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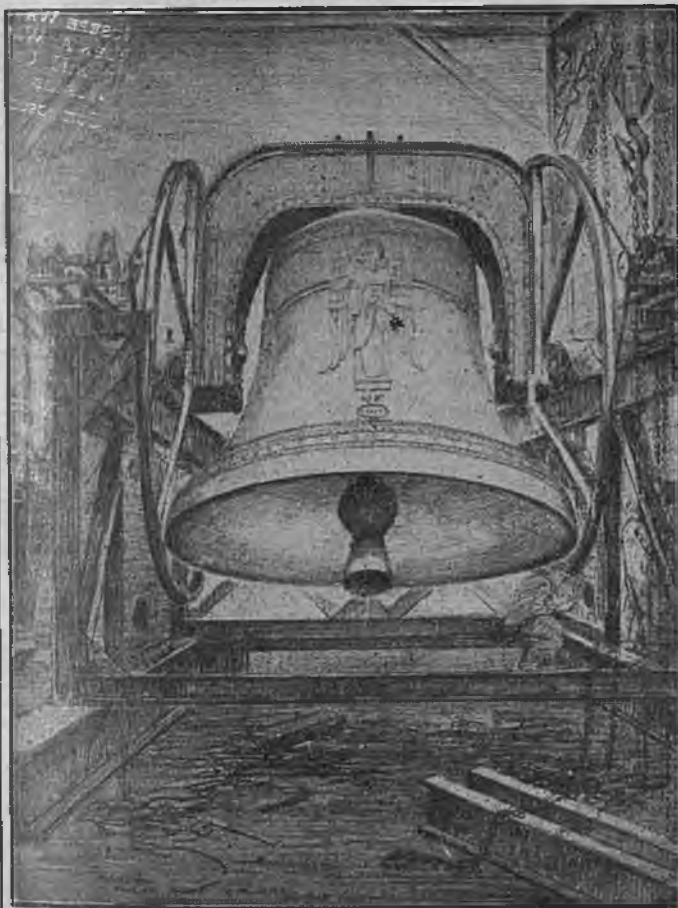
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THE PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

In a recent article on this page we suggested that church authorities might, in the long run, be saved a great deal of expense in the matter of bell restorations if some plan of systematic and competent inspection of belfries could be introduced. Theoretically, we believe, the inspection of bells and belfries is part of the duty of Rural Deans, but there are very few instances in which these gentlemen give practical effect to this portion of their duties. In a perfunctory way they may inquire about the bells when they make their official visit to a church, or they may not. The answer which they receive may or may not be accurate, although given in perfect good faith, because, unless the church has a band of ringers who are really jealous of the condition of their bells, the church authorities themselves often do not hear of any defects until something serious develops. It is not the same with other furnishings of the church. If the organ goes wrong, even to a small extent, the organist quickly sees to it that steps are taken to carry out the necessary repairs. Yet in how many instances do the ringers at the first signs of something out of order up above, show sufficient concern to bring the matter at once to the notice of the churchwardens? They are not infrequently content to put up with the increasingly bad going of the bells until the times arrives when the bells are no longer ringable and a considerable scheme of restoration becomes necessary. If this is not immediately possible the bells become temporarily silent, and, in some cases, unhappily, permanently so. It is the old story of the stitch in time.

What, we feel, is needed is the appointment in each Rural Deanery of a competent person whose business it should be to inspect the bells and their fittings in every tower and annually make an official report, with any recommendations that may be necessary. In dealing with restoration schemes, many diocesan authorities already recognise the value of having an advisor who is an expert upon bells and, we believe, it would be found of even greater advantage if the bells could be kept under constant supervision. There are, of course, many steeple-keepers who can and do maintain the bells in their charge in the highest state of efficiency, but there are a far greater number who consider their duties discharged when they have greased the bearings, or spliced a rope. Indeed, they realise little the importance of going over the nuts which hold the bells to the stocks, or, in the case of a wooden frame, of tightening up the bolts. An officially appointed 'inspector,' who on his visits to a tower could give authoritative advice on things of this

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kind to ignorant or neglectful steeplekeepers would, in a very short time, more than recoup the church authorities for any expense that might be incurred. Many bells would thus be kept in an efficient condition for many years longer than they often are, and heavy restoration schemes almost indefinitely postponed. How the appointment of such experts could be brought about it is rather difficult to suggest; but the subject might be opened up if ringers who are members of Ruri-decanal Conferences would bring the matter before these bodies. And in this connection let us make it plain that we do not refer solely to bells hung in peals for ringing, although they are our main concern, but all church bells hung in towers. It is often the twos, threes and fours, which are irreplaceable from an antiquarian point of view, which are the most neglected.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	HARRY PARKES ... 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 10
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
JACK A. WAUGH ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. J. A. Waugh, aged 18, is believed to be the youngest ringer to accomplish Cambridge Maximus. It was H. Parkes' first 'touch.'

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt, 20 lb.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	ALBERT WALKER ... 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 10
FRANK W. PERRINS ... 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... 11
GEORGE R. PYE ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus as conductor. First peal of Maximus in Berkshire. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Guild.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 38 cwt.

JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 8
GEORGE BAILEY ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4	FRANK H. DAVEY ... 10
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 5	EDWIN R. GOATE ... 11
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal as conductor on twelve bells. Mr. Crook, who was elected to the association before starting, is from Bolton, and Mr. Hibbert is from London.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 6
MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE ... 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS W. CLARK 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. J. TRAPPITT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
FRANK JENNINGS 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
ALFRED J. BULL 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
*H. BERNARD WELLS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
WALTER J. MARTON 3	GLYN I. LEWIS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, parents of Mr. F. Chamberlain, leader of St. John's, Cardiff, for their golden wedding, which was celebrated on July 11th. The conductor has now rung a peal on each day of the week, each day of the month, and in each month of the year. The ringer of the seventh has now completed the circle in this tower.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MRS. PATTENDEN Treble	*†GEORGE WAGHORN 5
{CHARLES TRIBE 2	†FRANK PATTENDEN 6
WILLIAM BUTTON 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 4	ALBERT BEANEY Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Triples. † Proposed members of Romney Marsh and District Guild previous to starting.

BROUGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	HARRY OVERTON 7
*WILLIAM J. CHESTERS ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENBERST ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
ALBERT E. PARSONS 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
HENRY MIDDLETON 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

All the band are over 61 years of age. All are past or present officers of the above association, and all have rung over 100 peals, the total being 2,240.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	CHARLES GEARY 5
RICHARD A. HICKTON 2	FRANCIS C. MORTON 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 7
FREDERICK W. TURNER ... 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM R. DRAGE

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

*WILLIAM E. KILSEY Treble	ARTHUR F. PETRIE 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	*HENRY T. WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

* First peal, and elected members in the belfry. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the 900th anniversary of the death of St. Olaf, King and martyr. It was also the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells after augmentation.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT V. COATES Treble	ALFRED E. OXLEY 5
*MISS SYLVIA THORFIELD ... 2	ROBERT WATERS 6
HARRY SHORT 3	WM. ELLERINGTON 7
WM. A. BRECKON 4	JOHN W. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method. Miss Thorsfield hails from Cranford, Nottingham, and was elected a life member of the above association.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON-DEAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	BENJAMIN GREATORIX Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It is believed to be the first odd and even bob peal composed on this plan, and was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, 1921, but as given there the peal is not true. The amended figures will be found elsewhere in this issue.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WRITTELE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM F. CHEATOR 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHREUS J. BERRY 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3	ALBERT G. HARRISON 7
RAY GRANT 4	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung by special request as a compliment to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, who visited the village and opened a fête in aid of the recreation ground.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	*JAMES F. SMITH 6
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 3	JOHN COOKE 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in this method on the bells since they were recast. This composition contains 22 of the 24 4-6-8 course-ends, and the 6th the extent home.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JESSE W. HARRISON Treble	THOMAS GOODCHILD 5
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
HERBERT E. AUDESLEY 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire with 14 different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST TOSSELL Treble	HAROLD E. BLACKER 4
CHARLES FIELD 2	JEFFREY TOSSELL 5
WILLIAM WEBB 3	JOHN HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal in two methods as conductor. First peal in two methods by all the band, except the ringer of the third.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Comprising twelve and thirty extents respectively of Plain Bob and Grandsire with fourteen variations of calling.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	GILBERT E. PLATER 3
ALPHREUS J. BERRY 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 4

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to 'commemorate' the twelfth occasion of 'meeting short' of members of the band in the last eight weeks. Mr. Plater, from Southgate, London, was elected a member of the association previous to commencing the peal.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK DEARING Treble	FRANCIS W. NADNTON 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2	JAMES WARDLEY 5
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven varied extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS KITTY WILLERS Treble	ARTHUR WILSON 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHAS. R. LILLEY Treble	*ERNEST COOKE 4
*CHAS. G. WEARE 2	*WILLIAM BRADDICK 5
*WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 3	*WILLIAM FROST Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

* First peal by all the band, and all are regular service ringers, except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Stitch, brother-in-law of the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE C. PARTON Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	RALPH C. PARTON 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. C. Parton.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	FRANK PRICE 3
WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2	CLEMENT VOWLES 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE

First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the eldest son of the ringer of the 3rd on attaining his seventeenth birthday.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*THOMAS S. ASTBURY ... Treble	JOHN BRAESINGTON 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	JOHN PARKER 5
ALBERT THOMAS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIPAN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 12 lb.

*MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 4
*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Plain Bob and first attempt. The conductor, who is from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was elected a member of the Truro Diocesan Guild previous to starting. The rest of the band are from Truro Cathedral. First peal of Minor on the bells.

YEOVIL RINGERS VISIT DEVON.

Yeoovil Parish Church Guild went for their annual tour on Saturday, July 12th. The first place to be visited was Teignmouth, where touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church. Lunch and tea were partaken of at Torquay, and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church. The return journey was made via Exeter, where the bells of St. Thomas' Church were rung. The tour was carried out under the leadership of the conductor, Mr. J. E. Baker, and the tea was provided as usual by Alderman W. E. Tucker, the Mayor, who is the parish warden, and Mr. J. Goodchild, the steward of the Guild.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

FIRST SECTION OF A COUNTY SURVEY.

The completion of the detailed history of the church bells of England is a slow process. The task is one which appeals only to the antiquarian who, to be successful in the work, must also combine the qualities of a steeplejack and acrobat. The collection of information regarding bells in towers where ringing is practised is, of course, a comparatively simple matter, but it is in churches where there are one, two, or three bells, hung in almost inaccessible bell lofts, that the difficulties chiefly arise, and it is among these that the most interesting specimens of ancient bells are often found, for the simple reason that there has not been the same inducement to recasting as there has been when such bells formed part of a peal used for ringing.

Slowly the exploration of the church towers is going on. Several counties have, of course, been completed, others are partly done. No exhaustive survey of the bells of Nottinghamshire, however, has yet been made, but the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, and an enthusiastic ringer, is doing valuable work in this direction in the northern part of the county, and the result of his labours is being published in instalments by the Thoroton Society. The first instalment, which appeared in the 'Transactions' of the Society for 1929, has now been reprinted in book form. It deals with the bells in the rural deanery of Tuxford, which is in the Archdeaconry of Newark, and covers 22 churches. It is admirably printed, and is accompanied by a number of plates on art paper illustrating the lettering and shields found on the old bells. The inscriptions on all the bells are given, with ample descriptions of all the more interesting specimens, and much information relating to old practices.

BELFREY 'CHEESES.'

There was, for instance, the interesting custom which formerly existed in the parish of East Drayton in connection with weddings. After the banns were published for the first time, the ringers used to ring a special peal when the service was over. On the wedding day the bells were rung immediately the registers were signed and at intervals throughout the rest of day. The wedding party brought up to the belfry a large plum loaf of six or eight pounds weight and a cheese. Very often these were carried by the 'best man.' All the school children paraded to the tower at the same time, and the oldest ringer distributed a piece of the loaf and cheese to each child, in the order in which they stood in school. The ringers also received £1, which it was the custom to spend in equal shares at the two village inns. A final peal on the bells was rung at 6 a.m. the next morning. Then, if all had been carried out in the above manner, a ring was painted on the belfry walls, in red ochre, with the initials of the bride and bridegroom and the date. There are nearly a hundred such rings in the belfry, the first dated 1777 and the last 1865.

Traces of similar rings could be seen years ago at Troswell and Laneham on the tower walls, where locally they were known as 'cheeses.'

Ringings always took place at East Drayton on Christmas, New Year and on November 5th, and on each of these occasions the ringers received 4 lb. of candles, ½ pint of oil and 2s. 6d., and on one occasion in the church accounts there is a charge of 2s. 6d. for red ochre.

East Drayton, also, is one of the parishes in which there is a plot of land held for the provision of bell ropes. It bears the name of 'Bell String Close,' and the tenant, who is usually the parish clerk, has it rent free on the condition that he provides new bell ropes when necessary. At Laneham there was formerly a small plot of land called the 'Bell Holt,' where osiers and rushes were grown and the sale of these was used to provide a fund for the ringers and new bell ropes when necessary. Whether this is still done, or, if not, why the practice was discontinued, the author does not tell us.

Kirton lost two of its bells by theft many years ago. In the Inventory of 1552 there were 'iii bells in the stepyll,' and they remained until 1843, when, according to White's 'Directory of Notts,' 'sacriligious thieves broke into the church and carried off the communion plate and surplice. About a fortnight after this a second visit was paid to the sacred edifice, and one of the bells, which had been broken, was taken by these high mettled thieves.' The story in the village is that two bells were stolen from the tower and thrown into the pond, where they remained for some time, and were afterwards carried off and sold.

The first section of 'The Church Bells of Nottinghamshire,' which can be obtained at 1s. 6d. per copy from the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall, Retford, Notts, is an interesting little volume which shows that the work is being done with thoroughness and knowledge. It is hoped to publish at least one section covering a rural deanery each year. The next will be Mansfield Deanery, which will be followed by Retford.

FAREWELL QUARTER PEAL.

At the Parish Church of St. Michael, Bishop's Stortford, on Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, and as a farewell to Mr. Victor Matthews, a member of the local band, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Guildford, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, Harold Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTIVITIES IN THE BANBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild attracted a big gathering to Banbury, where the new peal of ten bells was available. Ringers were present from Northampton, Swindon, Burford, Oxford, Banbury, Adderbury, Deddington, Lower Heyford, Dun's Tew, Great Tew, Somerton, Cropredy, Sherington, Warmington, Wicken and Coventry, and Messrs. Taylor's work was spoken of in terms of high praise by all who rang on the bells. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jones), and the address was given by the Rev. J. A. Hultgren, who based an inspiring address on 'Is it worth while?' He said that perhaps some of them noticed the two large beams which lay outside the church as they came in. They were taken out of the belfry when the bells were put in. He was looking at them one day when a man came along and, after hearing what the new bells had cost, said, 'Is it worth while? It will all be the same in a hundred years' time.' Well, there were many people who said that, and he wanted them that afternoon to think about that utterance. People said that sort of thing and thought they were uttering a truth of experience, and went even further and acted upon that principle. It might seem that they were right, because a man might drop down with sickness and pass away, and though his grandchildren might remember him his great-grandchildren would not, and his deeds would not remain in the memory of his friends. Take, for instance, the bellringers of that church a hundred years ago. How many of them could even remember their names? That seemed to be the fate, these people would argue, with respect to their institutions, customs, fashions and buildings—that they passed right away. And a great mass of ordinary things and persons did seem to pass out of existence, so that they might think they were only sure of those immediately behind and those in front of them. If, however, they thought for a moment or two about the statement that it would all be the same in a hundred years' time they would see that it was untrue, and that it was in most cases an excuse for a lazy and indolent life, the taking of the line of least resistance, which was the wrong line. They were the heirs of the ages, and believed that nothing could be lost.

Having emphasised the need of everyone doing his best and utmost for beauty, humanity, goodness and brotherliness, the preacher asked, 'What could they, in their humble way, do as members of the Christian Church—and bellringers in that Church? Men had a right to expect a good example of them, in the first place in their family home, the practice of patience, and the setting of an example of temperate and holy living. And a good example, too, outside the home. Think of the harm done when a bellringer, who rang others to church, did not go to church himself, and whose conduct was no higher than that of the man who professed no religion at all. Their St. Mary's ringers had a glorious peal of ten bells. The Parochial Church Council might have been content with less, but after much advice they had done their best, and the result was something to be proud of. Those bells would ring out for many generations and delight the minds and touch the hearts of countless men and women and lift their hearts to God. If that sort of mind should be the standard in all they put their hearts to, then the world would be a better place in a hundred years' time for their having lived in it in the early years of the 20th and the last years of the 19th century.'

THE WORK OF THE BRANCH.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the Church House, and was followed by the annual meeting of the branch. The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley (president of the branch) was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. R. Lewis), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Rev. Canon Jones, Rev. W. E. MacFarlane (vice-president of the branch) and Mrs. MacFarlane, Rev. G. Barry, Rev. J. A. Hultgren, Rev. R. W. Sharpley, Rev. C. L. Marchant, Mr. W. Potts, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild secretary).

Mr. Lewis presented the balance sheet, which showed the year was started with a balance in hand of £7 0s. 8½d., bank interest was 1s. 7d., ringing members' subscriptions came to £4 17s. 6d., and honorary members' £2 10s., making a total income of £14 9s. 9½d. On the expenditure side grants of £1 to Deddington (second) and £2 to Somerton had been made, and £3 13s. 9d. forwarded to the general treasurer. These and a few incidental expenses made a total of £7 19s. 9d., leaving a balance of £5 1s. 7d. in the Post Office Savings Bank and cash in the treasurer's hands of £1 8s. 5½d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. Miller. Mr. Lewis observed that £1 of the cash in hand had been promised the Banbury Restoration Fund.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. Lewis then read his report as secretary as follows: In making a few observations on the year's working I would point out that two towers have been added to our list—Steeple Aston by transfer from the Witney and Woodstock Branch, and Sherington by the election of two new members. The Rev. J. W. S. Walker, honorary member of Steeple Aston, I regret to state has resigned. While you will note an increase of members' subscriptions to the amount of 18s. 6d., I must point out that there are far too many asterisks against the names of members in this year's report. Honorary members' subscriptions have also increased by 5s. Six new members have been elected during the year. One peal has been rung by members of the branch with the assistance of Messrs. Holfield, senior and junior, of

Appleton, namely, a peal of Grandsire Triples at Adderbury on December 26th; while members have taken part in several attempts. Since our last annual meeting Banbury bells have been completed and were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oxford (Bishop Shaw) on Palm Sunday at evensong. We now have a fine light peal of ten, and only need keenness and the perseverance of the ringers to accomplish some fine bell music. The bells, I am sure, can be rated as one of the finest peals in the diocese, if not in the whole country. Deddington bells are in the hands of the bell hangers, and should soon be ready for dedication. Somerton, too, if not already started upon, will soon be put in hand. These two facts alone should be an encouragement to greater efforts in the art of change ringing. The branch has made grants to £2 to each of these towers. As a branch we are most fortunate in the fact that we have been entertained to tea at three of our meetings during the year. While the meetings have been fairly well attended, there is much room for improvement. I feel that there is not the same keenness as when the branch was first formed. Perhaps this can be attributed to the fact that three of our towers have been out of commission. I would like to mention the fact that I have been greatly encouraged by the help of our chairman and Mrs. Cholmondeley. They are always in attendance at our meetings, and I am sure put themselves to much inconvenience on our behalf. As to the future, I would ask members to make every effort to be present at the meetings, and pay their subscriptions in January when they are due. By so doing they help all their officers, both branch and general guild, and conduce to that good fellowship necessary to every good effort (applause).

The report was adopted.

MORE KEENNESS FOR SUNDAY RINGING NEEDED.

Mr. Lewis read an appeal on behalf of St. Matthews', Harwell, Berks, where £600 was required to carry out the work of restoration, and, owing to other expenses in the parish, it was necessary to raise a large part of this outside.

The meeting voted £1 to the appeal.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was re-elected president, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn congratulated the branch on having such a chairman, and said he hoped he would receive the backing of all the members.

The Rev. W. E. MacFarlane was re-elected vice-president.

Mr. R. Lewis was re-elected hon. secretary, and thanked the members for their renewed confidence. He would do his best, and asked them all to do likewise. He said there was not enough keenness for Sunday service ringing. At one or two towers he visited for Sunday service ringing he only found the ropes half manned. It was not good enough. Sunday service came before anything else (hear, hear).

Mr. Miller was re-elected auditor, and Messrs. H. Baggett and J. Simons representatives to the general committee of the Guild.

Mr. Leslie Malings, of Duns Tew, and Mr. Albert Grant, of Lower Heyford, were elected new members.

Deddington was chosen for the next meeting on October 18th.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Chairman congratulated the branch on the meeting that day, and spoke of how they were favoured by the presence of the Master, the secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and also Canon Coleridge.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn congratulated the branch on its year's work and on being able to make grants to two towers. He also congratulated the secretary on his excellently composed report, and all those who had been concerned in obtaining that delightful ring of ten bells in the Banbury tower. There was only one thing to be done now, and that was to make the acoustic conditions perfect.

Canon Coleridge was called upon, and alluded to the work the Central Council did for ringers. He mentioned two books which were shortly to be published. One was on Minor Methods, to be issued by the Central Council. He recommended them to approach their Parochial Church Councils with a view to their obtaining a volume for the ringers at each church. The other was a book to be published by Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, and would be a complete history of ringing and ringers, and would form a monumental work. Concluding, he said it had given him very great pleasure to come to Banbury, where he had not been on ringing matters since the days of the late Canon Porter. The bells then were in a totally different condition to what they were now, and he congratulated all concerned on the work which had been carried out.

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, observed that he would have pleasure in a few days in sending a cheque towards the restoration of the Banbury bells. During the past five years the towers in the Banbury Branch had received £20 out of the £60 he had got together for restoration purposes. He referred to the number of members who had not paid their subscriptions, and hoped that next year that would be remedied.

Mr. Miller proposed that each tower appoint someone to collect the members' subscriptions and have them ready to hand to Mr. Lewis at the January meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Scarrott and carried.

Mr. Hibbert, the Guild secretary, said the Banbury bells were an exceptionally fine peal, as were also Adderbury and Great Tew, and when Deddington and Somerton had been restored there was no reason why the members should not make a name for themselves. He urged them to back up their secretary, who had done splendid work since the branch began to toddle.

SUPPORT BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Potts proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon Jones for the use of the church and tower for the service and ringing, to the Rev. J. A. Hultgren for his excellent address, to Mrs. Palmer for her accompaniments on the organ, and to the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley for his services in the chair. As a member of the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Committee, he was acquainted with the very great movement there was for the advancement of ringing in that diocese. All at once there seemed to have been a movement to put bells in order, and at every meeting they got appeals. The committee was giving the movement its heartiest support, but he did not think they could do it without the valuable advice of the Master of the Guild. He was their technical advisor. During the last three years their debt to Mr. Jenkyn had been simply inestimable. As a member of the Banbury Parochial Church Council he was pleased with the commendations which had been passed upon their bells. They would give satisfaction to the members of the Parochial Church Council and the town of Banbury as a whole. They were pleased with them themselves, but they were glad to have it as the expert knowledge of those in that room. He alluded to how the Parochial Church Council was helped in the matter by the band of ringers and notably by their secretary, Mr. Lewis, who attended meetings and gave invaluable advice, which they gladly followed, the result of which they had seen. The books Canon Coleridge had recommended should find their way to the Banbury belfry. He was glad to know that that Rural Deanery had been so successful in securing so large a proportion of the Guild funds, and he did not think they had done yet, as there was another belfry not far from Banbury coming along for treatment, and the generosity they had received in the past gave him encouragement to hope it would also be helped (applause).

Mr. L. Clifton seconded the vote of thanks, which was accorded with acclamation.

Canon Jones, in reply, said he was glad to see such a good company and to welcome them to the parish and belfry and Church House. He was not a ringer, but he lived within fifty yards of St. Mary's, so he claimed to know all that could be known about the sound of bells (laughter). They were glad to have had Canon Coleridge and Mr. Jenkyn with them. They found their advice at all times most helpful. As chairman of the Parochial Church Council he would be very glad to benefit by the suggestion of Canon Coleridge, and he would see that copies of the books should be in the belfry, and he hoped the ringers would read them.

This concluded the meeting, and members of the company then adjourned to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal being rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea and the business meeting were held at the Anchor Inn, presided over by Mr. Geo. Williams, vice-president and Ringing Master, supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. T. Bayley, and Capt. W. Linter. Others present were from North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Portsmouth, Overton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Portsea, Bath and Bishopstoke. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Netley Abbey on Saturday, October 4th.

A vote of thanks was passed to a friend for kindly defraying the cost of tea, and to the Rector of Bishopstoke (who was unable to be present) for the use of bells. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th, when nearly 40 ringers were present from Bramshott, Blackmoor, East Meon, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), North Stoneham, Ryde, Swanmore and Titchfield, also visitors from Balh, Rogate and Mr. J. W. Trappitt (Alton).

Ringing commenced about three o'clock and continued until 4.30, during which time the Vicar (Rev. C. Beckwith) visited the belfry and welcomed the members. The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, the Vicar also acting as organist. A very helpful address was also given by him, based on the Rotary motto, 'Service, not self.'

An excellent tea was served in the George Inn, which was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Mr. Alan R. Pink, late secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who now resides at Petersfield, was elected a ringing member and was warmly welcomed to the district.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Havant, where the bells have been recently restored, on Saturday, October 18th next.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. C. Beckwith for his kindness in giving permission to ring and for presiding at the meeting. In the course of his reply he said how much East Meon was indebted to the Guild for the valuable assistance given to his ringers by instruction.

The ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. During the day the ringing ranged from Rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 'touring' season has begun. A 'week' is now in progress in Lancashire, and there is shortly to be one in Somerset, while next month a party will be peal ringing in Cambridgeshire and Northants. It is said that, for some people, these tours are the only weeks of work they do during the year. But that may be a libel. Anyhow, two peals a day for a week may be looked upon as a holiday, but it isn't—entirely.

Half a dozen of the band who rang the record peal of Cambridge Maximus last year celebrated the first anniversary on August Bank Holiday by taking part in a peal in the same method at Reading.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton, Berks, on August 7th, 1899.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung on August 13th, 1883.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. William Pye, who will reach his 60th birthday next Thursday.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Walsall was rung on July 12th, not the 5th as published.

Wigan is famous for many things, including its pier, but few people know that it has been celebrated for its bells. The foundry existed in the 17th and 18th centuries, and bells cast in those days are still to be found in about thirty churches in Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales.

The original firm was that of James and John Scott. They were bailiffs in 1627, and in 1653, 1688 and 1701 members of the same family were Mayors. In the 18th century the Scotts were succeeded at the Foundry by the Ashtons, who, in the order Ralph, Luke and Ralph, carried on the trade for three-quarters of a century.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WHITTLE-LE-WOODS RINGER.

KILLED WHILE RETURNING FROM TEST MATCH.

When returning from the test match at Manchester, on Saturday week, to his home at Whittle-le-Woods, Mr. Edward Byfield, Coxhead was killed, as the result of a motor-cycle accident, which it is believed was caused by a burst tyre. The deceased, who was 27 years of age, was a ringer at Whittle-le-Woods Parish Church, and was a keen cricketer. He was secretary of the Whittle-le-Woods Cricket Club and captain of the second eleven.

Mr. Coxhead began his ringing with two or three other young men at the end of the Great War, in which three or four of the Whittle-le-Woods ringers gave their lives. He was regular and conscientious in his attendance at both service ringing and practice, and a most reliable ringer in the standard methods, in most of which he had rung peals. He was of a cheery disposition, and will be sadly missed, especially by his cricketing and ringing friends.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at Whittle-le-Woods Parish Church, the Rev. T. H. Priestnell officiating. Members of the cricket club acted as bearers into the church, and the ringers conveyed the coffin to the grave. Among the many floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from deceased's fellow ringers.

WORCESTERSHIRE VETERANS.

OFFICERS AND EX-OFFICERS TAKE PART IN A PEAL.

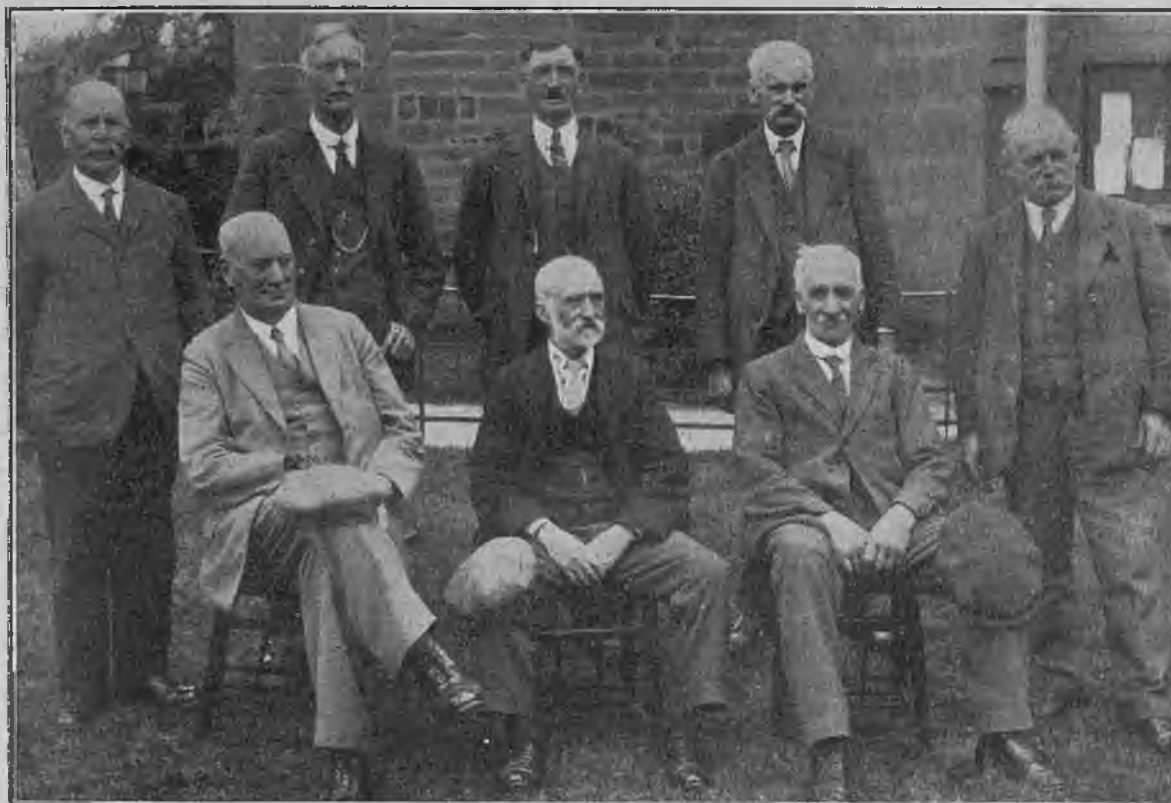
The interesting photograph of Worcestershire veterans on this page was taken after they had rung a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John the Baptist's Church, Worcester. Apart from the fact that they are all over 61 years of age, they have all served the Worcestershire

William C. Jones (Worcester), age 62. A Gloucester man, but has resided in Worcester long enough to serve the association as auditor for 25 years, and three years as Branch Master. Has rung 136 peals.

Albert E. Parsons (Old Hill), age 64. Although his peals of recent years have been few and far between, he has served the association in many ways, including eight years as Master. His peals number 119.

Henry Middleton (Evesham), age 63. Rang in the long peal of Stedman Cinques (11,111 changes) at Birmingham, was Branch Master for many years. Has rung 199 peals.

Frederick J. Johnson (Hinton), age 65. Father of family of ringers who have rung in peals on handbells of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques, and Maximus. Rung 150 peals.



The peal band, all of whom have served the Worcestershire Association. Standing: W. Short, W. C. Jones, H. Middleton, F. J. Johnson, W. Ranford. Seated: A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter, W. Page.

[Photo: G. Colwell, Worcester.]

Association in office and some are still serving. The record of the peal will be found in the customary place, but the following brief details give something of the part the band have taken in ringing during a long number of years. Their peal aggregate is 2,240.

Thomas J. Salter (Kidderminster), age 63, took part in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5,152, bearing my name as composer. The figures have not appeared in your columns, but were rung at Bolsover, Derby, on January 19th, 1929, conducted by John Flint, and appear in the Midland Counties report (peal No. 3833).

I offer my most humble apology to the conductor and his band and also the association for so having polluted their report. I would ask each member not to fail to endorse the same as false in their reports.—Yours truly,
ARTHUR CRAVEN.

William Page (Worcester), age 68. Served the association for more than thirty years, Master for three years. Conducted the first peals of Superlative Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise for the Western Branch. His peals number 111.

William Short (Clent), age 62, has been one of the leading peal ringers of the country, his total being now 787. He rang in 14,112 of London Surprise at King's Norton, conducted the 11,111 of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and has rung more peals than any other Worcestershire ringer.

William Ranford (Suckley), age 61, the 'nipper' of the band, although he is often called 'father.' Served on the committee for eight years, and has rung 294 peals.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my very unpleasant duty to call your readers' attention to a false peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5,152, bearing my name as composer. The figures have not appeared in your columns, but were rung at Bolsover, Derby, on January 19th, 1929, conducted by John Flint, and appear in the Midland Counties report (peal No. 3833).

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HARWELL, BERKS. BELL FUND.

For rehanging ring of six and adding two trebles, the following subscriptions have so far been received or promised:—Hillesden, Bucks, ringers, 7s.; Steeple Claydon, Bucks, ringers, 5s.; St. Giles', Oxford, ringers, 12s.; Waltham, St. Lawrence, ringers, 7s.; Mr. W. F. Judge, 2s.; Rev. J. F. Amies, 2s.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, £1 1s.; High Wycombe ringers, 7s. 6d.; Bucklebury ringers, 11s.; Mr. A. J. Frankum, 2s.; Mr. W. Hutton, 2s.; Mr. A. J. Wright, 10s.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 5s.; Mr. F. Mulford, £1; Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund, £5; North Berkshire Branch, O.D.G., £5; Mr. D. Napper, £2 2s. Total, £17 15s. 6d.

THE OUTING SEASON. MORE REPORTS OF PLEASANT DAYS.

This is the season of the 'annual outing,' and every week-end sees a 'general post' among ringers, who by road or rail seek out new towers in which to exercise their skill. Below are some of the reports which have reached us, telling of happy days spent among the bells:—

The Higham Ferrers ringers, accompanied by Mr. Harry Chapman, of Kingston, and Messrs. C. Whitney and W. and E. Whitmore, of Raunds, spent an enjoyable day when they visited the belfries of Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Leighton Buzzard and Woburn for an outing. Travelling via Wollaston and Olney, the first stop was made at Newport, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but the bells had to be hurriedly lowered owing to illness. The party then proceeded to Stony Stratford, and on peal of eight, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round. Then along Watling Street, through beautiful Buckinghamshire country to Leighton Buzzard, where, after tea, the peal of ten (tenor 25 cwt.) were raised, but after a course of Grandsire Caters it was decided to confine ringing to the back eight, as some of the ringers were not fully acquainted with ten bells. Proceeding to Woburn, the fine peal of eight in the beautiful Church of the Blessed Mary were soon set going, and these were voted 'the best of the day.' Here a course of Superlative was rung besides the usual methods. The party then travelled home through Woburn Park via Ampthill and Bedford, arriving in Higham Ferrers at 10.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers and to Mr. Geo. Randall, of Higham, who so ably arranged this outing.

E. E. W.

LAVENHAM'S BENEDICTS BEAT BACHELORS.

The SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their ninth annual outing on Saturday, July 26th, under the leadership of Mr. Stedman Symonds. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., the first halt being at Framlingham, where the party were met by Messrs. Maulden and Crickmer. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung and a brief visit was also made to the old castle. The next call was Kelsale, where Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Superlative were rung. At 12 noon the party reached Leiston, the main objective of the day. Here the ringers were met by the Messrs. Bailey. St. Margaret's handy peal of eight were soon tapping off merry touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Superlative. A competition in striking took place between the society's single and married bands, the latter winning by one point. At Sizewell, Falcon Inn, the party sat down to lunch. This event was also won by the married section by two points. An enjoyable hour and a half was afterwards spent on the beach at Sizewell Gap, where the 'Dulcet Handbell Quartette' rendered some fine old airs, 'four in hand.' At Pettistree, courses of Plain Bob and Kent were rung on the peal of six. Afterwards the party were entertained to tea at the Grange by Mrs. B. Taylor, a native of Lavenham. The last call was at Grundisburgh, where the Rev. Sutton (Rector) gave the ringers a hearty welcome in the tower. The methods rung here were Grandsire, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford. Home was reached at 10 p.m., when, for the eighth year in succession, the same unanimous opinion was expressed, 'that this was better than the last.' The ringers wish to take this opportunity of offering their thanks to all those who helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

HARWICH RINGERS IN SUFFOLK.

The annual outing of St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, took place on Saturday, July 26th, when in glorious weather a visit was paid by charabanc to Suffolk. Calling first at Henley, the ringers were met by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and the bells were set going to Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on this light ring of eight. The next stop was Helmingham, where the fine old church dates back to 1500 and contains a very musical peal of eight bells. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round. After inspecting the very interesting church, a move was made to Framlingham, which was reached about 1.30 p.m. Mr. F. Watting, of Saxmundham, here joined the party, and, lunch having been disposed of, tracks were made for the tower of St. Michael's Church, where a well-struck 576 of Kent and 504 of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the fine old peal, the bells having been cast at various dates from 1583 to 1718. The church also possesses an organ which dates from 1674, and was presented to the church by Pembroke College in 1708. After an interesting visit to the Castle, the journey was resumed to Hasketon, the home of Mr. G. Thompson, captain of the Guild, where tea was waiting. Tracks were then made for home, which was reached at 10.45 p.m. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, for granting permission to ring on the bells, also Messrs. Whiting and Last, of Helmingham, and Mr. J. Hall, of Framlingham, for meeting them and helping to make the day a success. They also thank Miss Thompson for arranging the tea.

AN ISLAND TRIP.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, held their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday, July 19th and 20th. The direction chosen this year was Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, and 6.30 a.m. saw the noble 14 packed into a local 'Chiev.' and off via Kingston Bypass Road and the old Portsmouth Road, complete with luggage and the famous handbells of 'He of the many initials.' On top of Hindhead a course of Grandsire Triples was tapped off in solemn solitude before 8 a.m.—Have we made a record? (I wonder)—and 8.55 saw the party seated for breakfast at headquarters, Madden's Hotel, Portsmouth. Having shown that, as a band, we have as healthy an appetite as the next one, and bedrooms having been allocated, we proceeded in leisurely fashion to lose a boat across to Ryde. However, in compensation, we were enabled to see the arrival home of the battle cruiser, 'Suffolk,' from the China station, also Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, 'Shamrock V.,' which was then about to start for America, watching crowds voicing their hopes for victory and the return of 'The Can.' Ryde was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and 'Old Joe' soon finding another charabanc (a rather difficult job, as they are so small), we were on tour, taking the route to Brading, where an eight of about 10 cwt. were at our disposal. Ringing was done in standard methods, Mr. Pain kindly obliging with keys. It was intended to put two refractory persons in the ancient stocks here, but unfortunately, or the reverse, as you look at it, the stocks were railed in. It was a case of 'On, Stanley, on,' this being the 'Shuvver,' so via Sandown and Shanklin, through lovely lanes in delightful weather, occasionally 'hitting up' a piece of promenade, we went, reaching Godshill in time for a light lunch, afterwards proceeding to the quaint hilltop church, where we found a wedding in course of progress. Very appropriately the bells rang out for another happy couple, seemingly all the more so because of the music of a nice little six, smartly turning in a touch of Bob Minor. These bells are by Llewellyn and James, a name not very frequently met with among bells nowadays. A look round the very interesting church here, and we were rounded into our coach by the aforesaid Joe, and on the road to Carisbrooke, driving round the Castle slowly and admiring this ancient structure. Time would not permit a close inspection, as we were due to ring on the splendid eight here (tenor 25 cwt.) by the Croydon Foundry. Several touches were enjoyed and the bells lowered, farewells said, and we were on board for Ryde. Here a heavyish eight by Taylor were in contrast to the last peal, preferences being rather divided. After separating the combatants, tea was had, and 'the Joe person' announced that he had done with the party till supper time, so they could have the remaining part of the day to themselves. All went their ways, but caught a boat and arrived back at headquarters safely. Two other 'Erbs' arrived at 11.50, and after feeding were put to bed, and then, 'rest for the organiser.' Sunday morning saw the party at Alverstoke, where the local band welcomed them, a very fine light eight by Taylor's being made use of. Various diversions till 5.30 were the order, but not much could be done in the way of sightseeing as the weather became undone. It did not, however, entirely damp the spirits of the party, a fire of railery and chaff making up for much. Ringing for evening service was the last item, so to St. Thomas à Becket, where Mr. Burnett and his men gave us a welcome, and the lovely 25½ cwt. peal of eight were heard to advantage in standard methods. Borrowing a few locals, an almost 'Faultless' (capital F, please) course of Double Norwich was the outstanding feature of the whole trip, one severe critic remarking that it was well worth while travelling the distance to ring that alone. Home was the next objective, and, the weather by now having become more or less a deluge, we had a rather more difficult journey to go through, arriving at Putney, tired but happy, at 11.50, one, whose name I withhold, having to stay the night with Mr. Samaritan. Thanks are due to gentlemen who met us at the towers with such courtesy, also to Vicars and Rectors for the use of the bells. Prizes as usual were awarded, Mr. Cassell receiving the Iron Cross, while the treasurer was presented with a very nice and useful pipe, which I believe he knows how to use. Conducting was shared by Messrs. Elson, Malins, Cassell and Herbert.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' TOUR.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. John's Church, Bournemouth, took place on Saturday, July 26th. Leaving Bournemouth at 8.30, the first stop was North Stoneham, where the band was met by the Master of the Guild (Mr. George Williams), and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were rung. The next call was at St. Michael's, Southampton, where various touches were successfully brought round. After lunch, came an interesting drive to All Saints', Dibden. After ringing here, the party made for Lymington, where tea was partaken of at the church. Many excellent touches were afterwards accomplished. Proceeding to Milford-on-Sea, many methods were rung on this beautiful peal of eight, which was the last call of the day. The handbells were kept very busy on the homeward journey, Bournemouth being reached by 11.30. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents at the churches visited for the use of the bells and the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready for them.

HASLEMERE RINGERS VISIT THAMESIDE TOWERS.

The annual outing of the Haslemere, Surrey, ringers was held on July 19th, when, accompanied by Miss Irene Hastie, of Leatherhead, Messrs. A. J. Bartlett and M. Smithers (Chiddingfold) they spent an enjoyable day on the Thameside. The first stop was St. Mary's, Staines, where touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were brought round. At Egham, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were brought into rounds, and the Vicar came to speed the parting guests. At Windsor, an excellent lunch had been prepared, and, after 'full justice had been done,' Old Windsor Church was visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. Going next to Bray, the bells were raised, and Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Treble Bob were rung, and this finished the ringing for the day. After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, at the invitation of the Master, a trip on the river to Boulter's Lock and back was greatly enjoyed. The homeward journey was commenced, and home was reached about 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The company arranged to meet for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on the Sunday evening, and this was rung in 48 mins. by the following: Major J. H. B. Hesse 1, R. Hayes 2, B. Elliott 3, F. Bowden 4, H. Furlonger 5, J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, W. Eldridge 7, R. Overy 8, M. Smithers 9, E. Wicks 10. This was W. Eldridge and H. Furlonger's first quarter on an inside bell.

BEACONSFIELD RINGERS IN SURREY.

Beaconsfield ringers had their annual outing on July 12th, when they visited some West Surrey towers. A start was made from the church a little after 12 o'clock for Farnham, where they were met by the veteran Mr. Clapshaw, and the bells raised and started to Stedman and Double Norwich. The bells and tower here are all that can be desired, and this accounted for the party being a bit late in getting away. Frensham was next on the list. Here there is a nice ring of six, but the time here had to be cut short to enable the party to catch up with the schedule, but all had a pull, Kent and Cambridge being rung. Then away over Hindhead to Chiddingfold, where Stedman, Double Norwich and a particularly good course of Cambridge were rung. After tea, the party proceeded to Witley. Here conditions are not in favour of good ringing, but Stedman was attempted, and Bob Major was brought round. Proceeding to Godalming, the last tower on the list, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round, and the bells lowered. The inner man having been refreshed, a start was made for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m., all being agreed that a good half-day had been spent. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and towerkeepers of the towers mentioned for the use of the bells and the trouble taken to make the visits a success.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the ringers of the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, was held on Saturday, July 12th, when, accompanied by an old friend, in the person of Mr. J. H. Blake, of Chichester, a start was made just before 8 a.m. in fine but somewhat cold weather. The route taken was via West End, Lyndhurst and Christchurch to Poole, which was reached 30 minutes late, due to the driver having chosen the wrong road. Ringing took place at St. James' Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung. At Wimborne, an excellent lunch awaited the party at the Crown Hotel, but unfortunately time did not permit an inspection of the Minster Church of St. Cuthbert, as the ringers were due at Wimborne St. Giles. On arrival, it was found that a wedding was about to take place, so, immediately after the ceremony, the bells rang out a message of gladness to the happy couple from ringers of another diocese. After touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major had been rung, a move was made to Salisbury. In the absence of the Dean (who was unfortunately unable to be present in person), one of the resident canons was waiting to welcome the party, and, together with a guide, pointed out the great architectural beauties and historic relics of the Cathedral. Tea was taken at the County Hotel, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the sonorous octave at St. Thomas' Church.

The homeward journey was made via Romsey, where a short stop only was made, and Portsmouth was again reached at 9.45 p.m. The company would like to give expression, through these columns, of their feelings of deep appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown them by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop Randolph, D.D., and the canons and staff of Salisbury Cathedral, also to all the incumbents and steeplekeepers of churches who contributed so much to the success of the day.

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DARLEY DALE.—On July 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 2, E. Blackwell 3, H. Taylor 4, B. Allsop 5, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 6, R. Allsop tenor (covering). First 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and tenor.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On July 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Meakins 1, H. Garratt 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, A. Gibbons 4, E. Hilmyer 5, J. Ansell 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor, who belong to the local band.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE PART

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E 324156

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D 432561
E 125346

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B 163425
D 234165
E 541326

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D 251634
B 361524
D 215364
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This composition was rung for the first time on July 30th, at Orich, Derbyshire, conducted by Maurice Swinfield. The peal, as originally published in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, 1921, was false, but altered as above by Mr. Swinfield, it is true. The figures have been checked and confirmed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, to whom Mr. Swinfield expresses his thanks.

FEERING RINGERS VISIT KENT.

On Saturday, July 5th, members of All Saints' Guild, Feering, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens and friends from Kelvedon, held their annual outing. Leaving Feering at 8 a.m., Gravesend was reached at 10 a.m., and the towers at Wrotham, Aylesford, Chatham, Rochester Cathedral and Gravesend were visited in turn, short touches of Major being rung at each, interposed with rounds to enable all to have a pull, including the juniors. The Guild desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the clergy for the use of the bells, and all ringers who kindly met them at the various places, also Mr. F. Mitchell, who so kindly assisted in the arrangements. The party left Gravesend at 9 p.m., arriving home safely shortly after 11 p.m., having spent a long but thoroughly happy day amidst some of the lovely scenery of Kent.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 120 each of Oxford Single, Double and Single Court and 180 of Plain Bob: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. F. E. Hicks, as Vicar of St. Peter's parish. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, it being her 15th birthday. First quarter-peal in seven methods by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

HALSALL, LANCs.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 16th, for the Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Fairclough 1, T. Prescott 2, J. Gardner 3, A. Mawdesley (conductor) 4, H. Sergeant 5, E. Blundell 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 2nd. The bells, a handy peal of eight, were raised shortly before three o'clock, and were rung in various methods till after 8 p.m. Members were present from eleven of the branch towers, as well as Messrs. Grounds and Booth, from Standish, and all present had a pull, the ringing being of quite a high standard.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Chairman, Mr. W. Sharples, referred to the tragic death of one of their fellow-ringers, Mr. E. B. Coxhead, of Whittle-le-Woods, and also to the death of Mrs. Booth, the wife of Mr. J. Booth, of Standish, who was present with them that day. The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Coxhead's relatives and also with Mr. Booth.—This was carried with the members standing in silence.

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary read correspondence, and explained why the meeting which was to have been held at St. Helen's, Garstang, had been postponed. The explanation was accepted.

The meeting confirmed the election of Arthur Townley Parker, of Chorley, as a member of the association.

The place and date of the next meeting was then fixed, and the Secretary then gave a report of the branch's activities during the year. Meetings had been held, he said, at Chorley Parish Church, Hoghton, Broughton, Samesbury, Preston Parish Church, Brownedge, Leyland St. James, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods, and Chorley. They had also held a joint meeting with the Fylde Branch at St. Annes. At the meetings held at Hoghton and Preston Parish Church, Mr. Wm. Taylor gave lectures which were much appreciated by all present, the subject being, 'In and out of course in change ringing, and also aids to the young conductor.' The meeting at Preston Parish Church was a joint meeting, at which the Blackburn, Fylde, Wigan, and Bolton Branches were represented, and it is proposed to hold a similar meeting at Blackburn about the same time next year. On the whole the meetings had been fairly well attended, a fair number of other branch members having been present at various meetings. The standard of ringing in the branch seemed rather better, if they judged by the methods rung at the meetings and the peals rung by the branch. The number of peals rung was thirteen, which was as large a number as ever. They had been rung in seven different towers by thirty-four members, eleven of whom have rung their first peal in one or more methods, while five had rung their first peal inside in a different method. The methods rung were: Plain Bob Minor 2, Minor in three methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in seven methods 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1. Local peals were rung at Penwortham, Brindle and Whittle-le-Woods. In the local peal of Minor at Penwortham, Mr. E. W. Hutchinson was successful in ringing his first peal: this at the ripe age of seventy-three years. The peal of Minor at Preston was on the heaviest peal of bells rung to Minor by the association. The peal of Minor rung half-muffled at Brindle was rung as a last token of respect to Mr. J. H. Garstide, of Chorley, an old and esteemed ringer and churchworker. During the year, Mr. B. A. Knights had completed his one hundred peals for the association, and he was the first Preston Branch member to do so.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The bells at St. Helen's, Churchton, and Broughton had both been in the hands of the founders and bell hangers during the year, and the reports regarding both peals were very satisfactory. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, although there were one or two towers where they had not had a meeting recently, where the members had not paid for the current year. The list of members was slightly larger than last year, as sixteen or seventeen new members had been elected, but they had lost one or two through death, among them Mr. E. B. Coxhead, who was killed the previous week in a motor accident. They had also lost a few members through lack of interest, as well as members leaving the district. For various reasons the annual social was abandoned this year, but it was to be hoped it would soon be revived.

The report was accepted, and the secretary thanked.

Mr. Sharples gave a report of the committee meeting held at Chorley last month, and this was accepted with thanks to Mr. Sharples.

Before the election of branch secretary took place, a proposal was put that the secretary be elected for two years, as it was thought it would be beneficial, as the committee men would then retire in alternate years.—On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried, and the retiring secretary was elected unanimously, with a vote of thanks for his services, one of the supporters humorously suggesting that the secretary be paid the same remuneration as before.

The Secretary thanked the members for their vote of thanks and for their renewed confidence in him.

A letter was then read regarding the Central Council's proposal that associations should agree to abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.—The matter was discussed, and Mr. Bradley

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SKIPTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. William Downham Hillary, of Skipton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 31st, having been married at Skipton Parish Church in 1880. Both are well known in Skipton, and received many congratulations upon the auspicious event.

Mr. Hillary has been a ringer at Skipton since 1878. He is the second oldest member of the band, his brother-in-law, Mr. William Billows, having had two years longer service. When Mr. Hillary joined the band in 1878, there was only a peal of six bells, and the ringers were Messrs. Wm. Trees, Joseph Barrett, J. Ingham, W. Pate, Joseph Thompson, Tom Harry Trees, S. Watson, W. Holdsworth, Wm. Billows and himself. He has served under three Rectors—the Rev. P. C. Kidd, the Rev. H. L. Cook and the present holder of the living, the Rev. R. S. Stoney; he has rung in honour of great events in the reigns of three monarchs—the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887, the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and the coronations of King Edward and King George. He has taken part in 37 peals, including 6,048, which was the record for the longest peal of Oxford rung in Yorkshire at that time (1889). The ringers, in addition to Mr. Hillary, were Messrs. F. Anderson, J. Boothman, C. Langstreth (Gargrave), J. McKell (Gargrave), and W. Billows (conductor).

Mr. Hillary can remember vividly the addition of the two new bells and the rehanging of the old ones in 1887, to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee; and also when the bells were recast and rehung ten years ago. He also took part with the Skipton ringers in the reopening of the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley and Salsdale Parish Church. During the war, when a number of ringers joined the fighting forces, their places were filled by four ladies, among them being Mr. Hillary's daughter, Miss Ada Hillary (now Mrs. Geo. Bottomley), who rang until 1922.

Mr. Hillary in 1879 joined the old Volunteers and served until 1901, when he retired with the rank of sergeant. For nineteen years he was a member of the Skipton Fire Brigade in which he attained the rank of superintendent.

As a young man he was a prominent competitor at all the local sports meetings, and at once time was regarded as the best exponent of the long jump in the district. He also acquitted himself well in the sprint events, and was no mean performer in events over longer distances, as his successes testified.

For 47 years Mr. Hillary was employed as a painter with Messrs. G. H. Mason, and it was only as the result of a fall he suffered in 1928 that he retired and was prevented from completing half a century of service with the firm.

Mrs. Hillary is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Bellamy, of Chapel Hill, Skipton, who, with her husband, attained their golden wedding anniversary a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillary have had five sons and four daughters, and they have eight grandchildren. One son, Thomas, who was a member of the Territorials, died before the war, while two of his brothers died during the war, Horace in England, from wounds received in Gallipoli, and Harold, who had held positions with the Skipton and Branshaw (Keighley) Golf Clubs and a similar appointment in Canada, died in France.

On the eve of the golden wedding, Mr. Hillary took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Skipton Parish Church in honour of the event. The ringers were: W. Billows 1, W. Birtwhistle, Gargrave (conductor) 2, W. E. Townsend 3, W. Bradley, Gargrave, 4, J. Garlick 5, C. Langstreth, Gargrave, 6, J. Smith 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

THORNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the Thornham and Cotton company of ringers had their annual outing on July 12th. The party went by motor to Newmarket and then on to Ely Cathedral. The next call was Haverhill, where an excellent dinner was provided for the ringers, who later rang on the bells of that church. The next calls were Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury and then Nayland, where the party stopped for tea and ringing. They then proceeded to Hadleigh and Ipswich, but it was too late to ring on the bells of St. Margaret's. The touches were conducted by Mr. G. Cattermole and Mr. B. Chilvers, and the ringers are grateful to the latter for organising the best outing they have had.

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said as the Central Council was comprised of representatives elected by the associations it was only reasonable that the Council's decisions should be recognised and upheld by the associations.

The feeling of the meeting was that as the Lancashire Association's rules did not contain a rule governing the above resolution, a resolution to discuss the same at the annual meeting should be sent to the general secretary.

Another item of interest was put before the meeting by a member who asked for information regarding the branch peal book. After discussion, the meeting instructed the secretary to try and get the book to the next business meeting.

The usual vote of thanks to the church authorities closed the meeting.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26th, a visit was paid by members of the North Notts Association to Misson for the purpose of reviving the art of change ringing at that tower, and it is hoped the effort will prove successful. Members arrived from Branston, Edwinstowe, Everton, (Tamston, Misterton and Ordsall, and a full company of local ringers was present.

Tea was served in an excellent manner, after which a business meeting followed presided over by Rev. H. H. Skinner, Vicar of Misson, who gave the association a most hearty welcome to his church.

The Hon. Secretary stated that during the past week he had been in communication with the Everton ringers, and he was very pleased to say that they had decided to be reaffiliated with the association. It may be remembered that Everton was among the founders of the association. The following members were duly elected: Messrs. S. Harrison, H. Searle, F. Searle, A. Smith, E. Smith, F. Smithson, G. Swindon and R. Welsh, of Everton, and T. Seamore, of Misson.

It was stated that the next meeting would be at East Markham on a date to be fixed by the committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the caterers, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success from the learners' point of view. It is desirable that a few more towers should follow the example set by the Everton band.

DEATH OF AN OLD BARNSELY RINGER.

The death of Mr. Wilfred Richardson, of Barnsley, at the advanced age of 84 years, has to be recorded with regret. A member of St. Mary's company for over fifty years, he was always present for service ringing, and was a ready teacher of young ringers on practice nights. His occupation, that of warehouseman for Messrs. Geo. Guest, grocers, of Barnsley, did not permit him to go in for peal ringing away, but at home he was always ready to join in for the benefit of ringing and ringers. He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Yorkshire Association in the 'Seventies,' and also helped in the formation of Barnsley and District Association in the year 1909. Owing to age and chronic rheumatism, his active ringing had to cease some years ago. He is the last of the band that Mr. C. D. Potter (the first president of Barnsley Association) met in the tower at St. Mary's 54 years ago.

TAUNTON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. J. Burge, beloved wife of Mr. James Burge, of Taunton. The deceased lady underwent a serious operation a few years ago, but although it was thought that the operation was a very successful one, it left its mark behind, and she succumbed on July 26th. She was laid to rest on August 2nd in St. Mary's Cemetery amid many manifestations of esteem and regard. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. W. H. Allen, Vicar of Broadway, officiating. As the cortege left the church, the grand peal of twelve was rung in rounds, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques conducted by W. White, the bells being half-muffled. The band was made up of ringers from the three towers in Taunton. Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Mary's, where Mr. Burge has been conductor for over thirty years. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Burge and his daughter in their great loss.

THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As umpire to the above peal, I feel it is only fair, on behalf of the band, to reply to the query raised in your last issue by Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Brierley Hill. I can, without fear or favour, confirm that the peal was rung strictly silent, and that no motion was made by those taking part. At no time did any of the band appear to be in doubt, and the striking was perfect throughout.—Yours faithfully,

W. CROUCHER.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY W. HYDE INGLESANT.

23456	M	B	In and 5th's	W	H
43526				2	1
32546				2	
25463	1		x	1	2
26354				2	1
23564	1			2	2

This peal contains the extent of 8.4's, 8.5's and 8.6's at W, and the 2nd never in 6th's at course-ends.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, July 29th, at the Parish Church of St. John, Burslem, in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Bennett and Miss M. B. Waklet, which took place on the same day, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob. The following ringers took part: F. Shuker, F. Box, J. Hurd, H. Box, P. Kelsall, T. Hilditch and H. Box (conductor).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 27th, for children's festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, F. White 2, F. E. Pitman 3, A. Newman 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, H. Payne 7, H. J. Nash 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 27th, after evensong, at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Kilbey 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. A. Dart 3, E. E. Richards 4, C. Davis 5, A. F. Petrie 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, H. T. Willson 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, H. Jennings 4, E. J. Harding, jun., 5, J. D. Harris 6, T. R. Taylor 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Abingdon, Berks.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 27th, at St. Mary's Church, before evensong, the following 720's were rung: 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, H. Wright 3, G. Camp 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 15th, before evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: J. Sitch 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, E. Sitch (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Sitch 1, J. Sitch 2, L. Camp 3, G. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—For morning service, on July 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Pennack 1, P. Felton 2, Miss Dolly French 3, P. Green 4, Dr. Spencer Phillips 5, Geo. Green (conductor) 6. This was also rung for the birthday of Miss Dolly French, and it was her first 720 of Kent; also the first in the method for the ringers of 1 and 2.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: A. Wright 1, Miss M. L. Cufflin 2, A. Disney 3, H. Bowley 4, J. O. Lancashire 5, G. H. Dexter 6, R. F. Elkington 7, W. Sibson 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, and first on eight bells by ringer of 4th.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at Farnborough Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. Morley, who was for many years churchwarden of Farnborough Parish Church: L. Parfitt 1, R. Turner 2, A. Alexander 3, C. Turner 4, G. Gasson (conductor) 5, T. Paul 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 55 mins.: Miss Violet Shorter 1, S. P. Banyard 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, R. Lathbury (conductor) 4, J. W. Quiney 5, J. W. Ward 6, E. Harper 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), at St. Margaret's Church, for morning and evening service, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. Cattell, L. Johnson, T. Bent, G. Humphreys, W. and E. Tanser, J. E. and G. S. Morris. Conducted by Ernest Morris.—At St. Peter's, Belgrave, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: F. Graham, F. Sharman, E. Morris, R. Barrow, G. Tillson, R. F. Elkington, W. A. Skinner (conductor). K. Lawson, the latter part accompanied by the organ!

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) for evening service, on the occasion of the Sunday Schools' Anniversary: John Potter 1, Rev. C. B. Hulton 2, William Jones 3, Fred Grundy 4, Joseph Ridyard 5, Percy H. Derbyshire 6, Joseph H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, July 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Chadwick 1, W. Aaron 2, J. Cavanaugh 3, A. Brunton 4, A. Ingham 5, J. Ingham 6, R. Bolderstone 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Specially rung as a farewell to Joseph Riley, who left on above date to reside at Dursley, Gloucester.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: E. G. Hibble (first quarter in method) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Ellis (first as conductor in the method) 4, C. A. Button 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD (SUSSEX).—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on May 18th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Ladd 1, G. Lambert 2, H. D. White 3, J. Wren 4, E. J. Ladd 5, J. A. Hart, Uckfield (conductor) 6, R. Stredwick 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

HOLBORN, LONDON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: T. Benney 1, H. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Chooel 4, E. E. Pryor 5, C. Brett 6, G. B. Cole (conductor) 7, G. H. Viller 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bullock.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 528 Grandsire Cinques: F. W. Bond 1, A. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, H. L. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. Bond 9, H. Lewis 10, W. H. Hayward 11, J. Hayward 12.—On Sunday, May 18th, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, A. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. L. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, H. S. Parsons 9, W. Wrigley 10. All the above are local service ringers.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Green-hirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Froyle on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, Bart.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready early. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. E. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Deane.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Business: Election of officers of the branch. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Some subscriptions are outstanding and would be gladly received.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. — B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at 5, at 1s. 3d. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, by August 13th, if you are coming. Ringing also at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 2.30, and at All Hallows', Tottenham, from 6.30 to 7.30. All ringers welcome! Come in your hundreds!! —E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, August 16th. Bells of Bishop Wearmouth Church and St. Ignatius available. Meet Bishop Wearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Ignatius' Institute, and those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by August 14th. All ringers from rounds to Surprise welcome. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Newbury and Andover Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, August 13th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, August 16th. Tower opened 3.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, August 13th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Greasley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. South Normanton bus from Millstone Lane 2.20 p.m. every half-hour. Tea free. Please advise Mr. F. T. Justice, Watnall, Notts, by Thursday, August 14th.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bletsoe bells are not available for this meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) ready 4 p.m. Yellow bus leaves Wetmore Road Park at 3.30 p.m. Please see that this meeting is well supported.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Subscriptions are due.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, August 16th. Church of St. Edmund, 8 bells (tenor about 15 cwt), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 12th how many will require tea.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oxted, on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 20th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m. Will all those intending being present at tea please notify Mr. L. J. Williams, 58, York Street, Church, not later than Tuesday, August 19th? — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers, wives and friends on Saturday, August 23rd. Names please by August 20th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Bishop of Truro proposes (p.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th. All ringing friends welcomed. — John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 30th. Usual arrangements made. Cheap tickets on Southern Railway.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HOYLANDSWAINE CHURCH. — Change Ringing Contest. Six bells, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Rules will be sent to any band wishing to join on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas only guaranteed to those who apply. Closing date August 30th. — E. Brookes, Hail Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

DEATH.

WREAKS. — On Monday, August 4th, at 5, Crag's Road, Paisley, Elizabeth Ann, dearly beloved wife of Albert Edward Wreaks (formerly of Pendleton, Manchester), after a lingering illness, patiently borne.

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