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells as conductor.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 17, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES W. DAVIDSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. BARBER	5
WILLIAM L. GOFTON	2	ADAM DEAS	6
JAMES E. GOFTON	3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	7
JOSEPH E. KEEN	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES PARR	...*Treble*	ALBERT YATES	5
*FREDERICK HIRST	2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ...	6
ARTHUR LORD	3	JOHN HIRST	7
ARTHUR INGHAM...	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

REGINALD E. PARKER	...*Treble*	†FRANCIS O. HUNT	5
ALBERT E. PARKER	2	TOM DAVIDSON	6
*JOHN TROUT	3	CHARLIE LOVELOCK	7
ALBERT KNIGHT...	4	†FREDERICK TAYLOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. LOVELOCK.
* First peal inside and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE HUGHES... ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
SAMUEL BAKER	2	JESSE SCREEN	6
WILLIAM GREEN	3	WILLIAM FISHER...	7
RICHARD ROUND	4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.
This peal was rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. Gough's first peal, which was rung at the above church on Saturday, August 18th, 1888.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE BASFORD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN R. MAIN	5
*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON...	2	THOMAS ABBOTT	6
GEORGE ETTE	3	JOHN KING	7
†CHARLES RICHARDSON ...	4	THOMAS R. HENSHER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung by an entirely local band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who was inducted the day previous as Vicar of Finedon

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

HERBERT HAIGH ...	...*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
*SAMUEL HARRISON	3	PERCY GLEDSTONE	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	ARNOLD HILL	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER
* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method for the association, and first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the splice being excellent. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Stenton, of the local band, for the 70th anniversary of his birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ...	...*Treble*	*HAROLD V. COOPER	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*HECTOR G. BIRD	6
*JOHN LLOYD	3	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ...	7
*THOMAS HEMMING	4	ALFRED HACKETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY	...*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON	2	EDWARD JENKINS...	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	7
CYRIL VALENTINE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of Superlative by all except ringers of 3rd, 5th and 6th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
FRANK L. FISHER	3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	THOMAS W. LAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, New London, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. KELSALL	*Treble*	H. CHANT	4
A. COLE	2	D. SMITH	5
M. PERRY	3	J. T. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

First peal of Treble Bob and also first peal in seven methods by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers. Also first peal of Treble Bob rung on these bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Thursday, August 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*ROGER W. DANIELS	4
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	3	HORACE M. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in three methods.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 120's each Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary Grandsire, and sixteen spliced; each six-score differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY AMOS	*Treble*	A. NORMAN GEARY	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells recently overhauled and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Although this church is a few yards inside the boundary of Northants, it is in the Leicester Diocese, and is the 111th tower in the diocese in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Double Court, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JOTSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR RIGGALL	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
JOHN J. JOTSON	3	WILLIAM TILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung, by request, by the same band that rang the 10,080 in this tower a year ago. Mr. Tilley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. B. JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

GEORGE EDWARDS	*Treble*	GEORGE WAGHORN	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
JAMES BASSETT	3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for W. D. Ashdown, of Godstone, Surrey.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM PIKE	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM	4
*GEORGE POPNELL	2	†ALEC A. RACKHAM	5
*PERCY JONES	3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in three methods. † First 720 of Oxford. First peal in three methods for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, August 19, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HUGH MCVAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	4
HENRY B. TAYLOR	2	EDWARD LOWERY	5
THOMAS COLVIN	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who is leaving Newburn for Bradford.

FORTY YEARS ON.

A NOTABLE CELEBRATION AT TIPTON 'PEPPER BOX.'

The peal at Tipton Parish Church ('The Pepper Box') on Saturday was an interesting one. It celebrated the 40th anniversary of Mr. Benjamin Gough's first peal rung in the same tower. It was also rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. George Rae Mortimore (Vicar of Tipton) to Miss Florence Elsie Davis, which happy event took place on August 9th; and on the eve of Mr. Jesse Screen's birthday.

On August 18th, 1888, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Tipton by George Hughes 1, William Cheshire 2, Harry Mills 3, William Rock Small 4, Benjamin Gough 5, Samuel Jesson (conductor) 6, Samuel Reeves 7, Edward Goodreds 8. Since that time the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7 have 'crossed the bourne'; whether the conductor is alive or dead is unknown; the tenor man retired from ringing a quarter of a century ago; but George Hughes and Ben Gough are as enthusiastic at the rope end as ever, and have rung many a peal together since. Last Saturday's band were all old ringing friends. Messrs. Gough and Hughes have rung for over 40 years with Messrs. Green, Round, Screen and Fullwood, and for over 35 years with Messrs. Baker and Fisher, and it was a great gratification that such a company should have been successful on this occasion. Messrs. Hughes and Gough rang the same bells as on August 18th, 1888, and, while it was the 40th anniversary of Mr. Gough's first peal, it was, by a coincidence, his 40th peal on these bells and Mr. Green's 40th peal during his 50 years' ringing career. This band, too, has a wonderful record of Sunday service ringing at their respective parish churches, for between them they can total 352 years: George Hughes (Tipton and Wednesbury) 50 years, Samuel Baker (Coseley) 36 years, William Green (Old Hill) 50 years, Richard Round (Netherton) 56 years, Ben Gough (Coseley) 41 years, Jesse Screen (West Bromwich and Sedgley) 41 years, William Fisher (Coseley) 36 years, Ben Fullwood (Sedgley) 42 years.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, August 13th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Smith 1, W. Willson, jun., 2, W. Willson, sen. (conductor) 3, G. Straw 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Vallance 6, J. Smith 7, R. Hubbard 8. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the conductor, which occurred on the previous day.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a holiday in Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight:—

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 12, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
JOSEPH T. DYKE	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal by the Rector (the Rev. G. T. Tritton) and Mrs. Tritton.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
WILLIAM A. CAVE	2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	4	FRANK HART...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The first peal on the bells, recently augmented from 6 to 8 by Taylor and Co.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. in C sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	8
WILLIAM A. CAVE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
*JAMES L. HAYWARD	5	*NORMAN V. ANDREWS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Harper (first 720 in method) 1, W. Wilkinson (first 720 in method) 2, F. Dewey 3, W. Houghton 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, J. Phillips 6.

ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... ...	6
JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung by request of Lord Shaftesbury (president of the Guild) on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to St. Giles on this date. Her Majesty signed the visitors' book in the church whilst the peal was in progress, and outside listened to the ringing for 15 minutes.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-Half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. A. CAVE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, August 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal on the bells which were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and erected in the tower 48 years ago. The band wish to thank Mr. Bastable for making arrangements and also meeting them; also Mr. Martin Stewart for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

A SPLICED 720.

On Monday, August 13th, at the Church of St. George, Mossley, Lancashire, a 720, consisting of Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Kingston, in 26 minutes: R. Taylor 1, J. Claydon 2, F. Welham 3, J. Singleton 4, E. Garside 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6. First 720 in the methods by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung in the town of Mossley.

FATHER AND DAUGHTERS.

An interesting 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, for service on Sunday last, when father and two daughters took part: Miss M. Cooke (first 720) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke 2, J. Cooke (conductor) 3, T. Birch 4, J. Hughes 5, W. Dunn 6. These two young ladies are 13 and 15 years of age respectively, and this is the first time a 720 has been rung in the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild with father and two daughters taking part.

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OUT IN THE 'WILDERNESS.'

The summer meeting was held at Bamburgh, a place noted for its magnificent old castle, perched on the summit of an isolated basaltic rock, 180 feet high, its lofty embrasured turrets and battlements enclosing an area of over eight acres. In its early days it was quite impregnable from any point of attack, and proved so until 924, when King Alfred was forced to flee. Sacked, but not totally destroyed by the Danes in 933, 993 and 995, Bamburgh Castle, some six years later, afforded refuge to Earl Waltheof during the Scotch Invasion under Malcolm of Scotland. During the reign of Elizabeth it was in ruins. The Castle and Lordships of Bamburgh and the adjoining manor were granted by James I. to Claudius Forster, a grandson of Sir John Forster, and remained in the possession of the Forster family until 1704, when it was sold for the payment of debts to Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, whose second wife, Dorothy, was one of the co-heiresses, being daughter of Sir William Forster of Bamburgh. In 1894 it passed into the hands of the late Lord Armstrong, who restored it to its present condition. Three and a half miles north-east of the Castle is the inner Farne Island, with its fine Cuthbert's Chapel. The chapel is believed to stand on the site of St. Cuthbert's Hermitage, where he resided for nine years for meditation and prayer, with only sea birds as companions. On this island also is a ruined keep, and although 3½ miles out to sea, has its fresh water well. Four miles further out is the Outer Farne (or Longstone). It was from this light-house that William Darling and his heroic daughter Grace put off to the rescue of nine half-drowned survivors on September 7th, 1838, when the steamer 'Forfarshire' broke her back on the Harker Rock. The rescued party were compelled to stay on the Longstone for several days until communication with the land was possible. A burst of admiration came from the nation when the news of her heroism became known. Presents, congratulation, even offers of marriage, showered upon her. She was destined not to enjoy for long the honours which were bestowed on her, for she died of consumption four years later at Bamburgh in the October, age 26. With the exception of the Longstone Lighthouse the islands are now tenantless, except for the keepers, who protect the birds three months each year, in the nesting season, May, June and July. About six miles (as the crow would fly) north-west from Bamburgh, Holy Island can be seen, and can be reached by sea from 'Sea Housed' by boat, or a walk across the sands (at low tide) from Beal. Holy Island Castle can be seen for miles, standing on the only high rock on the island. Bamburgh and its neighbourhood is a most interesting place for a holiday; it is steeped in history.

The meeting, however, was very disappointing as regards numbers. Only eight sat down to tea, including two friends. Before tea 120 of Stedman Doubles was brought round on the back five. Then a local ringer arrived, and he was piloted through his first 120 of Bob Doubles on the treble. At tea time the president came on the scene. After a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, another visit to the tower and a 720 of Kent Minor on the back six was brought round. The nearest band of ringers to Bamburgh is about 40 miles distant, which accounts for the smallness of the meeting. There was, also, another reason. It is considered against the rules to ring a peal on a meeting day, but one of the Whitley Bay men was guilty of breaking this regulation, for on the 28th he rang a Single 'Belle' Peal. It is presumed the remainder of the Whitley ringers were taking off the part ends to see there was no change course. No censure will be passed on this occasion, but good wishes are extended to both bride and bridegroom for long life, health, happiness and prosperity. The local men were engaged in a cricket match.

The Vicar of Bamburgh had accepted the invitation to tea, but was prevented at the last moment from attending. He, however, came later, and signified his wish to become an honorary member of the association.

The President, staying at Embleton, had only about nine miles to travel, four others went in state from Gosforth in a young 'Rolls Royce,' the secretary went by bus, and had the pleasure of waiting for two hours about 12 miles short of the journey's end with punctured tyres. But there was a happy crew on board, and there was no lack of fun. The destination was reached in 5½ hours instead of three. Notwithstanding the drawbacks experienced, those who went thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Bamburgh has a very musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The band of ringers here was sadly depleted during the war. Six never came home; it was the heaviest hit tower in the association. The church, which is cruciform, is of national interest. It stands on the long eastern slope of the Budle Hills in view of the Castle and Lindisfarne (Holy Island), in whose histories it is entwined. The present church stands on the site of a former church, which was probably constructed of wood, and is ascribed to St. Aidan, who died in a small cell at the west end, in view of the altar and within hearing of the Vespor Service. So says tradition. Abutting the end of the church then existing a chapel and cell were built for the pioneer monk, and these form the present crypt. Over this the present chancel was raised. It is 63 feet in length, and was constructed between 1200 and 1220. This nave and other parts formed the parish church. The oldest parts of the church and transept date 1115-1160, and the western arches supporting the square tower 1170.

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EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—During the past year you have published a series of articles dealing with this subject, and now I mean to call attention to the facts which I have pointed out in those articles.

Referring back, at the beginning I called special attention to the word 'extension,' and pointed out that we must carefully avoid reading into it any ideas which are not contained in the word itself. Different people dealing with this subject have read into the word different conceptions of what an extension ought to be; some people think of an extension as mathematical, others consider the places made, others the passage of the hunt or hunts from one position to another among the working bells.

Now all these different ideas are not included in the word 'extension,' they are simply read into it; the word actually means to stretch out in any direction. Bearing this in mind, every method or principle is in some way or other an extension of the Plain Hunting Course on three bells.

We have examined all systems of extension which have been actually used in the past, and we have seen that different methods have actually been extended in different ways, that some methods extend in one way only, while others are capable of being extended in a large number of ways, so that all the pure Court methods are really derived from Single Court on four bells.

Stedman Doubles can be extended in three different ways, Stedman Triples, etc., as we know it, Erin Triples and also a system of Slow and Quick Tens on five bells with two bells dodging behind.

Cambridge Surprise Minor will extend to Major, Royal and Maximus as they are rung to-day, and also to Lincolnshire Major, Royal and Maximus.

Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus in one way and to Maximus only as it has been rung at Ipswich.

Double Norwich Major to Royal in two ways, and to Maximus in two ways.

Now, all these are facts, not theories; and what I have been pointing out in these articles during the last year is that the facts do not agree with the various theories which have been put forward by different people.

People who have only dabbled in science do not as a rule understand what a scientific theory is; it is only a system of classifying all the facts known at the time, and as soon as a new fact comes to light which does not agree with the theory, it is the theory which has to be discarded, so that the theory put forward by the writer who signs himself 'Owen Kay' is 100 years out of date, because Shipway extended Superlative to Royal 100 years ago. Shipway, like Gallileo, produced an accomplished fact, and 'Owen Kay' is the obscurantist who clings to a discredited theory.

Superlative Maximus exists in two forms, one extension is the same as Shipway's Royal, and it was published in the 'Bell News' in the nineties of the last century; the second appeared at a later date, and must have some distinguishing name attached to it unless we are to continue in needless confusion.

H. LAW JAMES.

DEATH OF A LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

On August 8th there passed away, in the person of Mr. Israel Lovett, of Sileby, Leicestershire, a well-known figure in Midland ringing circles. He was to be seen at most meetings in Leicestershire, whether at a five-bell tower or ten. He was an old member of the Midland Counties Association and the Goscote Society. He rang eleven peals for the Midland Counties Association.

Mr. Lovett, who had attained the age of 64, and died after a brief illness, was head of the business of H. Lovett and Son, coal merchants, of Sileby, and was very much respected by all who knew him. He held the office of collector of taxes for a lengthy period, and had been a member of the Constitutional Club since its formation, serving for a number of years as a member of the committee. He was also a representative for Sileby on the Goscote Rural-decanal Conference.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 11th. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, where deceased had filled the office of parish clerk and sexton for many years. The Rev. F. L. Barrow officiated. In addition to the family mourners, the sidesmen of the Parish Church, the directors, committee and secretary of the Constitutional Club attended, and the bearers included members of the club. At evening service on Sunday, August 12th, the deceased's favourite hymns were sung, and appropriate references were made by the Vicar in his sermon. At the close of the service the 'Dead March' in 'Saul' was played by the organist. A muffled peal in memory of Mr. Lovett was rung on the nearby bells of Cossington Church, the bells of his own village church being in a bad state and unringable.

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In the north transept is the original effigy of Grace Darling, above which is a stained glass window to her memory, depicting Faith, Hope and Charity. In the north wall of the chancel is a recess showing a window now filled with stained glass, representing St. Aidan in Bishop's robes. On a scroll near the upper part of the window are the words 'Quies Aidani' (Rest of Aidan). The following is a Latin inscription translated:—'Not far from this spot, worn out by his labours, St. Aidan, first bishop of Lindisfarne, fell asleep in Christ 31st August, A.D. 631.' The crypt has a beautiful groined roof, and is the resting place of the Forster family.

E. F.

PENDLETON RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE.

THE HEIGHTS OF HEPTONSTALL AND DRAUGHTS OF TODMORDEN.

On Saturday, August 11th, the ringers of St. Thomas', Pendleton, had their annual outing, which took the form of a visit to Heptonstall, with a call at the Parish Church, Todmorden, on the return journey. This is the first Pendleton outing for many years without the genial company of Mr. Harry Chapman, one-time leader of St. Thomas' ringers, but now retired to his country home in Huntingdonshire, where it is hoped he is organising a harvest supper or something in that line. The party assembled at Victoria Station in good time for the 1.35, '3rds and back' to Hebden Bridge. The train was apparently waiting for us, so seats were quickly taken up, corner men getting well down, etc., when a porter suddenly announced that this was not the Manchester to Hebden Bridge usual, but a special to some place on the horizon not specified, so out we came again. Pessimists please note, platform No. 13. This incident would have had a more significant construction put on it, had it occurred coming back. However, the special drew out, the 'usual' drew in, and an hour later the party were at Hebden Bridge. Here, after negotiating a somewhat difficult passage through streets lined with marching children and gaily-decorated wagons (it was show day), they found themselves on the slopes of the Heptonstall Road, one of the steepest hills the writer ever saw a bus climb. The party preferred a stiff climb to the roaring of an engine and a seat slanted back about 30 degrees, to say nothing of a possible chance of a backward dive through a low stone wall with a cliff the other side.

At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket the visitors were received by the churchwardens, Mr. Francis Robertshaw and Mr. W. H. Naylor, who with Mr. T. Robertshaw gave them a hearty welcome to the tower. One, at least, had vivid memories of 'battles won and lost' here, of over 36,000 changes rung in two starts. The Pendleton 'youths' soon dispelled memories with present realities in the form of touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, and a course of Double Norwich. Washbrook's 'masterpiece' touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a mixed band of 'callow' and 'sere' youths in a style that drew praise from Yorkshire friends, who are used to test ringing. One wonders if they could foresee the oration that a breach of good striking would draw from the worthy conductor, one-time of Leiston, to whom bad ringing is like toothache. Had he not 'whispered' to us what he would say? But with Heptonstall's organ-like bells, who could go far out? After almost continual ringing from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, the party reluctantly left the tower, and whilst Mr. Francis Robertshaw was seeing about the splendid meat tea shortly to be set before them, Mr. Naylor showed some of the visitors a splendid view across the hills towards Blackstone Edge and Heptonstall Moor. They stood on the edge on a cliff that breaks down almost sheer to the road from Hebden Bridge to Todmorden, which road winds pleasantly far below among the trees. This cliff appears to be a handy short cut from Heptonstall to the road below, useful for long pealers in the event of being wanted elsewhere suddenly, as it takes about half an hour to reach this point by the other route. The meat tea was a great success, and was speedily disposed of, and the same might be said of one or two of the 'youths' who tried their wit on the auburn-haired young lady who had charge of the table.

'Old Sam,' who is, of course, a Pendleton 'youth,' having reached between 30 and 40 annual outings, then returned thanks on behalf of the visitors for the splendid reception at Heptonstall.—Mr. Francis Robertshaw, who was seconded by his brother warden, Mr. Naylor, replied, with a further welcome at any time, adding that Mr. Lewis Greenwood, the towerkeeper, was not able to be with them that day owing to being away in a training camp as instructor. Farewells having been said, the party left for Todmorden. There was far less puffing going down hill than there was coming up. Who whispered that those two 'sere' youths, 'Old Sam' and W.H.S., even thought of rolling down, feeling so skittish? At Todmorden the party were welcomed at the Parish Church by Messrs. S. Hartley, Crabtree and Barker, the wives of the two former, and Miss Bell, two of these ladies being ringers. The Vicar also came into the tower and added his welcome. The bells were soon going, and although the long draught without rope guides was expected to inconvenience the more callow youths, yet once again they rose to the occasion, and touches and plain courses rolled home in good style, the local men and the two ladies taking part. It was the first time we had ever seen a treble man strolling round the belfry after his sally in a course of Double Norwich, but Raymond achieved the miracle somehow, and kept going. The secret lies between Raymond and the stay, doubtless. Harold also discovered something—a bell that could pull as hard as he could, which surprised and warmed him up a bit, but he, too, kept going in spite of the heat. After this all adjourned to the nearest house of internal comfort, where the draughts were even longer than at the tower. More local ringers came in, and the fraternal gathering brought a delightful day to a close. At 10.13 p.m. the visitors started for Manchester, arriving just in time to call it Saturday at home. Harold and Billie are, however, asked kindly to explain what became of them from 8.30 to 10 p.m.

Mr. Herbert Greenhalgh is to be congratulated on this his first attempt at organising an outing, and both the Heptonstall and Todmorden ringers are cordially thanked for making everything so pleasant for the visitors at their respective towers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Coleridge, President of the Central Council, who is now in a nursing home, underwent a second operation on Tuesday. So far his condition is quite satisfactory.

Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, the popular Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association, and an enthusiastic horticulturist, was honoured this year by being elected President of Shrewsbury Floral Fete, one of the most wonderful horticultural exhibitions staged annually in this country. He gave a trophy valued at thirty guineas, for which there was keen rivalry.

A restoration which promises to provide Somerset with another fine ring of eight is that which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are carrying out at Chew Magna. The ring of six, with a tenor of 30 cwt., are to be rehung in new framework, with the addition of two trebles.

At Hythe, Kent, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are recasting the five front bells and rehanging the peal.

The Bristol United Guilds' 'Ringers' Directory' is now in the press. There have been 500 subscribers, from over 300 towers in nearly 50 counties.

Sixty years ago to-day a party of Yorkshire veterans whose total ages amounted to 553 years rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guiseley. Four of them were between 70 and 80, and the rest between 60 and 70. Henry Hubbard was the conductor.

Sunday is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung. On August 26th, 1718, John Garthon's peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

On April 26th, 1776, the College Youths rang in 6 hrs. 31 mins., at Mortlake, Surrey, a peal of 10,640 Bob Major.

Benjamin Annable called a peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It was one of the last peals in which this celebrated ringer took part.

A peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major was rung at Otley on August 27th, 1814.

Ringing has been stopped at St. Mary's Church, Bocking, Essex, where there is a ring of eight bells, with tenor 19 cwt. An expert has been called in to inspect the bells, and he reported that they were in a dangerous state, and that the ringing of them might affect the tower. A promising young band has only recently been got together here, and it is hoped that something will soon be done, so that the band will not lose their interest. It is hoped to continue the handbell practices every Tuesday. Should the bells be rehung they will be one of the finest rings in the district.

'Sir Rome' wishes to tender an apology for trying to pass off at Brighton a certain well-known Midlands ringer of the 'W.G.' as the editor of 'The Ringing World.' It is no consolation to know that others have been similarly mistaken, and he stills feels a very 'benighted' knight. The said Sir Rome thinks either the editor or his double ought to shave off their moustaches, grow a beard, or disguise themselves; otherwise they should wear a label.

The practice meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on August 28th, is postponed.

FAMOUS IPSWICH RINGERS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO W. L. CATCHPOLE AND JAMES MOTTS.

At a recent meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, it was decided to take steps towards the erection of a permanent memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts.

It has been suggested that the memorial take the form of a tablet placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower.

It is well known that these two gentlemen did an immense amount of work towards the advancement of change ringing in the district, and many ringers who knew either of them personally, or by repute, not only locally, but throughout the country, would probably like to subscribe towards the memorial.

It is hoped to publish a list of subscribers later. Meanwhile subscriptions may be sent either to C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or G. E. Symonds, 23, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

HECKINGTON BELLS RESTORED

On Sunday afternoon, August 12th, the bells at Heckington, Lincs, were opened again, after being silent for some time. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has made a first-class job of the rehanging. During the afternoon and evening many visiting 'brother strings' turned up and gave the bells a good test.

Before divine service in the evening 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins.: F. A. Holden 1, J. H. Clark 2, W. H. Wood 3, W. Dickinson 4, A. Dixon (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, J. H. Brothwell (Rotherham) 6, W. Haigh (conductor, Rochester) 7, M. Clark 8. After service, 1,152 Treble Bob, in which T. Brothwell very ably rang his first long length on eight bells.

The dedication service was conducted in the afternoon by the Rural Dean, the Rev. MacKenzie, of Great Hale.

The ringers of the Sleaford district have waited with patience for this event.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

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DOUBTS AS TO RESIDENCE IN LONDON.

In the first part of this article Fabian Stedman's visit to Leicester in 1669 was described and the result of Mr. R. A. Daniell's researches into his connection with Cambridge was quoted. We now come to the question of whether Fabian Stedman ever filled the post of a Civil Servant in London.

In the continuation of his article, written about 25 years ago, Mr. Daniell, in explaining why any record of Stedman's baptism was not found in the Cambridge registers, wrote:—

'First, we must remember that parochial registers were not written out at that time in the way they now are. The practice seems to have been that the clerk, or someone else, kept a record of baptisms, marriages and burials, and these items were written up annually into the register books. It is obvious that a system of this kind offered chances of omission in the final record, and that with such a disturbing element about as the plague, these chances must have been considerably increased. So that, though Fabian was not registered in Cambridge at the traditional time, it is still possible that he was born in the town. If people were being scared away by fear of the plague, nothing can be more in the natural course of things than that Mabel Stedman should seek some more healthy spot for her confinement than Cambridge then was; and it may be that the record of her son's baptism is to be found in one of the Cambridgeshire villages. This would be sufficiently near the tradition, though not exactly agreeing with it, as in any case it is reasonable to suppose that if Fabian was the son of John, his boyhood's home was in Cambridge, and his birth elsewhere a mere accident. So far, then, as the Cambridge registers go, it seems to me that they are not inconsistent with the truth of the tradition; but, of course, a fuller investigation of these documents in Cambridge and neighbouring parishes might confirm, refute or leave undecided the relationship of Fabian to John Stedman; and if anyone has the opportunity of pushing the inquiry farther than I have been able to do, I hope the results will be laid before the readers of these columns.

'Fabian undoubtedly received a good education. If he was, as I am supposing, the son of John, his life at Cambridge would afford ample opportunities for obtaining it, for there must have been a good supply of private teachers available, and there was also the Grammar School, founded some years before by Dr. Stephen Perse, Fellow of Caius College. I was especially hoping that the records of this school would exhibit Fabian's name, but inquiry elicited that the register of admissions from the opening of the school was accidentally burnt in 1885.

'Besides all this, the language of some titles in Stedman's books appears to indicate his connection with Cambridge, the peals stated to be composed there, and a method of Doubles called Fulbourn, the name of a neighbouring village. This is all I think that I have to say about Stedman's connection with Cambridge, and although precise details are wanting, I think we may presume that this connection was in some way true in fact.'

THE QUESTION OF THE 'WILL.'

Mr. Daniell then proceeds to quote in extenso the will of Fabian Stedman, 'of the Parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, London, Gent.,' which he infers was the will of the Fabian Stedman known to ringing. Before coming to this point, we think we may add that Fabian Stedman's connection with Cambridge is fairly well proved, for in the College Youths' ancient 'name book,' which gives a list of its members, and which is one of the society's cherished possessions, under the date 1664 appears the entry: 'Fabian Stedman, Cambridge.' Further, there is now brought to light the entry in the diary quoted last week, of 'Fabian Stedman, printer, of Cambridge.' These two entries make no doubt of his connection with Cambridge.

In the will, which was proved on November 28th, 1713, there is no reference direct or indirect to the testator's connection with Cambridge, or to his interest in bells or any publication. It contains a number of bequests to relatives, officials and other employes in the Excise offices in which he had worked, to the poor of the parish where he was born ten pounds, and to the poor of the parish where he should die five pounds.

Mr. Daniell in his article draws his conclusions from this document. 'The nature of Stedman's employment in London becomes quite clear from a perusal of this document.' He says: 'He was what we should now call a Civil Servant of the Crown, in the office of the Auditors of the Excise, and he must have held a high position in it; for it is plain that no inferior member of the staff would have left legacies to so many officials, and, moreover, he refers to the maid who cleaned his office, from which we may infer either that he occupied a room to himself, or that any other person sitting with him was his subordinate. From the nature of the bequests Stedman appears to have been an old man—indeed, he must apparently have been about 80—who was either a bachelor or a childless widower. But who were Mrs. Wickens and Mrs. Walker? (beneficiaries under the will).

'The register of St. Andrew's Undershaft, in the city of London, recording Stedman's burial there on the 16th November, 1713, describes him as "a lodger," thereby showing that he was not a householder; and I am therefore disposed to identify Mrs. Wickens with a certain "Widow Wiggins," who was the tenant of a house belonging to the parish on the west side of St. Mary Axe, and with whom I suppose Stedman to have lodged. The will was duly proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and is now among the documents preserved at Somerset House. The churchwardens' accounts of St. Andrew Undershaft show the receipt from the executors of the legacy for the poor, and it is most tantalising that the testator did not mention the name of the parish where he was born. There is no existing monument or tombstone recording him in St. Andrew's. To complete the dates, I may add that Stedman's "Tintinnalogia" was published in 1668 and his "Campanologia" in 1677.'

TWO FABIAN STEDMANS?

Mr. Daniell's deductions as to Stedman's parentage and early connection with Cambridge are deeply interesting, and, as he says, are at least as likely to be true as false, but it seems open to serious doubt whether the Fabian Stedman who died in the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft was the same man as Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge. It is most unlikely that, in those days at any rate, a man would engage in two distinct professions. That he was still a printer of Cambridge in the year 1668, is clear from the Leicester diary.



ST. BENET'S, CAMBRIDGE.
Where, it is believed, Fabian Stedman learned to ring and Stedman Doubles were first practised.

That he must have had a lucrative business is also fairly certain, otherwise he would not have been able to take the risk of the publication of his book or to embark on a journey such as that to Leicester, for which he had to hire, if he did not own, a horse, and in the course of which he was able to offer hospitality to the 'gentlem'n and youth' of Leicester. If, as is supposed, he was born in 1631, he would, on his visit to Leicester in 1669, have been about 38 years of age, and it seems extremely improbable that at that stage of his career he would suddenly exchange his livelihood as a printer in Cambridge for the post of a Civil Servant in London. Again, if the Fabian of the will and Fabian of Cambridge were one and the same, he must have been, when he died, over 80 years of age. Is it likely that even in the seventeenth century a man would have been actively engaged in such an important office up to that advanced age? That the writer of the will was at the time still discharging his duties is, we think, clear from the fact that he gives twenty shillings to the maid who 'cleans' (not 'cleaned') his office. Again, had he been engaged as a Civil Servant in London he would not have been

described in the College Youths' name book in 1664 as 'Fabian Stedman, Cambridge'; and in the Leicester diary in 1668 as 'Fabian Stedman, printer of Cambridge.'

The only things that connect Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, with London are the printing of his book there in 1668 and his holding office in the College Youths as steward in 1677 and as Master in 1682. On the title page of 'Tintinnalogia' we find the imprint, 'London. Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman, at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard, in Fleet Street, 1668.' As in those days, such publications had to be licensed—and this book was licensed, November 1st, 1667—it is quite a probability that Stedman visited London for the purpose of getting the license, and while there made arrangements for the printing of the book, for, although he was himself a printer, it is possible that his plant and facilities were not sufficient to produce a volume of 136 pages, such as the first edition of 'Tintinnalogia' made.

As to his connection with the College Youths, his election to office does not necessarily imply residence in London. He had dedicated his book to the College Youths, many of whom he doubtless knew and had rung with on his occasional visits to the city. Is it not possible, therefore, that his election as steward was a return compliment to him when he was again in London in connection with the publication of another edition under the title of 'Campanologia'? The dates coincide. 'Campanologia' is dated 1677; Stedman was elected steward of the College Youths in the same year. Although we know of no publication to link him with London in 1682, when he was elected Master, there is nothing inconsistent in the circumstances with his continued residence in Cambridge and his election as Master of the society in that year.

Sifting the evidence and weighing the possibilities seems to us to eliminate the connection between Fabian Stedman, the 'father' of the art of change ringing, and Fabian Stedman, the Civil Servant of St. Andrew Undershaft, and we are afraid that the document which was brought to light about a quarter of a century ago was not the last will and testament of the Fabian of the Exercise. Apparently at the time Mr. Daniell made his laborious search for information no inspection of the burial registers in the Cambridge parishes was made—for the obvious reason that it was thought that he had died in London. If such investigation is at any time possible, it would be interesting to hear the result. Fabian Stedman, of 'Tintinnalogia' fame, we are inclined to think, lived and died a printer of Cambridge, and never served the Crown as a Civil Servant in London.

LEICESTER SCHOLARS ESTABLISHED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article on Fabian Stedman containing my researches, and your queries, I can answer the first of the latter: 'Did they establish a Society of Scholars?' in the affirmative. There is no doubt whatever that the Leicester ringers did take up the art of change ringing seriously, as I have many extracts of visits to and from this city for the purpose. A few weeks ago you published an account of Solihull bells by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, in which a letter appears from the pen of the Rev. Sam Scattergood, 'Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester,' saying 'especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd [27th day August, 1686] by myself and about 20 other skillful psons accompanying me from Leicester to that purpose.'

Leicester did not become possessed of a peal of eight until 1711, when two trebles were added to the existing six at St. Margaret's. We are told 'that the two new bells were long delayed in coming to the town, till towards the races time, and, when they were hung in the tower, a number of gentlemen and ringers came in to the Michaelmas fair to try the bells, which gave every satisfaction to them all. After ringing for the most part of the day, the company dined and supped together at the White Hart Inn, the night being spent in jollity and mirth, when the ringers agreed that the new bells had been cast on a Tuesday, hung in the tower on a Tuesday, first rung on Tuesday, the day was fixed upon to be the practice night at St. Margaret's ever since.' The bells were 'afterwards rung almost nightly to the satisfaction and entertainment of the town and neighbourhood. The above statement was told to the writer [W. Barrow—chronologist] by J. Johnson.'

The Society, thus having eight bells now to ring upon, doubtless studied Triples, for we read in the 'Norwich Gazette,' Feb. 23rd, 1730:—

> 'Leicester. This morning, upon the celebrated peal of St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung by the LEICESTER SCHOLARS, the whole peal of 5,040 Triples in 3 hours 6 minutes and 27 seconds, to the great satisfaction of all the hearers, and (save one bell) the same was performed on the best peal of eight in England; and considering the length of pull, the weight of the bells (the tenor being 32 hundred) and short space of time in which the same was rung, it's one of the greatest performances that has been heard in this age, except by the College Youths and London Scholars, the only performers in England, to whom all preference in this Art must be given, and who have rung much longer peals on greater numbers of bells.'

It is a great pity no record can be found as to the names of the performers of this—the first recorded 5,000 in Leicestershire.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester. ERNEST MORRIS.

RINGER'S DEATH IN BELFRY.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE AT WALKDEN.

During the ringing for service at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on Sunday evening, August 12th, there was a tragic occurrence. One of the ringers, Mr. John Worthington, collapsed, and died before medical aid could reach him. He had first taken part in a short touch of Stedman Triples, and was sitting talking, when he fell over on his side and expired.

Mr. Worthington, who was 72 years of age, had been a ringer for over 48 years. He was most regular in carrying out his duties in the church, seldom being absent from service ringing. He had rung 21 peals in the standard methods, but owing to an accident 19 years ago he was a cripple and had to walk with two sticks. He had not, therefore, rung any peals lately. Deceased was well known locally, and at the funeral on Wednesday, August 15th, there was a crowded congregation. As the cortege entered the church hymn tunes were chimed on the bells, and the organist played 'O rest in the Lord' and the 'Dead March.' The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life,' was also sung.

His brother ringers were the bearers, assisted by a few friends from Bolton and Eccles. At the graveside the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. Morris, E. Cutsforth, John Potter and G. Pincott. After the funeral an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made, but unfortunately came to grief after an hour and a quarter's ringing, the ringers being: E. Cutsforth (Bolton), G. Pincott (Bolton), B. Welsby, Jas. Donner, M. Berry, J. T. Potter (Eccles), John Potter (conductor) and R. Denner.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT KINGSLEY.

On Saturday last the monthly meeting of the North Staffs Association was held at Kingsley, a beautiful village situated on the side of the Churnet Valley, which extends from Leek to Uttoxeter. The tower was opened at 3 o'clock, when visitors began to arrive from Bucknall, Norton, Burslem, Stoke, Cheadle and the local company. Ringing in various methods was indulged in until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, under the supervision of Mrs. H. Carnwell, who herself had baked all the bread in her own oven at home, while the fruit in the pies was out of her garden. The meal was typical of an old-time feast, and, needless to say, it was very much appreciated by everyone present.

Tea being over, the Rev. G. R. J. Biggs said how pleased he was to welcome such a band of churchworkers to Kingsley. As he had only been inducted as Rector of the parish on the previous day, that meeting was his first public function. He hoped the keynote of his life in Kingsley would be broadmindedness, and that he would have the co-operation of everyone in the village, whether he be tinker, tailor, soldier or sailor. The Rector afterwards regaled the company with humorous anecdotes of his experiences in India and Canada while serving as a missionary in those countries.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the association, gave a hearty ringers' welcome to the new Rector, and said that he (the Rector) was fortunate in two respects, firstly, that he had been appointed to a beautiful part of the country, and secondly, in that he had in Mr. H. Carnwell a leader of the ringers of whom any Rector might be proud.—Mr. W. Wheeldon proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Kingsley ringers for providing such an excellent tea.

Towards the close of the meeting, as a compliment to the tower visited, 720 of Kingsley Double Surprise was rung by a combination of Bucknall and Norton men.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Finchley on Saturday last, and a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by the 26 members who attended. The pretty peal of six bells was much in use from 3 o'clock onwards, until at 5 p.m. a service was held. In the absence of the Rector on holidays, the senior curate officiated, and gave a very interesting address.

At the usual business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, seven new members were enrolled, including three 'bobbies,' who were provisionally elected prior to a recent peal attempt.—Votes of thanks to the preacher; to the Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays); and to the local ringers, were passed, whilst the Honorary Secretary reminded members that a joint meeting of the Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations was arranged to take place at Waltham Abbey on September 22nd, at which he hoped they would all be present.—Tottenham was chosen as the venue of the next district meeting, to be held in October.

Members afterwards took turns at strolling in the Rectory grounds and visiting the belfry for ringing, and many methods were practised. Courses of London and Cambridge Surprise, touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were included in the programme, whilst the youngest member of the party, a lad who had cycled from Hillingdon, showed older members how to splice the latter two methods. That lad should persevere! Another youngster from the other side of the county ably conducted a good touch of St. Clement's Bob, which the other members of the band 'looked-up' for the occasion.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

At the Parish Church, Arley Kings, Worcestershire, on Sunday, August 19th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, W. Martin 2, T. Elcox 3, G. Butler 4, J. Reynolds (conductor) 5, H. Martin (Birkenhead) 6.—Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, E. Coley 2, T. Elcox 3, G. Butler 4, J. Reynolds (conductor) 5, H. Martin 6. These 720's were rung to oblige Mr. H. Martin, Birkenhead, who was on a visit to his native county. Mr. W. Martin will next month complete 60 years as a ringer at this church. Messrs. W. and J. Martin are brothers, and Mr. H. Martin is their cousin.

'YE ODD, OLD AND MILD WILD OAT SOWERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did read with delight the page by 'A Ringer' in your issue of August 10th and his remark that Tommy had made kind inquiry as to the well-being of 'The Tower Twisters.' No, they are not defunct, neither do they funk their duties, but for several reasons they have changed their cognomen. What's in a name? After all a rose by any other name, they tell us, can smell as sweet. I believe there is one called the 'Daily Mail.' Verb sap! One reason for our change is that ye beste of Spouses did aver that she could never see any difference in a tower after we had twisted a peal of Doubles into it, and, five minutes after we set 'em up, it (the peal) had all blown away with the froth off the first acorn. And another reason is that some of our members have other fish to fry. One has taken a wife, another a yoke of oxen, no, I mean a motor bike and side-car, and they wish to try them. Yet another resteth from his labours to his vineyard, but we still go out into the highways and hedgerows to seek 'em, that this luscious feast of Doubles may be eaten. Ye beste of Spouses doth now aver that our new appelation suits as well, as 'odd' we certainly are, and as to 'Old and Mild,' we are all that; all of us. If you don't believe Ye Goode Dame ask 'he' of the Scooter. He has been out into the highways and Purlieus of Turnagain Lane with us, and what wild oats we did sow. Ye good dame doth aver that any old, odd day off is enough to set us a-sowing of 'em. We send out a courier to ground bait the pitch, preferably in a far-off land where the beer trees (in the shade of which we love to bask) wax good and plenty. August Monday was a case in point. We decided to call at a place where no oats had yet been sown, and we found a tower with a rope circle like the sign of the Swastika and two cracks in the tower you could put your hand into. The O'Bacon hung his coat against one of them, and while we were ringing his coat got caught in the crack, which closed on his coat, and when he wanted to put it on he couldn't get it out, and we had to set the bells ringing again to open the crack for him to get his garment out. The O'Bacon did aver that it was a pity that Joseph did not think of that wheeze when Potiphar's Spouse grabbed him. Had he done that think how different the path of history might have been.

I had a lot of real brain waves while watching those cracks open and shut what time we were ringing, and at last realised that the cause of their opening and shutting was the fairylike 'pirouetting' of the bells overhead. They were ambling round like railway wagons at a Maypole dance, and then I recollected good old Uncle Tom Cobleigh's famous remark that 'it'll never get well if you scratch it,' so I got that quaint John Bunyan feeling and adjourned to sow in another field. And, good Sir, they gave me a cracked pint mug to drink out of. At a later hour, when relating the cracks to ye beste of Spouses, she did say the tower and the 'mug' were not the only cracked things to be found in that Parish on August Monday, and she had noticed aforetime that I always forgot to wind my watch up after I had drunk out of a 'lot' of cracked mugs when out sowing wild oats.

No, Tommy, we have not twisted all the towers in this county, only about thirty per cent. of 'em. Neither have we sown all the wild oats we possess. We still have a few varieties left to sow, and I can't see anyone else getting busy sowing 'em, so I'll just quaff one more beaker of Old and Mild (oh succulent cocktail), to the 'Wild Oat Sowers,' more power to their arms.

I did note, also, the Rev. Jenkyn's remarks re the condition of belfries. I think he was rather lenient with the powers that should be, but, alas, are not. Seventy-five per cent. of the towers I have visited are certainly not as well furbished as the vestries in the same churches. We are constantly being told that a ringer is a church worker as much as the choirman is, and yet we are pushed into a belfry which couldn't compare as to cleanliness with the parish lock-up, while as to acoustic properties, both inside and outside the tower, that is never thought of in more than one case in twenty. 'Let's get the bells in' seems to be the motto of both the purchasers and the purveyors. 'Let those who ring 'em and those who suffer 'em put things right if they choose.' I have often thought these things should be pointed out by the founders, who claim to be experts, when they are asked to tender, but I suppose the job might not get done at all if too much were suggested. Anyhow, 'A Ringer' quoted Fleet Street, and that's a star turn from a ringer's point of view, for you have no view at all there.

SAMIWELL.

P.S.—If the choir want new music they get it gratis; if the ringer wants it, let him buy his silly 'Grandsires' himself. What a distinction! And we are all church workers. To-day the Church needs all her sons and the least of these is NOT the ringer.

TEN BELLS FOR NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

The parish church of St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, is to have a ring of ten bells. The present peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) are to be rehung in new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who will at the same time strengthen the frame, and add two trebles. They are also to renovate the carillon machine.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also going to strengthen the frame and rehang on ball bearings the ring of eight at Pattingham, Staffs. The tenor of this peal is 14 cwt.

Another contract which the Croydon firm have just obtained is the rehanging of the bells at Ribchester, Lancs. This is a ring of six, with tenor 13¾ cwt. The bells are to be tuned and sandblasted, and rehung with new fittings throughout, including ball bearings. The frame is to be strengthened.

CLERKENWELL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

It is extremely gratifying to learn that after remaining for many years in practically an unringable condition, the bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, in the City of London, are at last to be rehung. The bells are a peal of eight, with tenor of 20¾ cwt., and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, have been instructed to rehang the peal in new fittings, sandblasting and tuning the bells. It is to be hoped that this is the precursor of many similar restorations in London, where, for the most part, the bells have been sadly neglected.

The bells came originally from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1789, and it was from this church that the St. James' Society (now the London County Association) took its name.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — I pointed out many years ago in 'Bell News' that Carter's Principle, when properly arranged, has coursing-order division heads and ends as follow, and the Principle extends perfectly on all **odd** numbers to Infinity.

Doubles.	Triples.	Caters.	Cinques.
12345	1234567	123456789	1234567890e
21354	2135476	213547698	213547698e0
12534	1253746	125374968	12537496e80
15243	1527364	152739486	1527394e608
51234	5123746	512374968	51237496e80
15324	1532764	153279486	1532794e608
51342	5137246	513724968	51372496e80
15432	1573264	157329486	1573294e608
51423	5172346	517234968	51723496e80
54132	5713264	571329486	5713294e608
45312	7531624	753192846	753192e4068
54321	5736142	573918264	57391e20486
53412	5371624	537192846	537192e4068

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

A 'SKIPPER'S' LEAD.

At Rowde, Wilts, on Wednesday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: E. Perrett 1, W. Bolwell 2, S. Hillier (conductor) 3, G. England 4, C. D. Heginbothom 5, J. Stone 6. This was the first quarter-peal by Mr. Perrett, who is captain of the Rowde ringers, and is believed to be the first Rowde man to ring this number of changes on the bells of his own tower. He is a staunch member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and, it is hoped, will be the first captain of a change ringing band in this village.

MUFFLED BELLS

As a last mark of respect to the late Sir George Chamberlin—one of a family of Norwich benefactors—the St. Peter Mancroft Guild rang, on Wednesday evening, August 15th, at St. Peter Mancroft, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled: D. Grimble 1, Miss Helen Bill 2, G. Mayers 3, Miss Mabel Robertson 4, J. Rampley 5, P. Sadler 6, C. Lovett 7, G. Bailey 8, J. Duffield (conductor) 9, F. Curtis 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—On July 2nd a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Clark 1, W. Hector 2, A. C. Manning (conductor) 3, R. March 4, J. Chester 5, H. Bungay 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Wallington 8. The ringer of the 6th hails from Shrewsbury.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Douglas 1, J. Hutchinson 2, W. Norman 3, A. Eilbeck 4, J. H. Rothery 5, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all.

THE NEW DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. W. Parker, is apparently under a misapprehension as to what transpired when the new definition of a peal of Minor was adopted by the Central Council at Hereford. As was clearly reported, I was doubtful if the proposed wording included the type of peal to which he takes exception, and I had prepared an amended version of the definition, which definitely included it. I was, however, interrupted by the seconder, Mr. James, who stated that the type was definitely included. In the peal which was rung at Isham on Saturday, August 11th, two 720's were spliced as follows:—

23456	
64235	23564
64352	45236
23645	45362
62345	34562
62453	25346
34625	25463
63425	42563
63254	35426
42635	35264
	S24365

Repeated.

By extending this system to include 360's in each half peal it would be possible to ring a peal of Plain Minor with two singles only.—Yours,

E. M. ATKINS.

THE OX AND THE BUCK.

On Saturday, August 11th, the St. Mary's ringers, Slough, enjoyed an outing into a part of the Diocese of Oxford to which nearly all the band were strangers. It was the first occasion that the St. Mary's men had ever received a 'treat' at the expense of their church authorities. Assembling at 8.15 a.m., fourteen hands met at the Parish Church and left Bucks, with the Rector's personal good wishes for an enjoyable trip, in a brand new touring car, for the distant town of Chipping Norton, Oxon, the birthplace of the conductor, Mr. E. T. Hooper. The outward route was taken via Dorchester, Oxford and Woodstock, returning by way of Burford and Witney, after a glorious run of some 150 miles, arriving home again at 10.30 p.m.

Like similar outings we read of in these columns, we 'made tracks' for the belfry and the 'pantry' alternately along our way, and yet in these days of rubber tyres and tarmac roads there were no tracks visible—the latter being a portable contrivance, its contents were decidedly more so. Owing to lack of funds, only the cost of conveyance was allowed the party, and the members of it amongst themselves provided a good display of sandwiches, fruit, mineral and 'malted' waters, topped up by an excellent tea at Burford as the guests of Mr. 'Unknown.' In beautiful weather the Oxfordshire drive was enjoyed immensely, a broad expanse of well farmed land stretching away for miles on either side of the Birmingham highway from the city of Oxford; more so in the region of Nettlebed and Burford, where an altitude of 400 to 500 feet above sea level was attained. The roadside lunch was held in a farmer's field near Enstone, the gentle summer breeze adding 'sauce' to the ham. The overflow of good things provided a supper taken at the Five Horseshoes, near Henley—the hostess, Alice Meal, providing the Oxford brew to clear up our last 'meal' of an eventful day.

All the members took a rope at each of the four towers invaded—Dorchester, Norton, Burford and Witney, whereat Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round in brief touches, the conducting shared by Messrs. Bateman, Henley, Albrow, Hooper and Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Rochester, who was spending his holiday in Slough, and kindly filled a vacant seat in the car.

The party agree with 'Broad Blaster' that tenor bells were ever subject to acute variation, and perhaps the recent July weather has caused evaporation of the 'waist line.' Several tenor men have so reduced their diameter during the heat wave. Here is a table of our experiences in one day; what will Mr. Shepherd say—'tenoritis"?

	dia.	weight.	dia.	weight.
Dorchester, Abbey	45	15¾	45	15
C. Norton, St. Mary	43	14	43¼	13¾
Burford, St. John B.	48½	20½	46½	18
Witney, St. Mary	48	20	47	18½

The first set of figures is from the peal book of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the second from the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 'Among the Bells.'

In addition to the above variations there is another in two of the belfries giving a third weight of tenor. Perhaps when 'The Bells of Oxfordshire' is published in volume there will be finality in weights. To the respective clergy and towerkeepers at each church, the Slough men owe their hearty thanks for the welcome and assistance. The younger members of the party will look back to this day with gladness when they are, perhaps, 80 years old. They certainly acquitted themselves well in ringing in strange surroundings for the first time. When one can no longer climb the belfry stairs it is well to recall the joyous days of youth amongst the old towers of Motherland.

W. H. F.

FROM TRURO TO EXETER.

A KENTISH INVASION OF CORNWALL AND DEVON.

As will have been seen in the peals report, a tour, arranged by Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, took place in Devon and Cornwall during August Bank Holiday week. Plymouth was selected as a convenient centre of operations, and St. Michael's Temperance Hotel was the rendezvous. Mr. E. W. Marsh, the local branch secretary of the Devon Guild, made all the necessary arrangements, and right well and efficiently he carried out his job. To him first and foremost the credit for the success of the tour belongs. Messrs. Charlie Player, Harry Parkes and Bob Edwards, of Romney Marsh, and F. Bennett travelled down on Friday, and on Saturday morning they did the grand tour of Plymouth, under the guidance of the ubiquitous E.W.M. D. Harris, of Woburn, Beds, arrived by another route on Saturday afternoon, and a move was then made to Charles Church. Here the band was completed by the inclusion of local men, and a well struck peal of Stedman Caters was duly brought round at about 7.30. This was a 'first in the method' by the ringers of 3, 4 and 6, which added interest to the performance. After duly partaking of refreshment and a stroll on the Hoe for digestive purposes, the 'invaders' returned to their hotel well content with the good start made. All slept the sleep of the just, notwithstanding a few casualties in the way of blisters, Bob acquiring by far the greatest bag, all about the size of a nutmeg. The more or less skilful application of a needle eased the situation somewhat, and he was then ready to retire to 'roost' for the night. 'Some Rooster'—Bob!

On Sunday morning a trek was made to Emmanuel Church to ring for Matins and to receive a welcome from Mr. C. R. Lilley, with whom the writer was enabled to renew an acquaintance and revive old Bedfordshire Association memories of 30 years ago. In the evening a bus ride to Plympton St. Mary to ring for evensong, and incidentally to hear one of the best tenor bells for its weight in the country. After service one or two touches were rung at Plympton St. Morice and a return to headquarters, to be met on the doorstep by the benevolent Shepherd from Swindon.

Monday morning the party were up with the lark in order to catch the excursion to Truro, a journey which one of the band at least had for some time cherished a wish to undertake in order to view the panorama of hill and dale so often extolled by various 'natives' he had met. It must be admitted at once that his anticipations by no means exceeded the realisation. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs came up from Falmouth, where they are now residing. As they had brought their 'Olive Branch' along with them, Daughter Elsie did not expect to be able to stand in for Stedman Caters on the Cathedral bells, which was the programme for the morning. However, the Bedfordshire contingent (one in number) promptly offered to act the part of nursemaid, thereby further enhancing his reputation of going out for a peal and then trying his hardest to get someone else to take his place. (Do we see A. E. S., E. J. H. and G. H. C. smiling?) Alas, this generous impulse was of no avail, as, whether owing to the 'tightness' of the tenor man's borrowed belt, or more probably to the unfortunate circumstance of being unable to hear distinctly the sound of the bells from the ringing chamber, the attempt came to grief after an hour or so of very passable striking, the third and the ninth politely and cleanly agreeing to change places on the front. This was a great disappointment, as it was the ambition of more than one to score a 'first in the method on the bells' of this very fine peal. However, a well struck peal of Double Norwich was tapped off at the neighbouring village of Kenwyn in the afternoon, in spite of the fourth man's style being rather 'cramped,' so the band did not return to Plymouth empty handed, and E. W. M. had the satisfaction of scoring a 'first,' as also did W. Rundle. Great credit is due to young Roberts, with the assistance of J. Sedgley, for the excellent arrangements they had made and the trouble they had taken to see that everything was in 'apple pie' order. Change ringing in Truro, or Cornwall for that matter, will not suffer a decline whilst it has young men like these to infuse it with their keenness and enthusiasm.

Tuesday the journey was in exactly the opposite direction, viz., out to Exeter. The start was not propitious, and might have been disastrous. It was decided to catch the 9.50 from North Road, but as all the 'visitors' were up betimes and arrived at the station 20 minutes or so before time, they entered what turned out to be the 9.40 fast train, congratulating themselves on their cuteness. On arrival at Exeter, however, it was discovered that E. W. M. was not on board, and it then occurred to someone that he would probably wonder what had happened when he could find no one on North Road platform. As luck would have it he decided to take his courage in both hands and come on, and greatly to the relief of the others, who had perforce to spend an anxious time waiting, his cheery face was discovered at the window of the next train arriving. Explanations and apologies followed, and the victim of the contretemps, being the 'Lion' of the tour, naturally soon recovered his infectious good humour.

A look around the noble Cathedral, followed by luncheon, and then on to St. Sidwell's for a peal of Stedman Caters. This was duly brought round in 3 hours 15 minutes in spite of one of Bob's blisters bursting and squirting the fluid over the face and 'weskit' of the ringer of the 2nd, and also in spite of the organ setting up an opposition show inside the church and a dog a howl outside. After tea the

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 47 mins.: F. R. Coombes 1, L. Tuffrey 2, F. Tuffrey 3, F. Appleton (first in the method) 4, W. F. Judge (conductor) 5, J. Franklin 6, C. Bennett 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Leadbetter 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. J. Rundle 3, C. S. Bird 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. Gladman 6, J. W. Cornford (conductor) 7, F. Humphries 8. Arranged at short notice for the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, who were on a visit to the district.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss Freda Orr 2, A. Diserens 3, W. Madgwick 4, W. Hewett 5, J. Kentish 6, G. Cross 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday evening, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. H. Spice 1, W. Spice, sen., 2, Percy J. Spice 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, Stuart Sandford 5, G. H. Spice 6, E. Beer (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8. The 5th and 7th ringers are from Gravesend.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: H. A. Folkard 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, G. C. Rice 9, H. C. Page 10. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. E. Smith, who has been attached to Fulham tower upwards of 38 years.

USK, MON. — For morning service, on Sunday, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes (Parker's) in 42 mins.: G. Luff (Chiddingfold, Surrey) 1, A. Hawkins 2, F. Watkins (first quarter-peal) 3, D. G. Clift 4, L. Jones 5, A. Lucas 6, G. Popnell (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8. Arranged for G. Luff, who was on holidays at Usk.

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Grandsire Triples	17	11	1	1
Grandsire Caters	2			
Grandsire Cinques	1			
Stedman Doubles			1	1
Stedman Triples	65	46	6	4
Stedman Caters	6	4	5	
Stedman Cinques			2	
Minor in 3 Methods	1	1		
Treble Bob Minor in 2 Methods	3			
Bob Minor	6	2	1	1
Bob Major	20	15	3	2
Bob Royal	3	2		
Little Bob Major	1			
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	6	4		
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Spliced Treble Bob Major	4*			
Major in 6 Methods	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	9	4		
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	6		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1		
London Surprise Major	3			
Bristol Surprise Major	1			
Spliced Treble Bob Royal	1	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
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day's enjoyment was brought to a climax by a pull on the Cathedral bells, and here Harry achieved his life's ambition. It is rumoured that when he dies 'Grandsire' will be found written on his heart. At any rate, the night's rest of more than one of his friends was disturbed by his repeated mutterings in his sleep of 'Now I've got her!' 'She's got to go up this time!' etc.

As a finale the 'Stafford' minor eight were set going to a touch of Stedman Triples, and great hilarity was caused after a round had been struck, on the treble man being asked, 'When are you going to lead?' by his retorting, 'When is the tenor coming in?' To several of the 'musical' members of the party this was some of the nicest and best bell music they had ever heard. The treble man obviously was not one of them. Thus ended the greatest day of the tour up to date.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 30th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. —F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, August 25th. All ringers welcome. —Charles Draper, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarians, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Leeds and District Association and the above association have agreed to hold a joint meeting at Ossett on Saturday, August 25th. It is hoped all our members who are able will attend. See separate advertisement. The shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, September 8th, under same rules as last year. All towers are requested to enter at once, 6s. each, to be paid to secretary. All applications for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone. — C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro. tem, School House, Offley, Hitchin.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening. All those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, by August 28th.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. The address will be given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. All those intending to be present must notify me by August 28th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Love, The Royal Oak, Yattendon, nr. Newbury, not later than Thursday, August 30th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter's on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, September 1st, 6 till 9. Shottesbrook and White Waltham bells during afternoon if available. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wellingore (6) Saturday, September 1st. Tower opens 2 p.m. Train leaves Lincoln (G.N.) 2.10 p.m. and 2.48 p.m., returns 6.58 p.m. and 8.41 p.m. 'Silver Queen' leaves Lincoln (St. Mark's) 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., returns 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, Saturday, September 1st. Cup Committee are earnestly requested to be present. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Harrison, Bank View, Hope Street, Stocksbridge, on or before August 29th. A good attendance will be appreciated.—R. Harrison, Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Colaton Raleigh on September 1st. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea at 1/- each. Ringing at Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh and Otterton.—T. J. Stokes, Exeter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northamptonshire District. —A meeting will be held at Rushton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 28th?—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., to be followed by meeting.—W. Cathrall, 29, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 28th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open 2.30. Will those who want tea let me know by Wednesday, August 29th, please? — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderton Street, Chorley, not later than Thursday, September 10th. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by

meeting. Will all ringers requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, the 5th, at latest?—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton (not Weedon) on Saturday, September 29th. Full particulars will be advertised later.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON. — Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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