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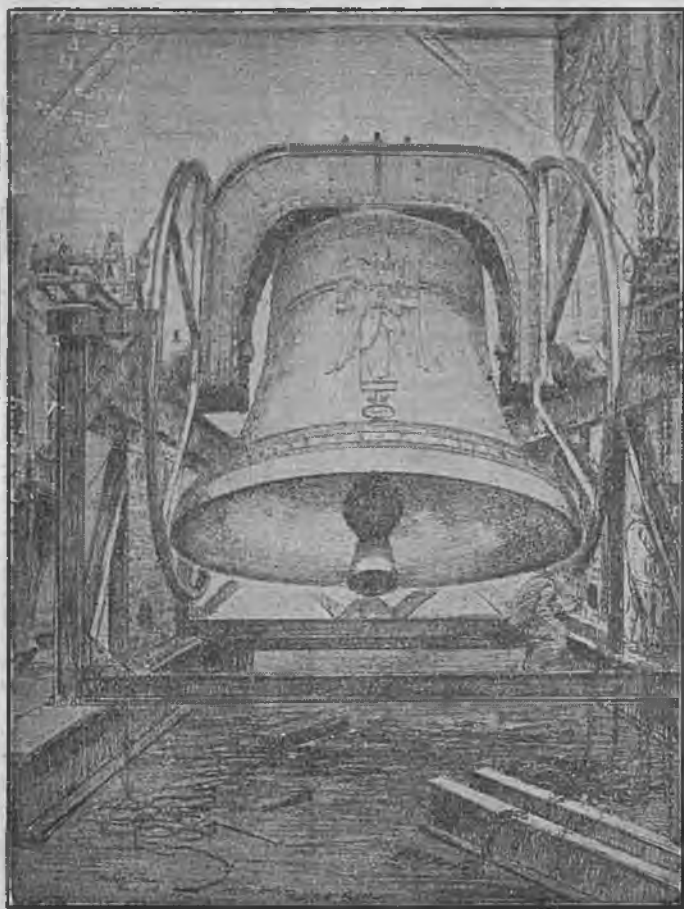
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FABIAN STEDMAN.

The attention that is being focussed upon Fabian Stedman in this year of the tercentenary of his birth, which by a national effort members of the Exercise propose to celebrate by the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, makes additionally interesting anything which may help to throw light upon the man and his work. The established facts about his life are actually very few, and the meagre personal history which comes down to us through various agencies cannot to-day be corroborated by documentary evidence in all its details. But whether or not he was actually a printer, which the Rev. Herbert Drake seriously questions in his article in another column; whether or not he finished his days as a government servant in London, as Mr. R. A. Daniell maintains, there is no difficulty in assigning to Stedman a place in the very forefront of the Exercise. His 'Tintinnalogia' was the first book ever published on ringing; his 'Campanalogia' was in some senses the greatest. In the former he brought together such material as existed at the time; in the latter he sets out to give a clear and elaborate exposition of the art—and he succeeded in a marvellous degree. Other writers have since said the same things in other language; few, if any, have excelled him in the skill with which the task has been done. There were men before Stedman who had made their individual contributions to the art. Robert Roan, for instance, had been the first to compose Grandsire Doubles, and was the first to obtain the extent of Bob Minor, which extent he termed 'Grandsire Bob,' but except for these and one or two other methods, change ringing in the manner in which it is understood to-day was unknown. It was the labours of Fabian Stedman which transformed all this. Had he given us nothing else but the method which bears his name—a method which, through the centuries, has given delight to generations of ringers, and to-day still provides pleasure for thousands—he would have earned the eternal gratitude of the Exercise. But Stedman did far more than this. He gave us Grandsire Triples (which he called 'Colledge Bob'), he extended Bob Minor to Major; he produced, among other Minor methods, the first with a treble bob hunt; he was the first to show how methods on five bells could be extended to seven, and, in these days when 'splicing' is considered something new, it is interesting to know that Stedman evolved a system of method splicing on eight bells which he called 'The Grand Experiment.' Many of the methods which he composed have long since gone out of use because they do not accord with modern practice, but some have stood the test of

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time, and others have been the foundation upon which subsequent authors improved and gave us many of the methods of to-day. Stedman's personal history may be to some extent a matter of speculation; his contribution to the art, when change ringing was but a cradled infant, is concrete and indisputable.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

*HERBERT WALKER 1	*ALBERT T. STRANGWORD ... 6
ARTHUR WALKER 2	JOHN H. LENTON 7
*WILLIAM R. TATE 3	*HARRY BROWN 8
*GEORGE W. DYSON 4	HENRY C. WALTERS 9
*WILLIAM PEARSON 5	*CHARLES BROWN 10

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE 1	WILLIAM SPICE 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
WILLIAM BUTTON 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
*CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN 10

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th RESERVE THIS DATE

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LESLIE W. BACON 1	CHARLES MASON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	JOHN FLINT 6
EDWARD E. ROBBINS 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JESSE J. MOSS 8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD 1	JOSEPH BAILLY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER... .. Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 5
JAMES PARR 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
WILLIE AARON 3	FRED COCKSHOT... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Lancs Association.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late T. T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

O. BROWN Treble	S. YATES 5
MISS LANCASTER 2	T. METCALF 6
G. WORTHY 3	W. ELLERINGTON 7
*R. JACKSON 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

Rung to commemorate the Middlesbrough centenary. * First peal in the method and rung at the first attempt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.)

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED ARNOLD Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIT 5
JOHN SPARROW 2	FRANK JENNINGS 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	JOHN F. GALYER 7
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

TWELVE SPLICED METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to offer, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' my sincere congratulations to the band upon ringing the twelve-method spliced peal. Having had some correspondence in connection with the peal from one of the band, I realise it requires great mental concentration from beginning to end.—Yours faithfully,

C. V. EBBERSON.

Snettisham.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART, No. 59.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOREY 3	BENJAMIN GREATORREX 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd and even bob twelve-part peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
FRANK JENNINGS... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
FREDERICK W. HOSDEN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
ROYDON DAVIES 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal (125 conducted).

LONG EATON, DERRYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURANCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 5
ALAN R. HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
FREDERICK C. TURNER 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Eric Varley, a respected member of the local band, to Miss Norah Ball.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK WEST Treble	*PERCY NEWTON 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	RALPH BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
FREDERICK BIGGS 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. P. Newton.

URCHFONT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. SWIFT Treble	EO. G. LI. COWARD 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	SYDNEY HILLIER... .. 6
VINCENT E. SWIFT 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
GEORGE WINTER... .. 4	FRANK GREEN Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

This is the second peal to be rung on these bells, the last having been rung thirty years ago (November, 1901). Rung as a birthday compliment to Sydney Hillier, also on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening, by the local band, 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Parish Church in 22 mins.: F. H. Thorley (first attempt for 720) 1, G. W. Clarke 2, H. O. Multon 3, E. J. Sargeant 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES G. A. PRIOR Treble	*FREDERICK DIGBY 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLRY. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the 100th peal on eight bells by W. R. Madgwick, and the 100th peal which W. Williams and C. W. Roberts have rung together.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	CECIL J. BARKER 5
OLAVE E. BROYD 2	WALTER SMITH 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL 4	ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.
First peal in the method by the ringer of the 5th. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
*H. JAMES TURNER 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CHARLES WEBB 3	JOHN WITHERS 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. PEVERELL 5
*ROBERT JEFF 2	JAMES T. TITT 6
ALFRED COATES 3	GEORGE W. PARK 7
ROLAND PARK 4	WILLIAM BROADLY Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CADDWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	FREDERICK W. WOODWARD 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
JOHN NOBES 4	JOHN E. ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

UPPER ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

J. HEY Treble	*LEONARD DRAKE 5
*G. WILFRED SLACK 2	ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE 6
†H. G. GRIMWOOD 3	THOMAS SMITH 7
J. THACKRAY 4	J. W. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal of Kent Major and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the recovery from a long and serious illness of Rev. S. J. Harris, the Vicar.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	STUART SANDFORD 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
JOHN BURLS 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 7
HARRY ARGENT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL
Birthday peal for Mrs. F. M. Mitchell and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Butler. First peal of London on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL 6
ALFRED J. BATTIN 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 4	WILLIAM BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	THOMAS LEVETT 4
JESSE HOGGAR 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	LEONARD HEAD Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

The ringers of the second and fourth were elected members of the Guild.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR WARREN Treble	SIDNEY ROWNEY 3
FREDERICK RANDALL 2	CECIL SARGENT 4

ALBERT STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by A. STAPLETON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER	Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

RAYMOND BLACKWELL	Treble	HARRY BOSWELL	4
THOMAS SMITH	2	JAMES SHAW	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL	3	HOWARD BUTLER	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Doubles for Thomas Smith, who has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques 'inside.'

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions, two each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob, incorporating extents with the maximum and minimum number of calls in Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ERIC DURRANT	Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	3	WALTER C. MEDLAR	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First three-method peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. H. O. Bankes, for 23 years Vicar of Buxton.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

LIONEL PARKIN	Treble	EDWARD WILLIAMS	4
ALBERT COAD	2	JOHN COAD	5
RICHARD J. HARVEY	3	A. G. W. MEASURES	Tenor

Conducted by A. G. W. MEASURES.

First peal by the local band and first attempt, and first peal by Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD PARFREY	Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT	4
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JOHN A. BOPFORD	5
HENRY PRING	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor in the method.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL	Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
HARRY GIBBARD	3	JOHN T. MACHIN	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of 5 and tenor.

WALTHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY	Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	4
HERBERT I. MINGAY	2	FRANK LORD	5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	3	JACK BRAY	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor. First of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. J. POOLE, 32c, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON	7-8
PERCY HARRISON	9-10		

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: MR. ALBAN DISNEY, who checked courses as rung.

Timekeeper: MRS. H. J. POOLE.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS	5-6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	7-8
*GEORGE B. COLLINS	9-10		

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

Witness: MISS L. WHEELER.

* First peal and first attempt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The usually quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Although only a few miles from Birmingham, Coleshill is still an old unspoilt country town. The Parish Church, with its fine tower and ornamented spire, stands on a high eminence, and is a well-known landmark for miles around.

In spite of the inclement weather during the earlier part of the afternoon, about thirty members sat down to a good tea nicely served at the Swan Hotel. This was followed by the business meeting, the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in moving a resolution, 'That the Guild subscribe £5 5s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund,' said that Fabian Stedman was virtually the father of the Exercise, and that his particular method must have given hours and hours of pleasure to all ringers who practised it. This particularly applied to members of St. Martin's Guild, who probably had rung more Stedman than any other company. It was, therefore, fitting that the Guild should support such a worthy object.—The proposition was seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann, and supported by the chairman, Mr. Albert Walker, and Mr. James George, and carried unanimously.

In giving his report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Liverpool, Mr. Smith remarked that it was an excellent meeting, and he advised everyone to read carefully the very full report now appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. E. W. Smith, of Swindon, was elected a life member, and the tower election of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford, Surrey, was duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boldmere on Saturday, October 3rd.

The bells, a nice peal of eight, which run round the opposite way, viz., from left to right, were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major during the afternoon, and again after the business meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE COMING JUBILEE.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Syston, the place recently brought into prominence by a famous turkey which met a very sad and sudden end to satisfy the duplicitous of certain Leicester and Loughborough 'betting' men. Certain it was on Saturday, July 4th, a large number of visiting ringers came from every centre of the association's activity to see if there were any 'wish bones' left, and though not the sort mentioned above, none went away disappointed. It was noticeable that the Leicester men were conspicuous by their absence, and it was found that the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held that day at St. John's, Leicester, and some facetious person wondered if they were attracted there to hear 'bells' or see 'bellies' ring. Still, things went well, and in spite of the very bad storm some forty members enjoyed ringing on the newly rebung bells, which are now so different since they came back from Loughborough.

The committee met in the Church Hall and did their duty in their usual workmanlike style, and later the whole of the visitors assembled in the large hall for tea. This was followed by the general meeting, at which the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, presided, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

The president gave a brief resume of the quarter's work, and made a few witty remarks on a 'turkey' (turquoise) ring which turned out to be but 'glass.' The hon. secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting, which were duly passed, and explained that the question of the Chambers memorial had been dealt with. A letter had been received from Mrs. Chambers stating that the memorial is now ready, but dedication is held up owing to the Vicar of Littleover being ill.

It was proposed, if possible, to get the dedication fixed for July 25th, but this entirely depends on local circumstances. The secretary will give due notice when final arrangements are settled.

Mr. J. Swinfield, one of the delegates to the Central Council, gave an outline of the proceedings of the Liverpool meeting, which was appreciated.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz.: Ringing, eight; honorary, one; life, seven; rejoined, four.

It was decided to grant £5 5s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

As next year (1932) will see the 50th anniversary of the founding of the association, it was thought fitting that this should be marked by some special features. Suggestions are asked from the local districts, and all secretaries are requested to bring this matter before their members, so that the committee can decide what form the jubilee shall take.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, the local committee for arranging the meeting, and especially to the ladies for getting up such a splendid tea at so small a cost, were proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. R. H. Bartram, and carried with acclamation. E. M.

YEovil TREBLES TO BE RECAST.

TWO INDIFFERENT BELLS.

The Parochial Church Council of Yeovil have decided to recast the two trebles of the ring of ten. They had previously undertaken a scheme of restoration, and the bells had been removed to the White-chapel Foundry for tuning and other attention. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now reported that it has been found almost impossible to tune the first and second bells of the peal of ten to the other eight, and they were bound to advise the Council that unless those two bells were recast they could not guarantee the work to be satisfactory. The letter added that from their inspection of the structural work of the tower, already completed, they could assure the Council that the restoration would be satisfactory.

At the meeting of the Council, Mr. John Goodchild, steward of the belfry, moved that the two bells should be recast. He pointed out that they had never been regarded as good bells ever since they were first cast in 1891, and satisfactory restoration of the peal could not be made without the recasting of them. It was quite possible that their defects, which had been apparent to everyone with a tuneful ear, would be emphasised now the bottom eight had been tuned. He thought they would be lacking in their duty as custodians of the bells if now that the work was in hand they neglected the opportunity of making it thorough and complete.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. H. Austin, who agreed that it would be wrong to disregard the advice of the bell founders. They should, he thought, find no difficulty in raising the extra money needed.

It was stated, in answer to a question, that the cost of recasting the two bells would be about £70, in addition to the £400 which had been mentioned as the sum necessary for the other work.

Alderman W. E. Tucker (parish warden) said up to date they had received subscriptions to the amount of about £225.

It was resolved that the recasting should be carried out, and also that the attention of the Town Council be drawn to the need of overhauling the clock, which, although placed in the church tower and chiming on the church bells, is the property of the Corporation.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A SECOND LADY FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Leicester on July 4th, when twenty members attended. The bells of St. John's Church were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods to suit all visitors.

A short service was held by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome. Thirty-eight members were present at tea. Before the members adjourned for the business meeting, Miss Steel, the president, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the Guild to visit his church, and for the service and address, to Mr. W. Willson, who made all arrangements for the meeting, and to the organist for his services.

At the business meeting the president, Miss Steel, presided.

The accounts were presented, and showed a surplus of income amounting to £5 9s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory. The secretary reported that the membership of the Guild had not fallen away, and new members were continually being elected. She asked members to support the district secretaries by attending the meetings so regularly arranged.

The president (Miss Steel) and the honorary secretary and treasurer (Mrs. Fletcher) were unanimously re-elected.

It was decided to send a second representative to the Central Council, and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, was elected.

A sum of £2 2s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. London was chosen for the next annual meeting, which will be the 20th anniversary of the Guild's formation.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH 'LECTURES.'

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held, as usual, at the Parish Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and some good practice in Caters and Major of various methods was got through. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Trowbridge (the Rev. S. R. Nesbit-Wallace), and tea, at Smith and King's Restaurant, was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. The usual welcome was extended to all from the chair.

The Rev. M. W. Wilson, of St. Denys', Warminster, was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upavon on August 1st, when it is hoped the bells of Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford will be available during the afternoon.

It was proposed that a memorial tablet should be fixed in Bratton Church recording a muffled peal that was rung by the branch members in Warminster tower to the memory of the late Mr. B. L. Cook (vice-chairman).

Unfortunately Mr. C. F. Andrews was unable to be present at the meeting to give the 'second' of the series of lectures on 'Ringing,' but he and Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells) had between them prepared a very excellent paper, which was read by Mr. Norman Andrews. The members present were delighted with the paper, and are so enthusiastic about its usefulness that the branch secretary was asked to arrange a special meeting for the next lecture about the middle of August, when ringing practice can follow the lecture.

The branch offer their hearty thanks to Mr. Dyke and Mr. Andrews for the great help they are giving to its members.

The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the Rector very kindly invited any of the ringers to take a stroll through the Rectory gardens.

The following towers were represented at the meeting. Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom), Warminster, Holt, Melksham, Rowde, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Mere and Trowbridge.

Ringling was continued till 8.15, the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Bob Royal, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples.

DEATH OF AN EVERCREECH RINGER.

'Happy' Osment! He was rightly named. Suffering for years from a painful and incurable disease, he never complained. The surgical dressing that covered the seat of his affliction in the neighbourhood of the ear grew monthly larger, and all who knew him realised that the end was not far away. But his indomitable will took him to Sunday and practice ringing right to the end.

As a ringer, he was of the best. He conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples, from a non-observation bell, when six others of the local band rang their first, too—a notable performance. Even then, seven years ago, the fell disease had its hold on him.

He died on Friday, July 3rd, and was buried on the 6th. Ringers from Somerset, Wilts and Dorset assembled in the evening of that day and rang muffled touches to his memory on the bells in the beautiful tower of Evercreech.

Churchman, ringer, pal, 'Happy' Osment, you will be missed by all who knew you! R.I.P.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED JOINT MEETING OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

A very enjoyable day was spent by members of the North Notts Association at Barlborough on Saturday, June 27th, when about forty ringers from Brunston, Killamarsh, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Staveley, Cresswell, Ordsall, and a full muster of the local band were present.

The ringing was very good, and all members were highly delighted to meet for the first time the Rector (Rev. Walmsley), who gave the society a hearty welcome.

Tea was served in an excellent manner by the lady workers, who were thanked for their part in making the meeting a success.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and was elected a vice-president, while Messrs. Herbert Hudson and Percy Gaunt, of Barlborough were elected performing members.

The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of the Cup Committee, on the suggestion of the secretary.

It was agreed that every member should try and get to a joint meeting which is being arranged by the associations and guilds of Nottinghamshire, and that the association should help in every way with the arrangements.

A grant of £1 1s. was made to the Stedman Terecentenary Fund. Mr. Hargreaves, in proposing this, said that the Guild would have helped more, only the funds are not too high, and it is expected that grants would be asked for in North Notts before long by several towers.

Votes of thanks were accorded, and, with further ringing in the evening, quite an enjoyable day was spent.

A SAFFRON WALDEN FESTIVAL.

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden, the well-known meeting of ringers usually held on June 27th, has this year been postponed. For nearly two years the church has been in the hands of workmen, who have been engaged in renewing the roof beams where damaged by the death watch beetle. Unfortunately, this trouble has been located in the beams supporting the bell frame, and so all ringing is suspended.

On the festival day, the local society celebrated its 308th anniversary by ringing a touch of Stedman Caters at noon, and then attended a service, at which the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Hughes) preached an interesting sermon on the development of church bells.

It is hoped to hold the festival later in the year as soon as the repairs to the frame are completed.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. SMALL ENTRY FOR SHIELD CONTEST.

The shield contest and monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association were held at Crofton on Saturday, July 4th. Only three bands entered, who rang in the following order: 1. Wath-on-Dearne, 2. Cawthorne, 3. Darfield. The test was a true 720 of any method.

After these had rung, tea was served in the Church Schools, about thirty being present. At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar, Rev. H. Brownrigg, presiding, the judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley) gave his adjudication as follows:—

Wath-on-Dearne, 108 faults.

Cawthorne, rung out.

Darfield, 161 faults.

Wath-on-Dearne were therefore declared the winners of the shield.

Mrs. Brownrigg presented the trophy with congratulations to the winning team, and hoped the others would try again and be more successful the next time.

Mr. J. W. Champion, who replied, said he would have liked to see more bands entered, and 1st and 2nd prizes given to encourage others to join.

Penistone was selected for the next place of meeting.

Mr. C. D. Potter moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Brownrigg, the Rev. H. Brownrigg, the judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley), the ladies for providing tea, and the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. R. J. Ricketts seconded, and the Vicar replied, saying he hoped to see a larger crowd there in the future.

Further ringing was then continued until about 9 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11th, the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting at Wychbold by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Owen. The service was attended by about fifty ringers and friends, representing thirteen towers in the branch. Visitors from Bromsgrove, Hagley, Kidderminster and Smethwick were also present.

Afterwards tea, kindly given by the Wychbold Social Society, was partaken of at the Crown Hotel.

At the business meeting, which followed, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hallow.

The meeting concluded, the ringers again adjourned to the tower, when touches in methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another wife will be able to accompany her husband officially to the Central Council meetings in future. Mrs. Rupert Richardson has been elected as the second representative of the Ladies' Guild: her husband is one of the representatives of the Lincoln Guild. Mrs. George W. Fletcher has represented the Ladies' Guild ever since they have had representation, and her husband (now hon. sec. of the Council) is one of the representatives of the Middlesex County Association.

A correspondent informs us that if the lady who took a fancy to an enamelled mug (imperial pint size) at the Green Dragon in an old-world town in Norfolk cares to have the aforementioned article, will she please inform the proprietor, enclosing a fee of half a crown?

We are glad to state that Mr. P. C. Williams and his son and daughter have quite recovered from their recent motoring accident, and that Mrs. Williams, who fared worst in the smash, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The Vicar of Cardiff, Dr. Morgan Jones Powell, is leaving the busy Welsh city for a country parish—Peterston-super-Ely. As an appreciation for his many kindnesses to ringers, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on the bells of St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday last. Not a trip or hitch occurred for three hours and ten minutes, when, with only three courses to ring, something happened (probably over-gratified), and in about a dozen blows the bells were all of a heap, and 'stand' called much to the disappointment of all.

The ring of twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened with a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912, conducted by the lady who is still the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, which was formed as the direct result of this performance.

The 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours.

THE LATE MR. T. T. GOFTON PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The sudden passing of Tom Gofton removes from our ranks not only one of the finest ringers and conductors on tower and handbells, but one of the best fellows one could ever wish to meet.

Having known him for nearly thirty years, and rung 75 peals with him in almost all methods on all numbers of bells nearly all over England, I probably know him better than anyone outside his own district.

He was one of the few ringers who was never spoiled by success. Considering his ability he was a most quiet, unassuming fellow, who thought first and spoke after, and seldom used two words when one would do. Despite his quiet manner, he was a very far-seeing man, and a most interesting companion. I shall always cherish the many happy days I have spent in his company. May he rest in peace.

W. FYE.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM POLE ROUTH

The news of the sudden death of Mr. William Pole Routh, at Reading on July 4th, came as a shock to all who knew him. He had walked into the town in the morning to transact some business, and almost at the foot of St. Mary's tower—his well-loved tower—he collapsed and died. A doctor was able to certify the cause of death, so no inquest was necessary. He had reached the age of 82, and, although a few years ago the state of his health caused his friends some anxiety, he had made a remarkable recovery, and was really wonderfully well. It was doubtless wise that he had given up ringing, but he was still able to carry on with and enjoy his gardening.

In his younger days Mr. Routh had rung a fair number of peals, and was a member of the College Youths, St. James' Society, the Surrey Association, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a vice-president; for some years also he was chairman of the Reading Branch of the Guild. He was a good ringer, though not a master of many methods. Stedman Triples was his great delight, and with him in the band there was always an additional incentive to the rest to give of their best. He possessed a quiet charm of manner, peculiarly his own, which may perhaps best be described by saying that he appeared always to be prepared to find every man what he was himself—a Christian gentleman.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday in the churchyard of Tilehurst, where his father was for some time Rector. The first part of the burial service was at Christ Church, Reading, where he had been for many years a faithful worshipper. The Diocesan Guild was represented by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who took part in the service, and Canon Coleridge. In the evening, at St. Mary's, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by some of his ringing friends of bygone years. May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. GREAT FESTIVAL FOR RE-OPENING OF ST. BENET'S BELLS.

Subject to no unforeseen hitch occurring, it has been decided that the re-opening of the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, shall take place on Saturday, September 26th. It will be a great ringing festival and it is expected it will bring together one of the largest gatherings of ringers that have ever assembled for a church ceremony. Full details of the arrangements will, of course, be published in these columns in good time, but meanwhile ringers should reserve this date. There will be much to do and see in Cambridge on this occasion and it will make an ideal venue for an excursion. A full day's programme is in contemplation.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and Bristol United Guilds are among the organisations which have this week added their contributions to the Tercentenary fund. Subscriptions should be forwarded to

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FABIAN STEDMAN'S PROFESSION. BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

It was with the greatest pleasure that I saw the signature R. A. Daniell at the foot of a letter in your columns, and I hope that we may read much more from his pen.

I was also glad to read all he says about Fabian Stedman. But why does he mention his being a printer, without qualification, as though the fact were unquestioned?

Let us see what is the evidence. On the one side there is the tradition in the Exercise; and this can be traced back to the statement which Mr. Ernest Morris has discovered, that one of the ringers who recorded his visit to Leicester calls him a printer.

Now the ordinary man, even to-day, and much less in those illiterate days, does not as a rule appreciate the difference between a printer and a publisher. Both have to do with the making of books, and that is as far as most people go.

We are told that Stedman told the Leicester ringers about the book he was preparing ('Campanologia'). It is fairly probable (the fact that he was afterwards called a printer makes it almost certain) that he used the word 'print' in some way. He may have said that he would print this or that method or principle, just as a publisher or printer would do to-day, as then. Some of his hearers (including, perhaps, our narrator) would jump to the conclusion that he was a printer.

Of course, all things are possible to those who give their imagination free rein, and it is possible Fabian Stedman definitely told his hearers that he was a printer, or that our narrator obtained his information in some other definite way. But that either of these things are so, we have no evidence whatever.

This is all the evidence we have in favour of the usual statement, and if anyone wishes to believe it is a fact on such evidence, well, he must do so.

On the other hand we have no doubtful hearsay, but the clear printed fact in the 'Tintinnalogia,' and that, too, on the title page, without any question of error, that he was not the printer but the publisher. The title page ends with the statement that the book was printed by so and so in London for Fabian Stedman. And to make the matter even more certain, on the next page is the censor's name in extra large type, 'Roger l'Estrange.'

Now at that time—the period of the publication of Titus Oates' 'Plots'—a very strict watch was kept on all publications, and to pass the censor, the printer and the publisher had both to be known to him. If the ordinary citizen did not see much difference between a printer and a publisher, the censor certainly did—it was his job. It has been suggested that Stedman, a printer, at Cambridge of all places, had not the facilities for printing such a book, and got a brother printer in London to print it. This seems most unlikely, but it is not even possible, when we see that the censor has passed Stedman as the publisher. For one printer to vouch as publisher for another printer would be too glaring a piece of jobbery for any censor to pass. And, moreover, it would not be an easy thing in any case for a book with so many figures, with none or few predecessors, and therefore an easy subject for a hidden cypher, to pass the censor.

A much more probable explanation is the simple one that there were no ringers, or none suitable, who were printers in Cambridge, but that there was a suitable ringer in London, and that Stedman employed him. This solution will certainly appeal to those of us who have tried to get non-ringers to set up ringing figures in type. For the 'Tintinnalogia' is remarkably free from printers' errors, especially if it had no forerunners. I can only remember one, in which a section consisting of several pages has been displaced; and this may have been in the arrangement of the original 'copy.'

There is one way in which these two statements may be reconciled. That is that, after the publication of the 'Tintinnalogia,' Stedman may have become a printer in order to print his 'Campanologia.' It seems most unlikely, but the latter book itself should tell us. I have for some years been hoping to get to the British Museum to see this book, but I doubt now if I ever shall. Will not Mr. Trollope, or someone who has a reader's ticket, look at the book for us and tell us if it has the name of the printer, the publisher or the censor in it?

Failing any such corroboration, I think we must conclude quite certainly that Fabian Stedman was not a printer but a publisher. Moreover, such a man would be far more likely to hold an appointment in the office of the auditor of the Excise than a printer, whose qualifications for such a post are not self-evident.

The duty of a publisher in those days was to 'stand the racket' if anything treasonable or otherwise wrong were published. If Stedman were already a Government official he would be a suitable person to be a publisher. On the other hand, if he were a person influential enough to publish 'Tintinnalogia,' he would probably be influential enough to get a Government appointment.

If, however, there were two men of the same name, one a publisher and one a printer, where are we?

Are any copies to be had now of the transcription of Stedman's will, which Mr. Daniell had printed—although he is not a printer—some thirty years ago?

HERBERT DRAKE.

The note on the title page of the 1677 'Campanologia' is 'London. Printed by W. Godbid, for W. S., and are to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court on Ludgate Hill, 1677.'

W. Godbid is obviously the 'W. G.' who printed 'Tintinnalogia' for Fabian Stedman at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street, 1668.

It will be noted that 'Campanologia' was printed for 'W. S.' which, however, may possibly have been a misprint for 'F. S.' although rather an unlikely error for an important matter of this kind. The initials appended to 'The Epistle Dedicatory' are 'F. S.' and page 117 has the heading, 'Fifty-three London-Peals upon Five, Six, Seven and Eight Bells, composed by F. S.—Ed., 'R.W.''

STEDMAN AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS. To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In my 'College Youths, 1750-1788,' I wrote that the society visited Cambridge in 1657 and rang with Stedman, who gave them some five and six bell peals. In saying that, I was copying the received tradition as given by Shipway, but later investigations incline me to doubt the tale. I think it certain that Stedman had not composed anything so early as 1657. If the College Youths went to Cambridge in 1657, I do not think they met Stedman, and if they did meet Stedman it was not till much later than 1657. He was elected a member of the society in 1661, and composed his Principle some time between 1668 and 1677.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. C. CLEVELAND ELLIS. LOSS TO EDINBURGH RINGING.

We regret to announce the death at his home, 14, Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, of Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E.

Of a gentlemanly disposition, Mr. Ellis will be sadly missed among his friends and Scottish ringers.

He was one of the kindest of men, and was always a willing helper in anything pertaining to bells or ringing, and one of the first to encourage and maintain change ringing in Scotland.

It is a pity he has not lived long to enjoy the honour conferred on him by His Majesty the King at the beginning of this year, being at that time very dangerously ill. It was only a fortnight before his death that he was able to be invested with the honour so richly deserved.

The change ringing societies of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, of the latter of which he was vice-president, and also all other ringers who have come in contact with him, will deeply mourn his death.

DEATH OF A DORCHESTER STALWART.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden passing of Mr. W. John Benger, captain of St. Peter's band, Dorchester, and one of the finest stalwarts in ringing circles in Dorset, which occurred with tragic suddenness last Tuesday week. When in the midst of his ordinary duties he suddenly collapsed and died.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CARISBROOKE.

The annual general meeting was held at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 4th, when nearly 100 members and visitors were present. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surbeat), Messrs. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) and E. A. Young (London). The annual meeting was held in the Sunday School under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. G. Williams), who was supported by the Rev. Evan Jones (treasurer) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary).

In presenting his report, the Master said that on the whole the year 1930 should be considered satisfactory, both as regards finance and membership. According to the district reports, 91 honorary and 626 performing members have paid during the year. It will be seen the sum of £43 8s. 9d. has been received by the treasurer, whilst a sum of over £30 is shown as balance in district secretary's hands.

The annual district meetings have been exceptionally well attended, and it has been most gratifying to see such a large number of young ringers coming on.

Regarding progress in change ringing, this should be shown in the peal recorder's report, but he added that, according to their numbers, they should show a much larger number of peal ringers, as it is the most enthusiastic peal ringer whose aim is good striking, and who makes the most reliable Sunday service ringer; the continuity of practice and learning new methods lead up to this.

He was glad to see such enthusiasm amongst the six-bell ringers in the Alton District, and congratulated them on scoring several 5,000's on six bells, and it had occurred to him that as this district has had an uphill struggle since its formation three years ago, it may be worth the Guild's consideration whether the towers of Petersfield, Steep, East and West Meon and Bramshot can be added with advantage, without being any detriment to the huge Portsmouth District.

Very little bell restoration had taken place during the year, beyond the rehangings (and a new 6th bell) in ball bearings of the noble ring at Christchurch Priory, and the overhauling of the six at Bishop's Waltham, both by Taylor and Co. It was a matter of regret the project to add two trebles to the latter was not pushed forward, as the frame is already constructed to receive them.

The Guild's thanks were especially due to the hon. and life members for their support, and to the officers for their co-operation during the year.

The treasurer's report and balance sheet and the peal recorder's report were unanimously adopted and each thanked for his services.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; Central Council representatives, the Master and Mr. H. Barton.

NEW GUILD CERTIFICATE.

A draft copy and enlarged drawing of the proposed new certificate, designed by Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), was submitted to the members. It contains the photos of the two cathedrals in separate panels and the coats of arms of the cities of Winchester and Portsmouth (revised), also the arms of the sees of the two dioceses. It was agreed that it was indeed an elaborate design, and it was unanimously decided to adopt the same, and that Mr. Fussell be heartily thanked for his splendid work.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was agreed to vote a sum of £2 2s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. Mr. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) was elected a compounding member, and Messrs. A. Butler and F. Sibley (Southampton) full members.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd, 1932.

Votes of thanks to the Vicars of Carisbrooke and Newport for the use of their bells, and for the use of the Church Hall were accorded unanimously.

After the meeting, the members of the Guild, to the number of about 100, proceeded to Carisbrooke Parish Church for service. While the congregation were assembling, a touch of 252 changes of Stedman Triples was rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. Neville Lovett, C.B.E.), who addressed the congregation.

The Bishop and clergy joined the ringers at tea at the Waverley Hotel, and the choirboys were also entertained by the ringers.

After tea, both the towers of Newport and Carisbrooke were open, and the ringers made good use of the bells in all methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Read, of Buckhorn Weston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Kingston Magna Church on June 28th: L. Cockerell 1, H. J. Ralph 2, E. T. Griffin 3, W. C. Shute (conductor) 4, T. J. Seth 5. Mr. and Mrs. Read attended the choral Eucharist at Kingston Magna Church, where they were married by the Rev. T. H. Edwards, father of the present Rector (the Rev. W. I. Edwards), on June 28th, 1881.

'OUR LAURA'

CLEVELAND'S PREMIER LADY RINGER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association are proud of their premier lady ringer. They boast of quite a number of ringers of the fair sex, but there is no doubt that Miss Laura Lancaster, of Middlesbrough, ranks as the 'premier' among them in the northern part of the county of broad acres.

She commenced her ringing in 1925, when she was 18 years old, and so apt a pupil did she prove that in the same year she scored her first peal of Bob Major, ringing the third. She comes from a family of ringers—her father is the vice-captain of the Middlesbrough tower, and her grandfather was a prominent ringer in his time at Tadcaster (Yorkshire).



MISS L. LANCASTER.

[By Courtesy of 'North Eastern Daily Gazette']

She is well known and respected in ringing circles in the North, her cheery disposition and good humour often proving a welcome addition to a meeting of her association. She is a capable and steady ringer in all methods up to Superlative.

Her latest feat was that of banding together a set of the younger ringers of the association to score a peal without the aid of the senior members.

This was accomplished after much disappointment; one time the band turned up one short; next time a rope broke; another time a single was called too soon; and so on. But at last success came their way, and Miss Lancaster and her 'youngsters' had the honour of scoring a really good peal of Grandsire Triples.

Up to now Miss Lancaster has rung some 25 peals, and is eagerly looking forward to the time when she can conduct a peal for her young band.

All her friends (and they are legion) wish her best success in this laudible endeavour.

J. C. P.

MALDON RINGERS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20th, the ringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, had their annual outing. The party, numbering twenty, including wives and friends, travelled by charabanc, the first stop being at Saffron Waldon, where ringing is now suspended owing to the presence of the death watch beetle in the church. The party breakfasted in the town, and then proceeded to Trumpington, where they were met by the Vicar (himself a ringer), and good use was made of the nice peal of six bells, the Vicar helping in some of the touches. A few hours were spent in Cambridge before proceeding to Ely, where the fine peal of eight at St. Mary's Church (through the kindness of the Vicar) were at the ringers' disposal. After some enjoyable ringing, tea was welcome at Fore Hill on a spacious lawn. The inspiration of strawberries (an idea of the ladies, this) was a very happy one, and they were purchased and contributed to by several of the members. After tea, a far too brief inspection of the Cathedral was made, time being too short to do justice to this gem of architecture, and so on to Soham, where hang a ring of ten bells. Ringing was enjoyed here for upwards of an hour, which brought to a close a very delightful day.

Thanks are due to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and others who met the party at the towers, and so contributed to making the day a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Eserick on Saturday, July 4th. By the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., the ring of eight was at the disposal of the members, and was very much enjoyed by all. A service was held at three o'clock in the church, when the Vicar addressed the company. Forty-five members sat down to tea in the Village Institute. At the business meeting, which followed, presided over by Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., supported by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer, a letter of sympathy to the hon. district secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, in his illness, was moved and carried. An invitation from Scarborough to hold the next meeting there, in conjunction with the Northern District, was accepted. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and address, to the local band for their efforts to provide a successful meeting, and also to the organist and the ladies who presided over the tea tables, was carried unanimously. Mr. Cryer moved, and Mr. Fairlair seconded, that a letter of condolence from the district be sent to Mrs. Tunc, of Hemmingbrough, on the sad death of her husband. This concluded the business meeting, and the members then adjourned, some to the gardens of the Vicarage and others to the tower for further ringing in the standard methods, to bring a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Will members please note that the date of the informal meeting to be held at Wilbersea has been altered from August 15th to August 22nd.

DEATH OF MRS. BILLENNESS. RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Billenness, of 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent, has removed from our midst a lady who devoted many years of voluntary service in entertaining ringers. Considerably more than a quarter of a century ago her two sons (Mr. William Billenness and Mr. George Billenness) commenced their ringing career at Rye, Sussex. In those days the 'seed' of change ringing had only just begun to 'sprout' in the ancient town. The harvests of subsequent years brought fruit more abundantly and of richer quality, both at Rye and in other parishes on the Sussex and Kentish borders. Visitors often came to Rye, and were entertained by the late Mrs. Billenness in her abode. Her house had an ever-open door for ringers, who received a homely welcome from their hostess. She made no distinction. Great men of the Exercise down to young beginners enjoyed her hospitality. Ringers from many parts of the country stayed at her residence.

On going to live at Hawkhurst, Kent, Mrs. Billenness acted as hostess there, but her health in recent years rendered it necessary for her to take life quietly. She passed to the 'Great Unknown' on the last Saturday afternoon in last month, at the age of 79 years. The funeral took place at Hawkhurst Parish Churchyard on the following Wednesday afternoon. At matins, on the Sunday after interment, the service included the hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done.' The voluntary work of the deceased lady in entertaining members of the Exercise will be called to mind by many present-day ringers, who will read of her passing with much regret.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT CHESTER.

On Saturday, June 27th, ten Rotherham Parish Church ringers and eight friends set off by motor bus at 6.35 a.m. en route for Chester. A glorious run on a beautiful morning brought them to Buxton by eight o'clock, and thence over the Pennines via the Cat and Fiddle, several hundred feet higher, and amidst mist and cloud, followed by a steady fall via Middlewich to Chester, where they arrived just after 10 a.m. A splendid breakfast by Host F. Weston (a ringer) of the City Arms Hotel satisfied the inner man, and the party split up to ring and see the sights. A walk along the top of the city wall and alongside it brought them to the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall, where they rang touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major, finding it warm work, not owing to the bells, which go well, but to atmospheric conditions. Leaving here, they wandered across the Dee to St. Mary-without-the-Walls, where they were met by some of the local band, as they had experienced at the first church, and soon had the bells going to Stedman Triples, followed by four good courses of Double Norwich. As the visitors had to finish ringing at the Cathedral by 3.45 p.m., they left this splendid peal of St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, and went back to the city, calling to look at the ancient Cathedral Church of St. John on the way. At the Cathedral were rung Stedman and Double Norwich, after which all who had helped to make the day so pleasant were invited to join the company at a substantial tea served by the same author as the breakfast. This over, a move was made to Eccleston, another St. Mary's, built by the Duke of Westminster, some of the party going by bus and some by boat up the Dee. Here Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, also a course of Bob Royal 'in hand,' on the site of the old church, pulled down about thirty years ago. Then loading up for home, and dropping the Chester friends at various spots on the way, the party returned via Northwich, Congleton and Buxton, after an extremely enjoyable day, due in large measure to those Chester ringers who met the visitors and gave their assistance so willingly. All are most heartily thanked, and the Doncaster ringers will be very glad to have a visit from them at some future time.

A. N.

A TRIP INTO ESSEX

AND WHAT BEFEL A HERTFORDSHIRE PARTY.

The annual outing of the Apsley and Hempstead ringers, accompanied by friends from King's Langley, Rickmansworth and Watford, took place on a recent Saturday. Leaving the Ringers' Rest at 7 a.m., the journey was made via St. Albans to Epping, and from there on to the first port of call—Epping Upland. Owing to a slight misunderstanding, nobody arrived with the key of the belfry, but after a few search parties had been out it was eventually found and a start made. The treble, on being raised, was thought to set a long way back, but it was found in a few seconds that it had no stay on it! Naturally it went right over, but was brought back by four worthy men pulling her over from rope's end! After these little difficulties, the peal of six were rung in several methods for about an hour. A rather interesting feature here is a small bell hung in the louvres, half inside and half outside. The 'National'—and a good one at that—moved on to Epping, where a halt had to be called for postcards. At the third shop the necessary views were found, almost causing the assistant to order a new stock! The morning, now brightening up a little after being rather a doubtful case, caused a much more cheerful outlook on things in general, and the run to Writtle, where there is a fine peal of eight, was made in good time—in fact, with 15 minutes to the good, causing remarks from the ringer who was meeting the party, about having 'ordered one and put some salt by it until he got back.' However, just over an hour was spent at Writtle, good use being made of the bells. Quite a good circular stairway leads to the belfry, but it was thought by a few that it was as well that it was previous to dinner, as one was seen trying sideways! Dinner was the next object in view on arriving at Chelmsford, a splendid meal being made at Cannon's Restaurant. Everybody having had his fill, the journey was resumed to Maldon. For an hour the bells of All Saints' (a peal of eight) were rung to various methods. A curious feature here is that the tower is three-cornered, the bells being rung from the ground floor. Leaving All Saints', a short walk brought in view the tower of St. Mary's, where hangs a peal of six. Several remarks were heard regarding the quaint old staircase—too quaint for some. After ringing for the best part of an hour, an excellent tea was partaken of at the Promenade Restaurant. Leaving Maldon just before six o'clock, a return was made towards Chelmsford, to drop the friend for Writtle to see if his salt was still there! Before arriving there, however, the annual photograph had to be taken, and it turned out splendidly.

Bishop's Stortford was the next and last stop. The peal of ten were greatly appreciated, and several rang their first courses or touches on ten. The ringing terminated with a good course of Grandsire Caters, and a move was then made to talk over the happenings of the day. Another treat was yet in store for those who gathered round, for 'father' sang his well-known song of 'Martha,' which was enjoyed by one and all. After 'Auld Lang Syne' the coach once more moved off, home being reached about midnight, after a most enjoyable day. The methods rung during the day were Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Oxford Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples.

The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness, and the friend from Writtle for his help in the arrangements, all of which combined to make the day so successful.

A TOUR IN THE CHELMSFORD DISTRICT.

On Saturday, June 27th, the Helmingham and Otley bellringers went for their annual outing in the Chelmsford district, where bells are plentiful. An early start was made by motor bus, the first call being at Boreham, where the party were met by Mr. Lincoln, of Chelmsford, who acted as pilot for the day. A course each of London Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major was rung here. At Great Baddow the musical peal was enjoyed by all, a course each of Bristol Surprise, Premier and Cambridge Surprise and Bob Major being rung. Another short run brought the party to Galleywood, where some enjoyed themselves on the common, while others were ringing. The methods were Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. A snap was taken of the party before starting for Writtle, where it was hoped to get another kind of snap (namely, dinner), for which the journey had provided an appetite. Being unable, owing to a funeral, to ring at Writtle, directly after dinner a move was first made to Widford, where Mr. J. Bennett, of London, met the party, his brother and nephew being with the company. Bristol and Bob Major were rung at this tower before going back to Writtle, where Double Norwich, London Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. Then on to Chelmsford, the main objective, where, after tea, the Cathedral bells were set going to Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, with an attempt at Stedman Cinques, which proved too much for some. On the return journey, a call was made at Bocking, where Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge were achieved. The party would like to thank their pilot, who made the arrangements and helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one, and also the others, who met them and rang with them.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS AND THEIR USES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The question ament the above subject, which I propounded for consideration some weeks ago through the medium of your valued journal, does not appear to have attracted much attention, despite the fact that it is a subject of vital importance to every member of the Exercise who takes a real interest in the working of his own particular association. Considering the simple and direct objects for which diocesan associations have been formed, it is absolutely inconceivable what can be the ultimate use for such balances as some associations have accumulated. Mr. Jack Cripps, in a nicely reasoned reply, regards it as good finance, which commands respect, to be able to work mainly on interest from invested funds, and, of course, it is a very happy state. But although it is excellent in business and personal affairs, it ought not to be the system on which institutions like our diocesan ringing associations, with their limited and definite objects, ought to exist. No doubt these balances have grown imperceptibly during years of working, but it is quite evident that some are out of all proportion to their present needs, and it cannot be right that the associations to whom it applies should take money annually from hon. members, for instance, when they have absolutely no legitimate use for it. Quite recently a clerical ringer was asked whether certain of his parishioners would become hon. members of the Diocesan Guild to which he is attached, and his reply was, 'How can I reasonably ask them when you already have a balance of over £50?'

There are still many ways in which money could be usefully expended. First and foremost, restoration work could be more liberally subscribed to, for nothing creates more mutually sympathetic feelings than help in necessity, and in the case of a non-affiliated tower a judicious subscription might bring lasting returns by a desire for affiliation. Publications could be purchased from the Central Council and other agencies and sold to members at a discount. Method sheets, with explanatory notes, would be most useful in all towers with five or more bells, and many more expert instructors are required. The subscriptions of performing members might also be brought under consideration with a view to reduction, especially in these serious times of trade depression. These are a few lines along which many of our associations might still find a way to advance. Doubtless, many others would occur if a real forward movement was started. I have not alluded to the Benevolent Fund mentioned by Mr. Cripps, as I regard such a fund as quite outside the proper aims of our associations. With Mr. Williams, I agree they ought not to be used as provident societies. In conclusion, may I just assure my fellow-ringers that in this matter I have no special axe to grind, but as a ringer and a member of associations for over forty years my one desire is to see them progress, and more and more fulfil the purpose for which they were instituted.—Yours faithfully,

PLAIN BOB.

FISHY!

All ringers should avail themselves of salmon and trout (not peas) by coming to King's Chapel and Sellack on Saturday, July 25th, and fish from suspension bridge while bells are ringing on either side. Ringing commences at three o'clock, fish mobilise immediately on hearing bells; rods provided. Tea, with fish, will be served on the beautiful lawn (if fine) at Sellack Vicarage, only notify (with or without fish) J. Clark by the 22nd (Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire).

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN ESSEX.

The ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Finchley, and friends—a party of sixteen—made a journey by road to Great Horkesley, Essex, for their annual outing on Saturday, June 27th. Traveling through Epping Forest, the first halt was called at Witham, where a good two hours' ringing was done in various Minor methods. An enjoyable lunch was partaken of at the roadside on the way to Great Totham, where afterwards all the party took part in ringing. At Wormingford, the ringers were met by the Vicar, who made them welcome. While some visited the tower, others went round the Vicarage grounds. On reaching Great Horkesley, the visitors were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard. A good meal was enjoyed before visiting the tower. After tea, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Barker to the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various churches, also to Mr. Nevard, who had helped to make the outing a success. This was acknowledged by Mr. Nevard. Touches of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells were rung in the village before the return journey was commenced.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancs, a date touch of Bob Major (1931 changes) was rung in 1 hour 8 mins.: John Hallows 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Harold Hamer 3, J. Johnson 4, T. A. Ogden 5, J. H. C. Massey 6, J. H. Bastow 7, T. K. Driver 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, A. House 2, Miss G. Church 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, E. H. King (conductor) 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,072 changes): *F. B. Martin 1, A. J. Martin 2, A. O. Lewis 3, T. Albutt 4, †F. J. Whitworth 5, †G. Perry 6, H. Price 7, R. Lewis 8, H. F. Martin (conductor) 9, F. Crump 10. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal of Caters.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, July 5th, at the Parish Church of All Saints, 1,264 Bob Major: H. H. Flower 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, A. Brading 3, W. Pickworth (Southgate), 4, P. Long 5, R. J. Snow 6, W. J. Rawlings (Beckingham) 7, A. R. Ward 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs (tenor 32 cwt.), 1,120 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, L. Pitstow 3, J. W. Ward 4, R. L. Lathbury 5, L. Simmonds 6, F. Dench (conductor) 7, E. G. Hibbins 8. Longest length of Surprise Major on the bells.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, W. J. Ellis 2, A. House 3, E. H. King 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, W. J. Dove 2, E. Checkley 3, A. Slade 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, H. Hoare (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. J. Dove 1, A. Slade 2, H. Marlow 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Hoare 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. R. Parker (conductor) 7, W. Sturges 8.

For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: E. H. Sibley 1, A. Slade 2, W. R. Parker 3, H. Hoare 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturges 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 28th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, for morning service, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss Violet Shorter 1, W. Faux 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, T. Dennis 4, B. D. Buttress 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for evensong, in honour of the patronal festival, on Sunday, June 21st, 1,440 Double Norwich Major: V. Butler 1, W. Rose 2, S. Wright 3, H. Boechey 4, T. Little 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. Brice (conductor) 8. Longest length on the bells in any method since their restoration in January, 1931.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Clemence 1, F. Salter 2, F. Bradley 3, N. Hemmington 4, S. Pinder 5, G. West 6, J. A. Barrett (conductor) 7, A. E. Clemence 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to James Forman, J.P., churchwarden of the above church, who died the previous day.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Rector 1, T. Gale 2, F. Farrant 3, G. Raison 4, F. Strickland 5, H. Gummer (conductor) 6, F. Sweet 7, P. S. Poole 8. Arranged for Messrs. Hector, Raison and Gummer, of Trowbridge, and as a farewell to P. S. Poole, who is shortly leaving for Frome.

LOWER REYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, June 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. Slater 1, F. W. Pritchett 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, G. Cuss (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Grantham 6. Rung for the afternoon service, when the induction of the Rev. G. A. Ward-Jackson to the living of this parish took place.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten callings) with 7.6.8 covering, in 50 mins.: H. W. Palmer 1, G. Jerram 2, T. J. Palmer 3, T. A. Palmer 4, W. R. Kynaston (conductor) 5, N. W. Hawkins 6, A. V. Jerram 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Kynaston and Smith, who hail from Swindon.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Street 1, P. Button 2, A. Rainbird 3, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 4, R. Ong 5, A. Pryke 6, B. Hines (first quarter-peal) 7, C. Pryke 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Almond 1, W. Wildney 2, E. Davey 3, E. Durrant 4, H. Wright 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Also after the service 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. First 720's of Minor on the new bells.

HOLBORN.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Calford 1, C. J. Choet 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. W. Green 4, W. J. Norton 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, T. Langdon 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Alford and R. Foster.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—For the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Bell (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Butler 2, J. Philipps 3, A. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, E. Goater (conductor) 6, C. Pipe 7, W. Jolly 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Andrew's Holborn, on the 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, taken by the Vicar. Tea at a small charge in the village nearby. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Glossop, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. K. Percival Smith, the summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea (kindly given by the Church authorities) at the Red Lion Hotel.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A good attendance is requested. Let us have a real good meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, business meeting follows. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited. Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby (not Stratford, as previously arranged) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Denbigh Arms. The business meeting will follow the tea. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for all at moderate charge. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope and E. H. Bagworth, Local Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, July 18th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.—C. Sharpies, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—A fete in aid of Church Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The 8 bells at the beautiful Parish Church will be available to visiting ringers, afternoon and evening. If any company would like to attempt peal during the morning please advise me as early as possible.—Percy W. Fordham, Kings Way, Mildenhall, via Ely.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, July 20th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (D.V.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

OXFORD SOCIETY (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please send me a p.c. who is coming not later than the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above Society will be held at Bingham on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Special business.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt), and the usual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me on or before Tuesday, the 21st inst?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. Tea for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Donisborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Sat., July 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea should notify me by Tuesday, July 21st.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Langford-Budville (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Those who want tea please let me know by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to Mr. W. Collis, Old Brampton Post Office, Chesterfield, by Thursday, July 23rd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, July 25th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 21st?—T. Tebbutt, West St., Moulton, Northampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury and Alveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Almondsbury. Kindly notify numbers for tea by the 22nd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please inform me by July 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A combined meeting will be held at Rammore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please send their numbers to Mr. Alan R. Pink, the Railway Hotel, Dorking, before July 22nd?—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ruyton-XI-Towns on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.15, followed by meeting. Please send number for tea before the 20th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, July 25th, when the Bishop of Ely will give the address at 4.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Bells available; St. Mary's, Ely, Littleport and Sutton-in-the-Isle. Tea at the Central Cafe at 5.1/—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Secretary, Watlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Blackhill and Consett on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, and Christ Church, Consett, will be available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Aidan's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. W. McFeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill, before the 22nd.—George S. Taylor, Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting. Will those coming to tea please notify me by July 31st?—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

CHURCH BELL RINGERS' DIRECTORY. July 20th, 1931, will be the last day upon which subscriptions can be received. Forms of application will be sent by return if postcard is sent to me. At least 80 pages, with names, addresses, towers, weights and practice nights given. Empire section of ringers overseas. Many touches of Grandsire and Stedman. Note closing date, July 20th, 1931.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Horsell on June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. A good number of members from the district were present, also visitors from Guildford (Cathedral), Ockham, Farnham, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Woking and Cranleigh, the total attendance being 27. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and after tea in the Institute, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, was in the chair at the short business meeting. The Guild service was held at six, when the Vicar, Canon N. Pares, gave an interesting address.

A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the keen interest he takes in the ringers. He showed the ringers several interesting things in the church, and some of the visitors went exploring even to the top of the tower, while others watched the bells swinging while a band of ladies were ringing Kent Treble Bob. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, and Oxford Single Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The bells were kept going till nine, when they were lowered in peal, and a very successful meeting came to an end, thanks to the joint help of the Ladies' Guild.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, June 29th, for evensong, at St. Peter's Church, Ystradysfodwg, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes): H. Page 1, W. Palmer (first in the method) 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, J. Lovett 5, T. Page (conductor) 6, W. Page 7, F. Lasbury 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples rung for the patronal festival service, and to welcome the new Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Rev. Timothy Rees), who was the special preacher.

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