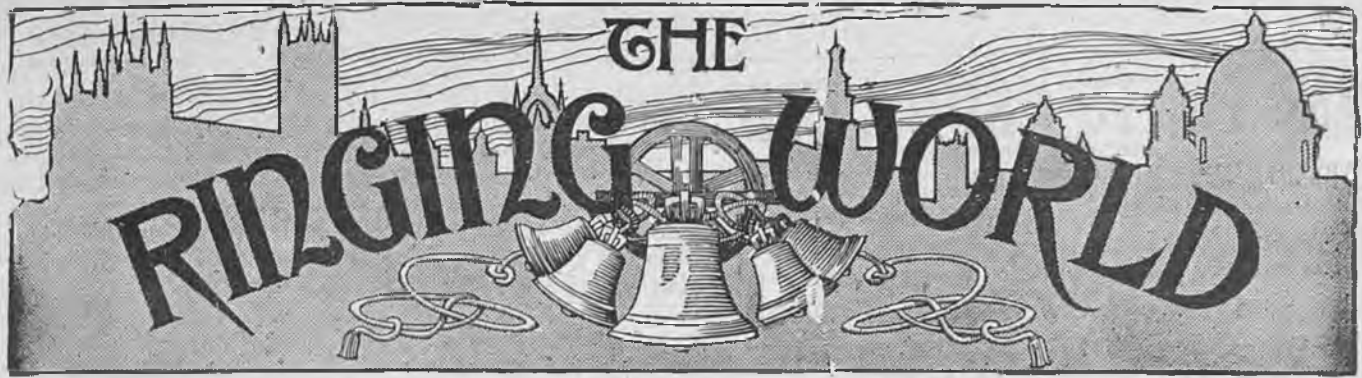


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FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

Exactly fifty years ago Jasper Snowdon wrote: 'On six bells a 5,040 can be obtained by repeating the 720 changes seven times, and as there is no lack of interesting methods on six bells, it is usual to ring the 720 changes in seven different methods to complete the 5,040. Indeed, any 5,040 on six bells, rung at the present day, would not be considered of much importance unless it were obtained in this manner.' And you may search the columns of the ringing journals of that day almost in vain to find any recorded performance of 5,040 of Minor in less than seven methods. Last year, out of 365 peals of Minor, 271 were rung in less than seven methods and no fewer than 152 were rung in one method only. Incidentally, too, 145 peals of Doubles were rung in only one method. Statistics like these make one ask whether our conception of peal ringing, as applied to six and five bells, has not deteriorated considerably in the last half century? We would deny no young band the encouragement of their first peal in one method, or a peal in successive stages either of more advanced methods or until, at any rate in the case of Minor, a seven-method peal was achieved, but bands who, either through lack of initiative, or the mere desire to score a 'cheap' peal, are content to add peal after peal in one and the same method, have little to commend their activities.

In the days when Jasper Snowdon wrote what we have quoted above, those who wanted to ring more than seven methods in a 5,040 had perforce to ring incomplete 720's, and there were some notable performances, particularly in Yorkshire, in which 360's in 14 different methods and 240's in 21 different methods were rung and were highly thought of as achievements of distinction. Later on the Central Council considered that it had made a definite advance when it succeeded in its efforts to discourage this form of peal by requiring true and complete 720's. In view of the opportunities now offered to ringers by the introduction of modern method-splicing, no one would suggest reverting to the old way of ringing multi-method peals, but the pendulum seems to be swinging away from the highest standard with the acceptance among some ringers of that form of peal which does not demand separate true extents. We publish this week, for instance, a report of a 5,040 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung on handbells at Ealing which does not include a single true 720. It is made up of touches of varying length, some true and some with repetitions, but which is nevertheless designated as a peal, and, of course, is claimed to be a *true* peal. The object of the composition is to get a 5,040 in the method with the tenors always the right way together behind. We do not for a moment question the

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ingenuity of the composition or the skill required on the part of the conductor—indeed, we congratulate the clever young ringer upon his performance—but, except as a 'freak,' we can see scarcely any justification for ringing this kind of thing as a peal. Seven different 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor with the tenors the right way behind can be got without recourse to compositions of this kind. Whither are we being led—forward or backward?

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble	MAJ. J. H. B. HESSE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HENRY PRING 3	STEPHEN H. WOOD 8
FRANK SKIDMORE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 5	WILLIAM STOVELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN F. GALYER Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 3	AMOS W. CLARK 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	FRANK E. DABY 9
TONY PRICE 5	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Charles Bance, one time steeplekeeper at the church and a foundation member of the Surrey Association, who was buried in the adjoining churchyard the same day. Mr. Trappitt's 100th peal on these bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PRITTLEWELL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD H. BOLLEN Treble	*JOSEPH MARKS 6
*JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
ERNEST BRETT 4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN 9
FREDERICK DIGBY 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM H. WAIN 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	*AMBURN WILSON 6
*JOHN P. TARLTON 3	WILLIAM SWAIN 7
*FRANCIS COXON 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, also in honour of the birth of a daughter on August 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, both of whom are ringers at this church.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

TOM WILDE Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
* EDWARD F. MAWEY 2	WILFRED STEVENSON... .. 6
JAMES A. MILNER 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	ERNEST BENNETT... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.
* First peal in the method.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
* ALBERT LEES 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	JOSEPH HALL Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

† First peal in the method and members of the local band. Rung as a birthday peal to Frank Stoneley and Thomas Jones.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	GEORGE GILBERT... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS BLOORE. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Maplesden, who was an hon. priest at the above church for ten years, to Mr. W. P. Trench, a worshipper for 50 years, and to Mr. A. G. Parker, verger for 58 years.

PENISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN A. BREARLY 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	THOMAS E. LEE... .. 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	* J. HYLTON SYKES 7
* ARTHUR CHAMPION 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
FRANK G. RINGE... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	HERBERT E. ACHSLEY 5
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of the late Edwin Barnett, sen., who was interred the same afternoon.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER... .. 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

Rung with the clappers deeply muffled in memory of the composer, who was interred at Crayford the same day. All the above, with the exception of the ringer of the sixth, are members of the Central Council, on which body E. Barnett represented the Kent County Association.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP... .. 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition replaces one with the same title rung at Long Eaton December 3rd, 1930 (M.C.A. report, No. 4,060), which was false owing to the wrong placing of the singles.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES ELLIOTT ... Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM RAWLINGS 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	* THOMAS A. EASTEBY 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Grace Mary Eileen, daughter of Stephen G. Cummin, churchwarden of St. John's, to Keith Charles Stevenson, of Egypt.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BERT GRIMSHAW ... Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD 5
WILLIE AARON 2	JOHN WISE 6
JAMES CORBRIDGE 3	* JOSEPH WOODS 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Ringers of 2, 4 and tenor from Church, remainder local.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb.

NORMAN HEAPS Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGREN ... 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the association.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT WYCLIFFER'S CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	ALFRED BALLARD... .. 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	ERNEST W. TIPLER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
Rung on the occasion of local feast celebrations. The composer (a member of the local society) has now rung each bell in this tower to peals.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM F. GARRETT... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
HOBART E. SMITH 2	*HERBERT SHEMMING... .. 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Hawkins English, a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who was accidentally drowned at the age of 84 years.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON 5
NORMAN KENYON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
THOMAS JACKSON 3	WILLIAM PROCTOR 7
*RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 4	FRED HINDLE; Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method on inside bell. One hundredth peal together for ringers of 6 and 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	*JOHN R. RADWELL 6
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	*EDWARD C. WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. George Williams' 300th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung after meeting one short for Caters, Mr. G. Pullinger kindly standing out.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*NELSON BOURNE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
†HORACE GILBERT 4	*FREDERICK W. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal for over 20 years. It was regretted that, owing to the condition of the muffles, the peal could not be rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. Barnett, sen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

DR. E. L. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	JOHN R. BREARLY 6
CHARLES MASON... .. 3	*JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JESSE J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. FLINT.

* First peal in method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HENRY C. INGRAM Treble	EVEREST FORD, 5
NORMAN BROWN... .. 2	JACK KAY 6
†RICHARD FORSHAW 3	PETER CROOK 7
JOHN E. MARTLAND 4	RICHARD W. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Daniel Brownlow, of Horwich, on the completion of 72 years as a ringer. Treble ringer hails from Blackpool, 2nd and 3rd from Wigan, the rest from Bolton.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	T. GROCMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5
JOHN H. CHERSMAN 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
JOHN BURLES 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
*GEORGE BUTCHER 4	FREDERICK J. CULLOM ... Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by J. H. CHERSMAN

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung, with half-muffled clappers, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. E. Barnett, sen. Double Norwich was rung, as it was a favourite method of his, and the peal was one of his own later compositions.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss N. Marshall 1, Miss I. Brown 2, Miss D. Page 3, C. Brown (conductor) 4, J. Garratt 5, A. Ballard 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITWELL-CUM-HOCKFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 27 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	HERBERT LASBY 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	WILLIAM J. WASEY 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WALTER J. FORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a Farewell peal to the Rev. A. Geake.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BORCHNALL Treble	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 4
*MISS CONSTANCE ELING ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
†NATHANIEL T. MOXON ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES STANNARD Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 4
JAMES CHINERY 2	HORACE W. FOULGER... .. 5
GEORGE LILLEY 3	WILLIAM STANNARD Tenor

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINES

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores with 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS... .. Treble	PERCY W. J. HARDING ... 4
DENNIS G. GUM 2	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 5
HAROLD S. HARDING 3	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

First peal for all except the conductor. First four are from Bradley, 5 and tenor from Westbury.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*R. ALAN WHEELER Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER... .. 4
*REGINALD W. BRIDGES ... 2	*JOSEPH S. WEEKS 5
†ALEXANDER T. WEEKS ... 3	*THOMAS WEEKS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding and restoration of this church, to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, who was inducted on St. James' Day, and to celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. With the exception of the ringer of the 4th, all the ringers are regular Sunday service ringers of this tower.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Banks James Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RICHARD BUSBY... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
†ROBERT T. SIMPSON... .. 2	ROLAND PARK 5
†ROBERT JEFF 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. W. H. Porter, for many years a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place on Saturday, the 13th inst.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16.

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 7-8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Rung as a welcome to Mr. I. J. Attwater, a past member of the local society, who is home on a visit from America.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in One Hour and Forty Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1-2	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all. This peal is a one-part composition which does not cause the tenors ever to dodge together the wrong way in 5-6.

HANDBELL PEALS AT MIDNIGHT.

THE RESULT OF A 'QUIET' HOLIDAY.

The following peals were rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild during what our correspondent describes as a 'quiet' holiday in North Lincs. It will be noticed that, if the days were quiet, there was the burning of a good deal of midnight oil—but perhaps it was cooler then. One tower-bell peal—at Bigby—was sandwiched into the proceedings.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 'TRENTWOOD,'

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	*JACK BRAY 5-6
*FRANK LORD 3-4	WALTER AYRE... .. 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 50th peal together.

BIGBY, LINCS.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	†MRS. J. BRAY 4
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD ... 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... 5
*GEORGE WM. MOODY. ... 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

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

* First of Cambridge and on 6. First in the method on the bells. † First peal of Cambridge.

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BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 9 and 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal of Little Bob Major in hand by all.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

WALTER AYRE 1-2	JACK BRAY... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT 7-8

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. BRAY and Mrs. W. AYRE.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5032 CHANGES;

BURTON STATHER VARIATION. Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY... .. 7-8
	BERNARD GILLATT... .. 9-10

Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The 4th lead in each course was rung with the treble going to 8th's only, making 7 lead courses of 136 changes.

On Sunday and Monday, August 14 and 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8
	BERNARD GILLATT 9-10

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The conductor's 300th peal; 50th peal 'in hand' as conductor and 1st peal in the method as conductor.

On Monday, August 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

BERNARD GILLATT 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. BRAY and Mrs. W. AYRE.

In addition to the above peals, Cambridge Major was attempted on tower bells, but it was an 'off' day. Five methods of Minor were lost in the 5th 720 through a ridiculous mistake by the conductor, and a peal of Treble 10 'in hand' would not go.

Other methods rung 'in hand' were Little Bob Royal, Double Bob Major and Spiced Major in three methods.

LAST OF HIS LINE.

DEATH OF ANOTHER NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

The hand of death made further inroad in the ranks of Nottingham ringers, when, on August 12th, Mr. Frank Johnson passed away at the age of 52 years. The deceased was a service ringer at St. Peter's Church, and had at various periods of his career been located in other districts, including Northampton and Gateshead.

He came of a long line of ringers, belonging to the fifth generation, unbroken, extending right back to the time of W. D. Crofts, in whose band two Johnsons formed an important part.

All the Johnsons were men of more than ordinary ability, the deceased's father being the first, and, we believe, still the only Nottingham man to call Holt's Original.

The deceased leaves a widow, but no offspring, so the continuity of over 150 years comes to an end. The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 16th, at the Rock Cemetery, when a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by F. A. Salter 1-2, A. Barratt 3-4, A. Harrison 5-6 and H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

On Sunday, August 14th, 1265 Stedman Caters were rung for evening evening at St. Peter's Church, with the clappers half-muffled, by F. A. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, W. Dickenson 3, L. Chadburn 4, F. Bradley 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, S. Pinder (conductor) 7, G. R. Goodship 8, A. Barratt 9, E. A. Clemence 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FEWER SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN PRESTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday. The attendance was smaller than usual, about a dozen towers being represented, but visitors from the Wigan Branch were also present. Mr. Sharples, who presided, said he wished to congratulate all who had anything to do with the arrangements of the successful meeting at Goosnargh last month.

Arising from the minutes, the question of nomination papers and the number of nominations arose, but the Secretary had to report that he had not received the papers and was unaware of the number of nominations.

Owing to the annual association meeting being fixed at Chorley for September, it was decided not to hold a branch meeting in that month.

The place and date for the October meeting having been fixed, the Secretary presented his annual report, in the course of which he said since the last annual meeting they had held meetings at Samesbury, Broughton, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods, Leyland St. James, Higher Walton, Craston, Eccleston, and Goosnargh, and also a joint meeting at Lytham. The average attendance had been higher than usual, owing chiefly to the record meeting at Goosnargh. Eight branch peals have been rung during the year, and about forty members had rung in either branch or mixed branch peals, five ringing their first, 12 their first in a method, two their first inside in some method, and two their first as conductor, or in another method. They had lost four members through death, namely, Dr. P. J. Kirkby (hon. member), Mr. W. Heald, of Preston (ringing member), and Mr. H. Slater and Mr. J. Eccles (life ringing members, of Preston and Higher Walton respectively). Five new ringing members had been elected, so that, apart from any loss owing to members lapsing through non-payment of subscriptions, the membership should be about the same as last year. He was sorry to say, however, that less subscriptions had been paid up to now than in any year since he had been secretary. Perhaps the state of trade has had something to do with it. At the meetings at Samesbury and Whittle-le-Woods respectively a discussion took place and a lecture given, with the idea of enlightening and teaching the members something about ringing. They were all thankful to Mr. Wm. Taylor for his efforts in that direction.

The secretary was thanked for the report, which was adopted, and he was re-elected.

In acknowledging his re-election, he said he had lately thought of resigning, as he was working out of the district, but if the members were agreeable, he would continue in office for the present.

The bells of Preston, which are rather heavy going, were the cause of a member suggesting that the branch should try and see if anything could be done in the matter of having them more in keeping with the dignity of the Parish Church of the town.

A vote of thanks to Canon Morris and the church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business. Touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were accomplished.

DEATH OF A DARLINGTON RINGER.

AN ACTIVE NORTE COUNTRY CONDUCTOR.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of a well known north country ringer, Mr. W. H. Porter, of Holy Trinity, Darlington.

Mr. Porter, who was a native of Tunbridge Wells, came to Darlington almost 40 years ago, and has been a keen ringer all these years, having rung upwards of 120 peals, a good proportion of which he conducted.

He was a member of the Kent County Association, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and also the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, of which he was a past vice-president and member of the Peal Referees' Committee.

The funeral took place at the West Cemetery, Darlington, on Saturday, a large number of friends attending, including Mr. T. Metcalfe (secretary) and Mr. J. G. Hall, representing the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and members of Holy Trinity, St. Cuthbert's and St. John's bellfries, Darlington. Four of his fellow ringers of Holy Trinity and two fellow members acted as bearers, and the service was conducted by the Rev. B. F. R. Wilcox, curate of Holy Trinity, in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave), who was on holiday.

After the committal service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by R. Park 1-2, W. A. Park 3-4, G. W. Park 5-6 (Holy Trinity) and T. Clark 7-8 (St. Cuthbert's).

The floral tributes included wreaths from Holy Trinity belfry and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Mr. Porter will be greatly missed, not only for his unquestioned ability as a ringer, but for his kindly and helpful disposition, and he leaves a place which will be most difficult to fill.

G. W. P.

HANDBELL RINGING IN JOHANNESBURG.

On August 1st and 2nd members of St. Alban's Guild, Johannesburg, rang nine 720's of Bob Minor (seven compositions) in attempts for a farewell peal to the ringer of the second, who was starting home to East Grinstead on August 3rd. Sister Mabel 1, Sister Madeleine 2, Sister Vivian 3, Sister Mary 4, Canon G. H. Ridout (conductor) 5-6.

RINGING AT WALSALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Those who have read Mr. Griffin's autobiography will doubtless have formed their own opinion of one who, when able to ring the treble in Grandsire, could have put the other ringers right all through the peal, but some of his statements, in fairness to the Walsall band, must be corrected. Mr. Griffin says that he has not been very prominent for some years in ringing—the words 'for some years' could have been omitted.

When Mr. Griffin left the Walsall band a quarter of a century ago, the question of striking had no place in the matter, as the other members of the band were quite equal to him in that respect. The sole reason was a sordid quarrel over some ringing money between him and a grandson of the W. Hallsworth, to whom he says he owes so much. Mr. Griffin's account of his later ringing is decidedly humorous. When he came up our tower he was treated with the courtesy that is extended to all our visitors, but you can imagine how much he would help us after being away from ringing for over twenty years. It was only with a deal of coaching that he could be got through a touch of Caters, and it was soon obvious that for one of his temperament, to learn to ring Cinques, with a band in which there were several who, though quite youngsters, were much better ringers than himself, would be impossible, and his attempt to come back was soon ended in a way that is characteristic of Mr. Griffin.

His statement that we do not ring anything but Stedman will be news to the many visitors who come to ring with us from time to time. When he says that people are complaining bitterly about the noise, etc., someone who is probably aware of his craze, as he terms it, has evidently been pulling his leg, as we get fewer complaints at Walsall than any place I know of. When our Vicar, who, though not a ringer, has been where there has been bells and is musical, comes up the tower on Sunday to congratulate us on our good ringing, whatever Mr. Griffin thinks or is told does not trouble us.
Walsall.

T. J. ELTON.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

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A BROTHERLY BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Shalford, Surrey, on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Girdler 1, L. Hunter (conductor) 2, H. E. Schupke 3, K. Girdler 4, H. O. Schupke 5, A. Hunter 6. First 720 by the treble ringer and rung as a 15th birthday compliment to him; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung by three pairs of brothers, all of whom are members of the local society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Sutton to-morrow, the bells of Wilberton will be available in the evening.

It had been hoped to dedicate the memorial to the late Mr. H. Haigh at the North Notts Association meeting at Ordsall to-morrow, but this will not now be possible. The Haigh Memorial Library will, however, be on view.

There will be an interesting afternoon, as the fifth contest for the Crawford Cup is to take place.

Mr. 'Bob' Pyc spent quite a busy holiday. During a fortnight, divided between Yorkshire, Somerset and Dorset, he rung 18 peals! It is an old saying that change of work is as good as play.

His many friends in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and elsewhere will deeply sympathise with Mr. F. A. Burnett, captain of the St. Thomas' band, Portsmouth, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Burnett, as well as her husband, was a member of the band.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Concerning your leader on 'Ringers who drift away,' there is one cause which you do not mention. I know of two cases where ringers, who have gone from here, went up into a tower, not the same tower, and sat the whole time and no one asked them if they were ringers or not. A shy man, being treated like that once, is not likely to try again. Both ringers left me to join the police force and both had got beyond the initial stages in ringing. I trust there are not many towers where such treatment can obtain.

In our own tower the first question asked a stranger is 'Are you a ringer?'—Yours faithfully,

D. G. TAYLOR.

Ilminster.

DRIVEN AWAY.

Dear Sir,—As an occasional reader of 'The Ringing World' and forty years ago a regular subscriber to the 'Bell News,' I quite agree with the trenchant article in the issue of January 15th, on 'The will to learn.' Now I am going to put a question. What is the position of an unattached ringer? What rights or privileges has he in any tower either in his own parish or Diocesan Guild?

I will quote a case. Some twenty years ago, in a parish, in a western diocese, where the tower was not affiliated to the Guild, and the ringers were all 'stoney,' the bells were rehung, and converted from six to eight, and dedicated by the Bishop.

A member of the Church, a chorister, and an unattached member of the Guild, and who did his level best on the committees was simply ignored, and was refused admission to the tower at the opening ceremony. Now the old crew has gone and a new company has been formed who are all method ringers. The ban has not been lifted nor any explanation given, with the result that this member has been lost to the Exercise and to church work. He receives invitations to towers in his own and neighbouring dioceses, but refuses on a point of honour to ring whilst the ban is against him. Ought he to have an explanation or simply take the insult lying down?

I wrote the above following the article, but have held it up until now. In this issue you ask, 'Why ringers drift away?' This may form one reason, but it is not so common to-day now that the Guilds have become more powerful.

This member has just been on tour in the west, by special invitation, but being out of practice, not having rung for twenty years, was unable to join in the ringing. This is not a case of drifting away, but of being driven away.

SCRIBE.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGER.

With deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. Trevor Edwards, of Penhow, Monmouthshire. He was one of the first band to learn change ringing after the augmentation of the bells at that tower to a ring of six. Of genial and charming disposition, loved by everyone, his removal from Penhow to London was a great loss to the local company. He had been on the staff at Barclay's Bank, Chepstow, and he was transferred to one of the company's branches in London on promotion.

He was discovered dead in his bath on August 16th. A geyser in the bathroom proved to be defective and the fumes had undoubtedly overcome him. He was only 26 years of age.

The funeral took place on Saturday last at Penhow Church, the Rev. Arthur H. Thomas (Rector), together with the Rev. Ivor Richards (curate of St. Mark's, Newport), an old school colleague and ringer, officiating. The bearers were six of the ringers. The service was most impressive. The church was packed with parishioners and friends, many having to remain outside.

The sad event cast a gloom over the whole parish. Had he lived, his exceedingly kind personality would have brought him a brilliant future. The bells were rung half-muffled by his old colleagues and friends.

J. W. J.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

(Continued from page 552.)

One hundred years, yea almost two,
We've hung in that turret grey;
And many changes have we seen
As time has fled away.

(Lines in Batley Belfry.)

After the disappointment at Wakefield on the morning of Bank Holiday, to Horbury by bus we went for the next item, and completed peal No 5 with much too quick striking. Dedicated to SS. Peter and Leonard, the church was designed in the classical style and given to the town by John Carr, of York and Carr Lodge, Horbury, opened May 17th, 1794. John Carr was an architect and built the church at his own expense in his native place in the year 1791. The Rev. Joseph Sharp was the first Vicar—appointed at the age of 25. He lived here all his life and died aged 93 years. The old ring of six bells was supplied by Thomas Mears, of London, 1792, the tenor being engraved with the architect's name in addition. By his will, dated February 8th, 1809, William Amyas, of Horbury, left to the

latter stage we were only protected on our left, by a low stone wall, from a sheer drop into the valley below, and we thankfully realised that 'kind providence' was allowing the car to 'take' us. Heptonstall is a quaint old town, nestling on the brow of the hills, with narrow streets having quaint names, such as 'Top-o'-the-Hill,' and most of its buildings are of local weather worn stone. Its early prosperity was mostly due to the woollen trade, but it is now supported by gangs of hikers and bellringers(?). Here there are two churches—the old and the new. To the tourist and traveller they are a constant source of interest.

A TOWER OF STRENGTH, A PEAL OF LENGTH.

Dedicated to St. Thomas a Becket, it consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel, and western tower of very handsome proportion, surmounted with four corner pinnacles. The architecture of the new church is good, perpendicular period, and resembles a building much older than a century, for it replaced the old one, as a place of worship, only about a hundred years ago. When the local church authorities decided to start afresh on the new site, the old building, in need of serious restoration, was left untouched; perhaps the most economical scheme in a stone county with the cheap labour of those days. The burial ground between the two churches



HEPTONSTALL'S TWO CHURCHES—THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It was at the new church in April, 1927, that the existing record peal of Major was rung—17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, in 10 hrs. 51 mins.

'belles of Horbury Church XXs.' It is of interest to note the 'Devil's Knell' was formerly tolled here on Christmas Eve. A similar custom existed at Dewsbury, and here the 'four-fours' are the particular knell for the Devil, whilst at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, the Devil has left his claw marks on one of the bells.

Whilst our peal was on, the 'Old Soundbow' raised a team with surplus visitors and local men of Horbury and Ossett, and rang a touch on the latter bells, with a fine tenor of 26 cwt. 2 qr. in E. Returning, via Wakefield, we had some delay waiting for a particular bus to suit return fares, and heard to advantage the Town Hall chimes strike, with a tenor of 55 cwt. by Taylors.

Half the holiday gone and five peals successful out of six attempts made! On Tuesday morning, therefore, eager members greeted one another with confidence. Mytholmroyd—I will not attempt the spelling to suit the Yorkshire accent. Its church, with a nice belfry, dedicated to St. Michael, and the bells, a good going eight, responded kindly to our efforts. The train took us out, and at the railway station—on a high level—we found several long flights of stairs to negotiate; enough to prevent most townspeople from hooking by rail, when they can step on to a car almost at their front door. We left our 'Royd' friends with hearty thanks for their welcome, regretting the haste that prevented our noting much in this belfry that would interest readers of 'The Ringing World.'

Hebden Bridge, only a short car ride, was the scene of a good lunch, at a place beloved by the pealmen of 1927 after nearly 11 hours' practice at Heptonstall. From Hebden we 'took' road car to Hepton, a long winding narrow road round the mountains up to, almost, 1,000 feet above sea level. Beautiful views of the North and West Ridings were enjoyed, both going and returning. On the

as almost covered with heavy headstones laid flat, many having dates 1600-1650, showing the natives lived here to a good old age—in fact a week's residence would enable one to ring round the clock. The ringing room is plain, but comfortable, and has only one window; the circle of ropes and the draft is just right: an ideal 'home' for a 'long length.' Whilst our peal was progressing the features of eight silent men, of 'Oxford' fame, came to my mind so often that I was glad when 'stand' was called. Straight in front of me was a bold faced clock, beside it a worthy peal board with the names of the team, 'hands' of men that beat the hands of time. The sound and 'go' of these bells is just that quality which helps the method ringer to 'concentrate'—a word which 30 years ago Keith Hart impressed upon me at Brighton. I won't mention now the name of the firm who did this bell work, enough that the 17,000 was rung here.

BIRSTALL'S CENTURY.

Wednesday's efforts at Birstall and Batley were both accomplished safely, and the peals well and truly rung, the multiple road car suiting our journeys for the day. Our morning venue, St. Peter's Church, Birstall, we found embowered in a wealth of foliage of surrounding trees. We rang in an old fashioned belfry on a new ring cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1919, the tenor, 22 cwt., replacing one by W. Dobson, of Downham, 1819. The original peal of six was by Pack and Chapman, 1771. It was regretted that one of the old ringers had, quite recently, passed away. In the belfry is hung a remarkable list, hand drawn in June, 1868, as follows, and I am wondering why the years 1850-60 proved so disastrous to the youths of Birstall.

(Continued on next page.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday. Although the weather was very warm, quite a good number came on push and motor-cycles and by other means. Between 20 and 30 attended from Billingshurst, Brighton, Cuckfield, Chiddingfold, Heene, Itchingfield, Godalming, Kirdford, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Slindfold, Warnham, West Grinstead, Uckfield and Turner's Hill.

The Rev. J. E. Gardiner, Vicar of Billingshurst, presided at the business meeting, when one new member, viz., Mr. W. Weaver, of West Grinstead, was elected.

The company were asked to stand in silence to the memory of two well known and respected members of the association who have lately passed away, viz., Messrs. Charles Smart and Percy Doick, members of the Pulborough band, who are sadly missed, and the secretary was asked to write letters of condolence to the respective families.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells the belfry was again visited. The methods practiced ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Cobham, Surrey, the wedding took place of Mr. G. Shotton (a member of the Cobham band) and Miss G. Thomas. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. As the happy couple left the church the bells were rung and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were brought round by W. James, W. Holden, J. Miles, E. Matthews, A. Roberts, W. Faulkner (of the local band) and W. W. Thorne. A reception was held at Church Room, at which about 40 guests were present, including the ringers, who gave selections on handbells.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR—continued.

Joshua Barraclough, 1835, aged 67 years.
Richard Bywater, 1850, aged 52 years.
John Gooder, 1855, aged 67 years.
William Steward, 1855, aged 65 years.
Joshua Rhodes, 1855, aged 55 years.
Samuel Barraclough, 1857, aged 73 years.
Wm. Wood, 1858, aged 84 years.
James Beaumont, 1860, aged 65 years.
James Rhodes, 1869, aged 73 years.
Joseph Gooder, 1866, aged 47 years.

I take off my hat to the memory of these Yorkshire bellringers of old. They carried on their belfry work under enormous difficulties, like the men of hundreds of parishes in England, with little reward and frequent reproach. By a strange coincidence the Birstall parish magazine for the month contains an interesting chapter on 'Restoring the House of God,' which exposes the abuses amongst the clergy and the deplorable condition of the churches during the eventful years of Catholic Revival, promoted by Newman, Keble and Pusey from 1833 onwards. To composers, a peal of Cumberland Exercise Major 5,600 is given, on a card in the belfry, as rung April 16th, 1838. To towerkeepers we were shown to an ancient inn, named 'The Black Bull,' for our hot lunch—leg of mutton—and, in passing, I wish to inquire where the 'leg' is now wandering about near Truro? It must be well 'hung' by this time. The Bull is claimed as the oldest licensed house in England—run by the youngest licensee—but Swansea and Finedon may question this claim. Good-bye, Birstall, we leave your veterans sleeping, and, perhaps, it was all for the best that the bells you loved to ring have passed through the fiery furnace.

YORKSHIRE ROPES.

We now come to Batley—tower and bells restored in 1923—again a western tower with corner pinnacles. This church is dedicated to All Saints, the belfry, on the ground floor, has a small ringer's door to enter by. Near the door is a brass plate engraved with twelve verses of poetry relating to the three old bells taken down in 1851, when the present octave was cast and erected by Mears and Stainbank, of London. The author—Mr. L. Blakeley—was interred here 1836, and I have introduced the first and last lines of his Requiem to this contribution.

A valiant endeavour to master 'Norfolk Surprise' was made here on a good going peal, 11 cwt. tenor, but an hour's work was thrown away on 'ill-digested food'; the 'mental' weight—like the 'metal' of the bells—was not well balanced, so a change was made, and the peal of Superlative, as recorded, followed, with kind remarks from the local ringers, who gave us a warm welcome and 'send off.'

In Yorkshire, I have forgotten to remind you, many of the ropes in the towers have the old fashioned 'double Sallies'; that is, one at the end of the rope as well as the usual position at hand-stroke. We gradually got accustomed to adjusting the length of rope by tying a knot or two, but in the Surprise ringing there were doubtful occasions as to the way you should go—'up lad' or 't'other way.' Grasping the two Sallies is inclined to make one's hands ache, and I do not recommend their use for several reasons. In each tower—where these ropes are used—a set of portable wooden boxes for each ringer are stored in readiness if the ropes are too short or too long.

(To be continued.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**AGE AND YOUTH AT A TROPICAL MEETING.**

In spite of the terrific heat, a few ringers did turn up at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday last—not a large number, it is true, but sufficient to keep the bells going during the time available for ringing.

Age was represented by Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who came early and stayed until the end, and who during the afternoon rang in a touch of Bob Minor. Youth was represented by several members of the local band, who showed considerable ability, and reflect great credit on Mr. Frank Ringrose, their instructor.

Divine service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. F. White, after which tea was served.

At the business meeting, after the minutes had been passed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reminded members that the association had lost a valued member in Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, whose death was reported in 'The Ringing World' that week. Mr. Barnett had been a member of the association for about 34 years. He was a most reliable ringer, and an upright and straightforward man. Mr. Coles asked the meeting to pass a vote of condolence to his relatives by standing in silence for a few moments.

Four new members were elected, and Southgate chosen for the next meeting on September 17th.

The Hon. Secretary announced that a joint meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations had been arranged at Broxbourne on October 8th, whilst a practice meeting of the Middlesex Association would be held at Tottenham on Tuesday, October 18th.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the preacher; to the organist, who is also a promising ringer, and Miss A. Perrin for arranging tea.—This was carried, and Mr. Ringrose replied.

The ringing, under the guidance of Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master), consisted of many methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and some good work was done towards bringing on the 'colts.' A very welcome visitor at the meeting was Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, some time hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association, who was on a brief visit to London. The Middlesex Association hope to see him again.

HEAT WAVE MEETING AT STAINES.

Despite the heat some 25 members and friends were attracted to the riverside town of Staines on Saturday last, when a meeting was held at St. Peter's Church. A welcome visitor was Miss D. G. Feltham, who was at one time a keen member of the Hillingdon tower. She recently returned to this country after a sojourn in South Africa. Although many folk preferred to listen to the bells whilst reclining on the river bank, various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung.

Dr. Flecker, Vicar of Staines, conducted a brief service, and tea was then partaken of in the Church Hall. Tea, the beverage, was in great demand, and discussion was concerning the heat rather than ringing. The Vicar was adjudged to have 'told the best one,' when he related how he sat in a bath of cold water and read 'The Times!'

Owing to the unavoidable departure of the Vicar, the Vice-President (Mr. J. A. Trollope) took the chair at the subsequent business meeting.

Reference was made to the passing of Mr. Edwin Barnett, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of a fine ringer and gentleman.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham was elected a life ringing member. Further discussion took place on the Central Council resolution to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' As no one doubted that the Exercise would be in a sorry plight without its own paper, discussion centred on the contents of the present paper and suggestions made to make it more attractive! General opinions of speakers was that the paper lacked interest for the beginner and it was difficult to get them to take it because of this.

Mr. Trollope said that it was difficult to ascertain exactly what ringers did want. He had contributed articles probably more than anyone, and he would be glad to know whether his work found favour or not.

Other points raised were whether the Sunday service touches page could not be revived. Several pages were used weekly with reports of the more secular side of the art (i.e., peals), and reports of the most important phase went by the board. If such reports were published more frequently beginners would find their performances recorded sooner than otherwise would be the case. And some of these Sunday efforts were more creditable to all concerned than a good many peals that were rung!

The meeting learned with regret of a street accident in which the late district secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) was involved. Happily, he has now recovered from any ill effects.

It was decided to hold a meeting on September 10th at the towers of Bodfont, Stanwell and Harmondsworth in an endeavour to stimulate local interest.

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THE LATE MR. EDWIN BARNETT.

FUNERAL AT CRAYFORD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett took place on Wednesday of last week at the church of St. Paulinus, Crayford, which he loved so much and where for so many years he had been parish clerk. The service was quite simple in character, but the large attendance showed the respect in which Mr. Barnett was held, not only among ringers, but among his fellow townsmen. The Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews) officiated, and the lesson from Thessalonians iv. was read by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, who, despite his more than 80 years, made the journey from Canterbury in order to be present at the burial of an old and valued friend. Together they had served the Kent County Association for a long term of years. The other clergy present were the Rev. W. B. Lord, Rev. D. Wingate and the Rev. E. R. Hougham. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnett (son and daughter-in-law), Master E. A. Barnett (grandson), Mrs. A. R. Brough (daughter), Mrs. Keveren (sister), Mrs. Collingwood (niece), Mr. John Clarke (Nephew), and Mr. Walter Trevitt. Among the ringers present were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies Guild), Messrs. E. A. Young (former secretary of the Council), A. A. Hughes (representing the College Youths), G. H. Cross (representing the Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Mr. Barnett was one of the oldest members), Mrs. G. H. Cross, Dr. E. L. Taylor, Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. Parker, T. Groombridge, sen., T. Groombridge, jun., J. H. Cheesman, H. Audsley, H. Rayner, I. Emery, W. J. Jeffries, S. H. Green, W. Saunders, G. Povey, V. Toobey, etc.

In addition to the wreaths from members of the family, floral tributes were sent by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; His Bellringers at Crayford; Holy Trinity (Dariford) Ringers; Rector, Assistant Clergy and Churchwardens of St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford; Church Council, Choir and Sidesmen at St. Paulinus' Church; Wardens and Congregation of All Saints' Church; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. James Parker; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross; Mr. J. H. Cheesman; Mr. and Miss Audsley; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Povey; Mr. Frederick White; Mr. Stafford Green, and many others.

Immediately after the service the 'whole pull and stand' and a muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of St. Paulinus' Church by Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, jun., W. J. Jeffries, I. Emery, H. E. Audsley and V. E. Tooby. Later a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, while another band went on to Chiddington and there rang a half-muffled peal in memory of a revered colleague, a humble servant of the Church and one of Nature's gentlemen.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

In the evening a memorial service was held, at which the Rector officiated. The hymns sung were 'Nearer my God to Thee' and 'Abide with me,' and the Psalm, number 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.'

The Rector, in the course of an address from the text, 'Mortality swallowed up in life,' said they were there to remember with the deepest affection and gratitude the life of Edwin Barnett, who had been intimately connected with the work of the parish, he believed, for 43 years. Unfortunately, he had only enjoyed the privilege of Edwin Barnett's friendship for a few weeks. There were some in church who had known him for a great number of years who might think it presumptuous on his part to estimate his life and character. They might say he never knew Edwin Barnett. It was true that he had only known Mr. Barnett for a few weeks, but he had seen enough of him to know that he had had the most powerful influence for good with everyone with whom he had come into contact. They were going to miss him terribly. Mr. Barnett spent himself in the work of the Church, to which he was devoted. His was a life which could be taken as an example of a Christian-like life. That church was the centre of his life, and his passing over would leave a gap which was going to be hard to fill. Even with so short an acquaintance he knew the very last thing Mr. Barnett would wish was that he, or anyone else, should deliver a funeral oration in his memory. He was far too retiring for that. His life spoke with far greater eloquence than any words could do. It was his life they were going to remember with the very greatest respect and affection. Let them not think of Edwin Barnett as a memory, but as a living personality. He was still with them in spirit. They could say with absolute certainty that he was perfectly conscious that they were there. The text, he thought, was one of the most striking of its type in the Bible. Death was not the end, it was merely the beginning of a better, higher and more active life, such a life as people could have no conception of.

'When you think of Edwin Barnett,' concluded the Rector, 'will you think of him as enjoying, without any bodily discomforts, such as pain and suffering, perfect rest, on the other side of the veil, with as much zeal and enthusiasm and with a greater confidence that he was ever able to do while he was here.'

MR. BARNETT'S PEALS.

Mr. Barnett had rung 820 peals, and his list is remarkable for the variety of methods which it includes.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor: 4 methods	3	1
Triples:		
Grandsire	115	60
Union	19	10
Plain Bob	2	1
Oxford Bob	3	2
Darleston Bob	3	1
Court Bob	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Erin	3	1
Stedman	117	27
Major:		
Plain Bob	39	24
Reverse Bob	1	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob	1	
Hereward Bob	1	1
Double Norwich (1 non-conducted)	137	60
Roal Double Norwich	4	2
Double Oxford	9	8
Canterbury	19	14
Crayford Colloge	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	78	39
Oxford Treble Bob	5	3
Cam. Treble Bob	1	1
Granta Treble Bob	1	1
Little Bob	2	1
Little Canterbury	1	1
Crayford Little Court Bob	1	1
Darford Little Bob	1	1
Erith Little Bob	1	1
Superlative Surprise (1 non-conducted)	40	1
Cambridge Surprise (1 non-conducted)	51	3
New Cambridge Surprise	5	
Norfolk Surprise	5	1
London Surprise	13	1
New Cumberland Surprise	1	
Bristol Surprise	3	
Spliced Methods:		
Kent and Oxford Royal	1	
Kent and Oxford Major	2	2
Cambridge and Superlative Major	1	
Double Norwich and Double Oxford Major	1	1
Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Double Oxford and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Canterbury and Plain Bob Major	1	1
Bob Major, Double Oxford and Double Norwich	1	
Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1	
Caters:		
Stedman	26	1
Grandsire	7	
Royal:		
Plain Bob	2	2
Little Bob	1	1
Double Norwich	1	
Duffield	1	
Forward	2	
Kent Treble Bob	17	2
Oxford Treble Bob	2	
Cam Treble Bob	1	1
Granta Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	5	
Cinquos:		
Stedman	44	
Grandsire	2	
Maximus:		
Plain Bob	2	2
Little Bob	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	4	1
Cambridge Surprise	2	
Total	820	290

Non-conducted 3.

These peals were rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Out of the total, 233 have been rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and 146 at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith; 235 were rung with his son, Edwin Barnett, jun. (including the father and son peal of Cinques at Sheroditch), and 23 with his grandson, Edwin A. Barnett. In 16 of the latter three generations took part.

A WEEK IN THE WEST. THIRTY-FIVE TOWERS VISITED.

In glorious weather the ringing tour from August 6th to 13th in Somerset and Gloucestershire, arranged by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, proved most successful from every point of view. The party consisted of 27 visitors from 17 county associations, and included eleven ladies. On Saturday afternoon they met at St. Thomas' Room, Bristol. Mr. H. Burt (chairman) presided at the tea, and in the name of the B.U.R.G. gave the party a nearly welcome. Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary) joined in the welcome, and, in giving a few particulars of the week's arrangements, specially mentioned Bath, because the natives always wanted to know why the bells were rung.

Mr. J. Gould (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) said he was very pleased to have the honour of giving a hearty send-off for the holiday week. In addition to the visitors, the party also included Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. H. Pring and Mr. U. Braven. In the evening, at the 'Crown and Dove,' a social had been arranged by the Bristol members. Mr. Burt presided, and the gavel he used in calling attention to the items was carved from a piece of oak from the old roof of Temple Church. He wore his chain of office, Mr. Braven was in the vice-chair, and Mr. E. Guise assisted in making the visitors feel at home. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Crane and Mr. Emery contributed items, and Grand-sire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells.

On Sunday the whole party met at the Tramway Centre, and took tram for Hotwells. Ascending the Rocks Railway and viewing the Suspension Bridge, they made their way to the Zoo. In the absence of Headkeeper Payne, they were conducted over the gardens by Keeper Guise, brother of Mr. Edgar Guise, and partook of tea in the cafe.

The Vicar of Emmanuel Church (Rev. W. Bathurst Soole) kindly invited them to the evening service, and gave a most helpful address on the work of ringing as a part of church worship. He was pleased to know that the members came from as many as 17 different associations and were visiting no less than 38 towers. He gave them a most hearty welcome to that House of God. He was sure that they had the work of the church at heart. He knew a vergar who was proud of his work, for, as he said, Vicars come and Vicars go, but he was always there as doorkeeper in the House of God. Whether as preacher, or member of the choir, or sweeping the floor or attending to the flowers, all must do their best; and he knew that ringers did their best as unto the Lord and not unto man. That was the true spirit of the Christian; they called the people to church. Reformation, as well as reconciliation, should be their watchword.

Monday, the first day of the tour, the party met at St. Stephen's early, and were soon en route for Stroud, travelling over the Radminton country via Nailsworth and the Golden Valley. 'Aw, ain't it grand,' says Manchester. The bells were set going to Stedman, but, of course, all were looking forward to Painswick, the home of long-peal ringing. Touches of Grandsire Cinques were rung here, but the visitors could not count the 99 yew trees in the churchyard. At the ringers' house the party were entertained to lunch. The country looked at its best and the country was charming. The route next lay down through Cranham woods to Cheltenham. Soon St. Mary's 12 were swinging, and some of the party promenade up the avenue, which is one of the finest in England. Tewkesbury was the next call and the 151 steps to the ringing chamber were mounted. Needless to say, tea at the Abbey Mill was much appreciated. At Gloucester the tourists arrived at the most dangerous crossing in the country, and the veteran, Mr. John Austin, met them. Bob Major and Stedman were rung, the Cathedral visited, and Robert Raikes' birthplace noted. Next on to Thornbury, with its fine castle of the Howards, and then home, the distance covered during the day having been 109 miles.

On Tuesday the first call was at Abbots Leigh, reached after a stiff climb; then to Portishead for touches and lunch. Clevedon gave the visitors two hours to enjoy the sea front and gardens, and touches on the old Parish Church bells. Yatton, with its fine memorial, claimed attention; and then to Wrington, where the party had a surprise, as they were joined by the members of the other ringers' tour. Altogether they numbered about 60. The Vicar welcomed them at the church, and touches of Caters were rung. They finished up at the ringers' house with a fine spirit of camaraderie. It was with difficulty that the B.U.R.G. party got away to Bristol.

The first place to be visited on Wednesday was Bath Abbey, but when the party were ready to leave they were three short. They were wondering what had happened when a wheelchair hove in sight with a lady on each side and the youngest of the company riding. He was promptly christened 'the infant.' All was well with him, however, and soon the journey was resumed for Bradford-on-Avon, where, after touches, a splendid lunch was provided. Westbury bells, with 35 cwt. tenor, were tried successfully. Here the curate, in the absence of the Rector, wished the ringers 'God speed.' St. John's, Frome, with its religious history, proved most interesting. A couple of hours later the tourists were on their way to Midsomer Norton, where the captain was waiting for them and cautioned them as to the in and out of course.

Thursday provided, without doubt, the most beautiful run of the week through Burrington Combe, where a halt was made at the rocky cleft which inspired the hymn 'Rock of Ages,' and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. Then over the Mendips to Cheddar Gorge. The scenery was majestic and inspiring. The whole party was conducted through Cox's caves; then followed lunch and a ring on the eight bells at Cheddar Church, Wells, with its fine Cathedral and curious clock, the operation of which the visitors were able to observe when three o'clock struck, commanded attention. Glastonbury Abbey ruins were next visited and inspected with close interest. Shepton Mallet (noted for its old gaol, now closed) gave them an hour, and then at Chewton Mendip the party were joined by members of the Bristol Guild. This fine Somerset church and its bells called for admiration.

Long Ashton was the first call on Friday, then on to Congresbury (pronounced Koongsbry, please). Here, in error, the bus took the party up the funeral path to the church, but the slip was corrected and they departed by the wedding path with its fine avenue, so all was well. By mid-day they were in Weston-super-Mare, where they were allowed four hours, which they much enjoyed. Burnham, the last calling place for the day, gave them two hours for refreshment, a ring and promenade. By the way, some of the members were brave enough to mount the hill at Uphill and ring a touch. In the evening a social was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burt, at the 'Crown and Dove.' Mr. Uriah Braven was in the vice-chair and Mr. Sullivan at the piano. The number was increased to over sixty. Community singing commenced the proceedings, and Miss Milson sang sweetly. Mr. Emery was at his best in tenor songs, and Mr. Hayden Clifford shone in comedy. There were courses on the handbells and tunes by St. Thomas' handbell ringers.

Mr. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent), on behalf of the visitors, expressed their pleasure at the success of the tour, and thanked Mr. Thomas, the principal guide. There had been many incidents during the week, one relating to the 'infant,' which he hoped he took in good part as coming from the ladies. He also thanked Mr. Burt, the chairman, who had accompanied them on most days. They represented 17 different associations, and it was a remarkable feat on the part of Mr. Guise to arrange this gathering of the clans. They desired to present Mr. Guise with a small token in remembrance and in recognition of the work entailed. — Mr. Thurston (Mere) seconded, and remarked on the happy times they had had.—Mr. Burt supported, and the presentation was made by Mrs. King (Luton).

Mr. Guise said, in reply, that he could not take all the credit, as he had been most ably supported by his committee. The mirth and music of the party could be attributed to 'the Innocents abroad.'

On Saturday the party was joined by members of the Bristol Guild. After leaving Yate they arrived in Wotton-under-Edge just in time to hear the end of the peal, which some of the visitors, making an earlier start, were successful in ringing. They had to rise between 5 and 6 a.m. for the purpose.

Lunch at the hostel and then on to Dursley, where the tourists were joined by Mr. Guise and family. Queen Anne, although dead, still keeps her memory green in the shape of the statue. Cam (K. A. M.), with its six bells, and the ancient tombstones, was visited, and then on to historic Berkeley. A glimpse of the castle was obtained from the meadows. Thanks to 'Auntie' and 'Phyllis,' the whole party were regaled to a sumptuous tea at the hostel. Almondsbury (Amesbury to the natives) was the last place on the list, and whilst some went down the steep hill to the church, the elder members were content to seat themselves on the green and admire the scenery, with the river Severn glistening in the distance.

At Bristol the parting came all too soon, but Sid. Briggs, mounting the stool, could not let the company disperse without presenting Mr. Poppy with a souvenir. This proved to be the card which had been on the bus during the whole week. Mr. Poppy replied and promised to take it back with him to Suffolk.

There were general handshakes and hope was expressed of meeting again not in one coach only, but with a company large enough to require three or four. Mr. Guise wished them all a kindly farewell, and the party broke up. During the week nearly 400 miles were covered, and the pre-arranged programme was adhered to to the last detail, a really wonderful piece of successful organisation.

On Thursday, August 11th, six members of the touring party met at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, at 6.45 a.m., and rang a well-struck 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 minutes. The ringers were:—E. F. Poppy (Eye, Suffolk) 1, J. A. Dart (London) 2, Mrs. L. East (Nottingham) 3, B. W. Pettit (Essex) 4, D. Cooper (Croydon) 5, R. A. Post (Oxford) 6. Conducted by Mrs. East. This peal was unique from the fact that the band consisted of members of six different associations, all staying at the residence of Mr. R. D. Withers, through whose kindness the band was able to obtain peal mission to ring.

G. D. T.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Aug. 7th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Cooper, sen., 1, G. Tilley 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimer (conductor) 4, R. Darvill 5, G. Martin 6.

NOTICES.**THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome.—meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th.—The bells will be ready for you from 3 p.m. onwards, so come in crowds and enjoy that after-holiday feeling. Tea 5 p.m., Kepier Schools. Post-card to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. Hearty welcome to all ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cosby bells open for ringing in the evening if required. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—On Saturday, 27th inst., a special monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, attended by the last Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby. Please make a special effort to be present. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus No. 133 or 144 from Old Market.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please apply for diagram of London Victory (Sutton Delight). Ringing at Wilburton in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) at liberty at 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., preceded by a short service in church. Meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Olney, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. Ringing visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Hazlebeech (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chart Sutton and East Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing at Chart Sutton from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at Sutton Valence. Ringing at East Sutton after tea.—Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 5th Crawford cup contest will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, August 27th. Commence at 2.45. Tea 5. Bells (6) will be open for ringing from 6.15. Through an unforeseen difficulty the Haigh Memorial Tablet will not be dedicated, but the Haigh Memorial Library will be on view. All welcome. Good attendance requested. Tea for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Monday, August 29th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.—Two treble bells to complete the octave, and memorial tablet, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Rev. Canon Coleridge and the Archdeacon of Bodmin respectively on Thursday, September 1st, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on September 1st and 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. C. M. M. Jotcham, The Vicarage, Compton, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, August 31st for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Aug. 29th? Uffculme (8 bells) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Service 4. To ensure tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 30th.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea (in Village Institute) at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Notification for tea by August 29th prompt to Mr. C. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, September 1st? A. Bradley, Long View, Ingatstone. The bells at Ingatstone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by August 29th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Broadwindsor on Sat., September 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. David's Church at 3. Bells (8) will be available any time. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, September 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Members please note alteration of tower.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 31st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtonstall, Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

MENHENIOT CHURCH, CORNWALL.—Peal of six bells rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Truro, Wednesday, September 7th, at 7 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by September 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. Application to be made for same to Rev. P. R. Frost, M.A., The Rectory, Patrington, East Yorkshire, by Thursday, September 8th. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyvinge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyvinge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Special meeting at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Annual Meeting at Newcastle, Sept. 24th. Particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

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'A FLAT.'

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A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Flecker for conducting the service, for the use of his bells and for the welcome that is always given to the association. Appreciation of the services of Mr. Willard as organist, and Miss Riggs, G. Walmsley and other kind friends, who prepared and served a very excellent tea. This terminated the business, and, after a brief visit to St. Peter's belfry, members went to St. Mary's Church for further ringing, and where Mr. E. J. Butler, on behalf of the local band, extended a warm welcome.



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