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THE PROBLEM OF MAN POWER.

The proposal put before the Central Council, viewing with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggesting that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren, failed to elicit anything that was new in this oft-discussed matter, and it is, indeed, difficult to see what action could be taken by the Council to produce results. The discussion brought out once more the difficulties with which those who endeavour to keep a band together are faced in days when recreation and amusement in so many directions are made so striking a feature of modern life. It also resulted in the expression of other more encouraging views, from men with long experience who have learnt the secret of keeping the belfry fully manned.

Calm reflection leads to the re-emergence of one or two plain facts. In places where there is definite and active church life, the enthusiastic leader ought to have no difficulty in getting ringers and keeping up the supply to fill the gaps as they occur. The place to look for the recruits—as we have often pointed out—is in the Church and not outside it, and the material ought to be 'caught young.' Moreover, there must be sufficient young life to provide beginners with a fraternal interest. One youngster among a crowd of middle-aged or old men is not likely to stop long, when he finds that it will take him months, if not years, to reach the standard of the rest. Youth will only consort with youth; but where youth is, whether it be in the belfry or elsewhere, youth can be attracted. The secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association made this plain from his own personal experience, and there is a wonderful example at Aldershot, where there are to-day 25 ringers, mostly young people, from ten years of age upward, in various stages of ringing development, from pulling a rope to ringing Cambridge Surprise. It is because they have the comradeship of others of their own age that these boys and girls remain loyal to the belfry, and are not bored—as many beginners find themselves—with having to sit in the tower while the older men, with whom they have, perhaps, nothing in common either in age or outlook, monopolise the ringing.

The difficulties which present themselves in the large cities form a problem of their own. Gradually the belfries are becoming denuded of ringers, just as the churches are losing their congregations by the migration of the population. Such towers can only be manned by bands of real enthusiasts, who are ready to take their office as a ringer seriously, and who are prepared to make some sacrifice

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of time and convenience in discharge of it. When such ringers are not to be found, it is obvious that the bells, as far as regular ringing is concerned, must become silent. It is regrettable, but unavoidable, and a fact that must be faced. There are many other towers, however, outside the big cities where it seems equally difficult to maintain a band of ringers. This may be due to any one of half a dozen causes, and it is here that the influence of an association can sometimes be made to bear fruit. It is, however, seldom that failure in this direction can be laid at the door of association officials. They are only too keen to give any possible help, and the fault, if fault there be, usually lies nearer at home.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
JOHN DEARLOVE	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
ALBERT W. BOND	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt

*MISS F. HUMPHREY ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	6
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3	FRANK CORKE	8
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ...	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
GEORGE R. PYE...	5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George R. Pye.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ERNEST COX	6
ARCHIBALD MORRIS	3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, to the Three Counties Show at Hereford.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD H. KING	...*Treble*	HARRY HOSKINS	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

A. W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	WALTER GODDARD	5
JAMES GODDARD	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON	6
FRED OVERTON	3	CHARLES TAYLOR	7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	4	ARTHUR W. PASHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

Great credit is due to the 2nd ringer, as this was his first peal on eight bells, and he is only 14 years of age. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hobson, parents of Mr. W. Hobson, of Holy Trinity Church, Hull; also as a 21st birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in G.

MISS STELLA DAVIS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
REGINALD REX	4	MARK ROSIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No. 88 (PLAN No. 2).

Tenor 18 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD	*Treble*	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	CHARLES BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Salter, daughter of the sixth ringer.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	HARRY DOBELL	5
MRS. HARRY BAKER	2	HARRY BAKER	6
*REGINALD G. PHIPPEN	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells as a peal of eight. Third, fifth and tenor ringers belong to local band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN A. C. ABSON	*Treble*	ERNEST H. OXENHAM	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	EDWIN BARNETT	7
*MOLLIE REDPATH	4	WALTER J. LEMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Andrews, on his return after a long illness. All the band are members of the local company, and it is the first 'local peal' on the bells since October 24th, 1911.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	*Treble*	T. COLIN RYDER	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	3	FRED WATKINSON	7
*FREDERICK CARDWELL	4	C. W. R. HOOTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* 50th peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled to the memory of the Sheffield City Battalion, who left this sphere on July 1st, 1916, at the Somme. ''Tis not the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	HERBERT LANGDON	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	GEORGE B. COLLINS	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	*HAROLD V. FROST	7
FRANK WEST	4	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK	*Treble*	ALFRED C. PANKHURST	5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	2	ROBERT J. DAWE	6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	GEORGE WIGGENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED L. RYMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
*BERNARD COLLISON	4	ALFRED J. BATTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE WOOD	...*Treble*	EDWIN H. FOSTER	5
ALFRED T. POULTON ...	2	GLYN SHAW	6
CHARLES L. SADLER	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ...	4	†ALFRED NORMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GLYN SHAW.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE A. CHARLTON	...*Treble*	FRANK BAILESS	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	CECIL E. CARR	5
†JOHN H. BAILESS	3	ALFRED BALLARD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. E. Matthews Watson, who was one of the ringers of the above church, and who was interred the same day.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	*GEORGE HOWLETT	4
*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ...	2	*C. JACK GIBSON	5
*ROBERT J. GARDINER ...	3	ARTHUR H. TOOK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp, who were married at this church 50 years ago.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLEY	5-6
*WALTER AYRE	3-4	†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

Umpire—John Roots.

* 125th peal for this association. † First peal in the method.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. R. Ward 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, E. J. King 4, T. W. Taffender 5, T. Wyatt 6, W. D. Grainger 7, A. Wight 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

WOMEN 'MAN THE ROPES.'

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, June 23rd, members being present from Duffield, Handsworth, Long Eaton, North Collingham and Nottingham, who were well supported by gentlemen ringers from many districts.

The absence of Mrs. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, owing to a recent bereavement, was very much regretted, and at the meeting the ladies passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

The ancient Parish Church of Stapleford, typical of many to be found in our English villages, has an excellent ring of six bells, recently augmented from three by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The weight and 'go' suited the ladies admirably and were declared by them to be 'fine.' Touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Choral evensong was sung in the beautiful memorial chapel, the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. A. Burden, officiating, the Guild service being used and much enjoyed by all.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. And such a TEA ('caps,' Mr. Editor, please), even the men were heard to say they had never seen such a tea. They certainly know the way to a man's heart, and a woman's, too, at Stapleford!

Full justice having been done to the good things provided Miss Varley, in a pleasing speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies for preparing tea, and to Mr. Fisher for making the arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.—This was seconded by Miss Foulk.

It was decided to hold the next three quarterly meetings at Duffield, Leeds, and North Collingham, and the annual meeting at Manchester.

Returning to the tower, the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome and remained to see the ladies 'man the ropes.'

Trains and buses, like the tide, wait for no man, or woman either, so all too soon came the time to call 'Stand,' and the visitors went their various ways after a very happy afternoon of practice, praise and fellowship, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies thank most heartily all those who contributed to their pleasure.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The 15th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd, Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. B. Thompson, assisted by the organist and choir.

Adjourning to Ayers' Hall, the ringers found a good tea awaiting them, and thoroughly appreciated the strawberries and cream sent by the 'Fairy Godmother' of the Southern District, who wished to remain anonymous.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mrs. Bruce), the chair at the business meeting, which was held in S. Nicolas' commodious ringing room, was taken by Mrs. Hazelden.

The officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce: hon. secretary, Miss H. Mills; committee, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Fisher; Central Committee, Mrs. Bruce and Miss Mills.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient district meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, owing to the difficulty of getting a Saturday that did not clash with the Aldershot Tattoo.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Thompson, to the organist, to Mrs. Hazelden, and all who had helped with arrangements.

Ringing continued until eight o'clock. The bells have a tenor of 21 cwt., and were rung in rounds by ten ladies. In the touches they had the assistance of members of the other sex.

TILEHURST RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the St. Michael's, Tilehurst, ringers held their annual outing, when a party of 25 ringers and friends, accompanied by the Rev. H. Fletcher, proceeded by motor coach to Fairford, Glos. The drive over the Berkshire Downs and Vale of the White Horse was much enjoyed. They were met by Mr. J. Hope at Fairford, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, with rounds for the beginners. The next tower was Faringdon. Here again was an easy-going peal, and Grandsire Triples and rounds were rung, but Stedman was unsuccessful.

Tea was partaken of at Ardington, kindly provided by the Rev. F. R. Standfast and Mrs. Standfast, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The party then attended a short evensong, after which Doubles were rung on the light peal of six, while the remainder of the party enjoyed looking round the beautiful Vicarage garden.

East Hagbourne was the last stop on the way home. Several touches were rung here, and with the help of some of the local band a well-struck touch of Stedman. Tilehurst was reached at 10 p.m. after a most successful time, and, for a change, the weather was fine. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells and steeplekeepers for meeting them and having all in readiness.

A WEEK-END IN NORTHANTS.

LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY FIND 'HEAVY METAL.'

St. John Baptist Society, Leytonstone, always turn their annual outing into a 'week-end,' and this year they made Sulgrave, Northants, their headquarters, at the invitation of Mr. J. Mardell (a former member of the company). They reached this destination on Friday evening, and on Saturday, at 8.15 a.m., set out for Wicken, where 720 Beverley Surprise Minor was booked, but on arriving in the belfry eight ropes were found attached to a nice peal, recently rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co. The method was soon changed, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Going on to Helmdon, the visitors rang 720 Southwell Surprise and a touch of Cambridge to give all the company a pull. Next, at Lois Weedon, 720 York Surprise was rung before returning to Sulgrave for lunch. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Cold Higham, where a light musical ring of six was soon going to Norwich Surprise, a good 720 being the result. At Kingsthorpe, they found a heavy ring of six, on which 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung.

The next move was to St. Peter's, Northampton, where, on the fine ring of eight, more Stedman and Grandsire were brought round and a well-struck course of London Major. After tea a long drive brought them to Braunston, where, on a heavy peal of six, 720 London Surprise was rung non-conducted. The last place for the day was Badby, where 720 York failed, but touches, in which some of the local ringers took part, were brought round.

SULGRAVE CHURCH.

On Sunday the ringers were early astir, and at 7 a.m. the light ring of six at Sulgrave were going, and a good 720 in six Surprise methods was well rung, followed by 720 Cambridge for eight o'clock service. After breakfast, a visit was paid to Wardington. Here is another heavy musical peal of six, and 720 each of Wells and York Surprise were rung on them. After lunch some ambitious ones rang another 720 Cambridge at Sulgrave before going to Middleton Cheneys. Here at the grand old Parish Church hangs a peal of six, all cast round about 1640, with tenor about 26 cwt., and upon which, the local men said, a 720 had never been rung. Nothing daunted, the visitors decided to try 720 Ipswich Surprise, and were successful, a good 720 being rung. It was a good performance, considering the long draught of rope and weight of metal. Ringing is done on the ground floor with about 60ft. of rope and no guides. Banbury Parish Church was the last place of call. A look round the beautiful interior, which was well worth while, preceded a visit to the belfry,

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'THE WORST RING OF BELLS IN ENGLAND.'

GUILDFORD GUILD RINGERS IN RURAL SURREY.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting on Saturday and embraced two towers in their proceedings. In the afternoon they met at Dunsfold, where the church nestles on the side of the hills nearly a mile from the village, but is well worth a visit. It is late fourteenth century, and one of the finest specimens of its architectural type in the county. It consists of nave, chancel and transepts, but its bells are in a loft over the west end of the church. They are a light peal of six, with a tenor of about ten cwt. and a long draft of rope, which proves disconcerting to those not used to this kind of thing. Among the features which make the building interesting are the 'squint hole,' through which, in days gone by, lepers were able to get a view of the altar, and three dram holes, each with its wooden plug, which were used when it was the practice to swill down the church floor.

The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) welcomed the ringers, and pointed out with pride the features of his beautiful church. He conducted the Guild's service and, in an unconventional address, talked in homely fashion to the congregation. He pointed out an unusual item of interest in the adornments of the church. On an oak panel on the west wall, behind where the ringers stand, is a small cross. It was cast from the metal of the old bells of Dunsfold, and until recently was in possession of the lady who had the restoration carried out. On her death it was presented to the church.

Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, under the supervision of Mrs. Hollins. There was no business to transact, and the district secretary confessed he had left his minute book at home, but a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Hollins by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

Afterwards there was some further ringing at Dunsfold, and the ringers went on to Hascombe, another little backwater among the Surrey hills. Here in a modern church, standing on the site of a much older building, is a ring of five bells (with tenor about 4 cwt.) mounted, like those at Dunsfold, in a loft over the west end, but rung from a little 'rabbit hutch,' reached by a rather fearsome staircase, down which a local ringer once fell to his death. The bells sound like a bad ring of six with the second left out, and were described by one of the visitors as about the worst peal of bells in England, with which statement the landlord of the solitary village inn appeared to agree—not that he had had much experience, perhaps. One bell rope falls in each corner of the little ringing box—it cannot be called a room—and the treble rope comes down in the middle, the bell itself being hung in the peak of the turret above the rest. A few six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with some Bob Singles, were rung, but the visitors were quickly satisfied. They are still wondering how any self-respecting body of churchpeople can be content with such a ring of bells.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evensong, and for the birthday of H.M. King George V., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Crowder 1, J. J. Lamb 2, P.C. C. Elliott 3, A. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, A. F. Bennington 6, P.C. C. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Fosdike 8.

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which contains a handy ring of ten. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and three courses of Treble Ten were rung, but the striking was anything but good.

Sulgrave is the ancient home of the Washington family, of which the first American President was a scion, and is the Mecca of many American visitors to this country. The tomb of Laurence Washington, who died in 1585, his wife Amee, who died in 1564, and their eldest son Robert, is among the objects of great interest in the church.

In 1928 an old ring of five was recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the cost of the restoration of the tower and bells being largely contributed by Americans. In 1932 Messrs. Taylor and Co. added a new treble, the gift of Mr. C. E. Walton, in memory of his wife, who was organist at the church for a number of years.

The Leytonstone company were all very much impressed by the welcome received from the local ringers and the clergy who met them, especially the Rev. —. Briscoe, of Wardington. To all they express their thanks, and especially to Mr. Mardell for the successful arrangements made.

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AMONG WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS.

CHESHIRE RINGERS' PLEASANT WEEK-END.

Despite the fact that it was Friday, nine members of the Chester Diocesan Guild recently set out for a short tour in the Worcester district. The party, which consisted of Messrs. J. Morgan, R. Sperring, W. Thomas, J. Swindley, W. Bibby, G. Jones, A. E. Richards, P. Swindley and J. W. Clarke, arrived at Worcester in the early evening, and the programme was opened with a visit to Claines, two miles away. It was a point of interest that these bells were at the foundry when some members of the party visited Loughborough in 1927. At this date three trebles were added to the old ring of five and the present fourth (Huntbach, 1686) recast. The back three were cast by Oldfield in 1623, and the fifth was added by Warner in 1886. Two of the local ringers, Messrs. E. Wilson and G. E. Large, were in waiting, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and Little Albion were much enjoyed. Claines recently achieved popularity from a newspaper account headed 'An Inn in a Churchyard,' a statement which needed verification before beginning the return journey to headquarters in Worcester.

On Saturday the visitors were joined by Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, in whose hands the arrangements for the day rested. An early start was made, and a leisurely run through blossomed lanes brought the party to the old-world town of Evesham, famous for its bell tower. This detached campanile, which was originally built for Evesham Abbey by its last abbot, Clement of Lichfield, is a magnificent specimen of late Perpendicular architecture. It is beautifully decorated, and serves somewhat in the nature of a memorial to the glories of the great abbey church so ruthlessly destroyed at the Reformation. No other part of the abbey remains. Mr. J. Hemming met the visitors, and the fine ring of ten (tenor 31¾ cwt. in C sharp) were soon going to Kent Royal, and a course of Cambridge on the back eight followed before lowering the bells in peal. The bells were originally eight by Rudhall, cast in 1741, but the tenor was cracked in 1800, according to tradition, by a blacksmith living near, whose sleep was disturbed by the striking of the hours. He rose from his bed, hurriedly grabbed the largest sledge hammer from his smithy, and ascended the tower with grim determination! The unlucky tenor was recast in 1801 by Mears, and in 1910 the whole ring was rehung and two trebles added by Barwell.

After a stroll round the picturesque old town, and an internal contemplation of at least one of its beautiful half-timbered buildings, the journey was continued to Hampton. The Parish Church of St. Andrew, which was endowed earlier than 1282, is a fine example of ancient craftsmanship. Its central tower formerly contained a ring of four by Bagley, cast in 1702. A restoration scheme was carried out in 1902 by Carr, of Smethwick, when the old four were recast into six (tenor 9 cwt.). Ringing here included London, Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob, and Mr. Hemming was left behind while the visitors proceeded to Pershore for lunch.

Although the tower of Pershore Abbey was originally included, it was found later that ringing was not possible, but nevertheless a visit to the coolness of the lofty pile was well repaid by its display of architectural beauty. The tower contains a ring of eight by Rudhall in 1729 (tenor 26 cwt.), and both Mears and Barwell have done some recasting and rehanging at various times. The ringing chamber is of peculiar interest. It is a cage-like structure held under the floor of the bell chamber, and access to it is provided by a small iron staircase of spidery appearance, which springs out from the triforium and bridges the space to the platform. Rumour has it that on more than one occasion visiting ringers have failed to sum up enough courage to climb that staircase!

Upton-on-Severn was reached in the early afternoon, and Mr. C. Camm and Mr. S. Holt received the visitors. The church is a modern structure replacing the old building, the ruins of which can be seen near by. The bells, moved from the old church to the new, were originally five by Rudhall, cast in 1705. Mears added a treble in 1837, and these six are contained in the present eight (tenor 17½), hung by Bond in 1902. A pleasant-toned and easy-running ring, they were soon set going to Stedman, followed by Little Bob Major, and an interesting half-hour was thus spent before moving on.

The tower of the Priory at Malvern was included before tea, and a short touch of Grandsire and 504 Stedman were brought round before lowering the bells in time for a special festival service at 5.30. Historically these bells are of some interest, as the fourth of the old ring of six is dated 1350, and, although not included in the present ring, is properly hung in the frame. The 6th and 7th are by Henshaw, 1611; the 3rd 1706, and the 2nd and 4th 1707 by Rudhall; the treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor in 1887, in which year the restoration scheme was carried out. Conditions in the ringing chamber are not exactly ideal, the floor having three or four levels and forming something in the nature of a 'man trap' for the unwary! The view from the summit of the tower, however, is worthy of comment, giving, as it does, a panorama of the English countryside at its best.

During the evening the bells of Malvern Link—a comparatively new eight from the Loughborough Foundry—were available, and Bristol, London, Superlative, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung in turn, bringing a pleasant day's ringing programme to an end.

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER.

MR. SAM GREENHALGH, OF PENDLETON.

His many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh, which occurred at his home, 16, Egmont Street, Pendleton, Manchester, on Friday, June 22nd, after a rather long and trying illness.

Mr. Greenhalgh had been a ringer at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, for upwards of 45 years, and rang most regularly up to the commencement of his illness nine months ago.

Always of a cheerful disposition and ever willing to lend a hand in peal or practice, he set an example in service and a standard in striking which many might follow with beneficial results to the Exercise.

He started his ringing career at St. Thomas', and a little later joined the Lancashire Association in 1892. He rang his first peal there on February 3rd, 1893, after which he became one of the noted Pendleton band of 30-40 years ago.

Amongst his collection of over 100 peals can be mentioned the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major rung for the Lancashire Association.

At the annual meeting of the association on September 26th, 1903, Mr. Greenhalgh and the late James Barratt, Eccles, were elected auditors of the association, and this office Mr. Greenhalgh retained until the day of his death.

Many are the tales he could relate of peals and attempts, meetings and ringers' outings, for few knew better than Sam the ways to and from the towers of Lancashire.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, June 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. E. Fletcher, B.A., officiating, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the association.

The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege approached and entered the church, and also later in the afternoon. The interment was at St. John's, Pendlebury, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. H. Jones, H. Hollingworth, A. Barnes and C. Ollier. Others present at the funeral included Messrs. W. H. Shuker (general secretary of the Lancashire Association), S. Holt, Wm. Clark, W. J. Howard and G. Norrey.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Pendleton bells by Messrs. H. Jones, A. Frost, Thomas Jones, Wm. Clark, S. Holt, R. Davies, D. Brown and W. H. Shuker. Later, a second quarter was attempted by the local band.

Between the quarter-peals and afterwards, rounds and short touches were rung to enable all present to pay their last tribute to one who was well known and much respected, and who will be long remembered by all who knew him.

Thus the Exercise loses a member who, in his activities as a ringer, placed service ringing first, and good striking above all.

'UNPUBLISHED WARWICKSHIRE HISTORY.'

ANOTHER STORY.

Apropos of 'Some hitherto unpublished Warwickshire history,' writes a correspondent, members of one group of visitors will not soon forget their experience.

Preliminary.—A local House quoted them inclusive terms.

Finally.—Rendered 'bills' for 2s. 6d. per day extra, which some refused to pay, others paid, growled and grumbled, and determined to seek a rectification, which up to this moment has not been answered.

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Sunday morning—Mr. J. Swindley's birthday, as well as that of His Majesty the King!—an early start was made for the Cathedral, and it was with no little pleasure that the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to join in a touch of Grandsire Cinques on this magnificent modern ring of twelve. In addition to the twelve with a tenor of 49½ cwt. in B, the tower contains three half-tone bells and a 90 cwt. hour bell. Made at Loughborough in 1928, they are a worthy example of the modern bell founder's art.

Some of the party were also able to visit All Saints' Church after leaving the Cathedral, and enjoyed a nice touch of 507 Stedman Caters on the old Rudhall ring there.

Leaving Worcester immediately after lunch, a halt was made at Hallow, where a musical eight (Taylor, 1900) were soon striking out Kent Major, followed by Oxford Treble Bob and a course of Cambridge. Arriving at Shrewsbury at 5.30, it was possible to join in the service ringing at the Parish Church, a Georgian structure whose tower holds a fine ring of twelve. Grandsire Cinques and Caters were rung before the remaining part of the journey was begun.

Chester was reached about 9 p.m., and so a pleasant ringing week-end came to a close. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the various churches, who were good enough to allow the use of the bells, and to the many ringers who helped to make the venture the success it was—especially to Mr. R. J. Knowles, who spared no effort in making arrangements and personally conducting the visitors to the delightful churches and bells in that equally delightful county of Worcestershire.

J. W. C.

HERTFORDSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Apsley and Hemel Hempstead ringers, with friends from Rickmansworth, Berkhampstead, Northchurch and Leverstock Green, Herts, visited Loughborough for their annual outing. A 6 a.m. start, and a very enjoyable run via Dunstable, Weedon, Rugby wireless station, and Leicester, brought them to the Bell Foundry by 9.45, where Mr. C. Harrison gave the party a cordial welcome, and proved a splendid guide and mentor.

After a fascinating and educational tour of the Foundry, the campanile was visited, and rounds on the ten, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Cambridge, were attempted. ('What a test for a ringer!')

Lunch was then taken at the King's Head Hotel, the company next being granted permission to ring on the grand 10 at the Parish Church, where the difference in weight upset things for a bit.

After a stroll round the park and viewing the carillon tower, tea was taken at the Empire Cafe.

Homeward bound again, but with a call at Monks Kirby (found after some searching), with its magnificent church and fine peal of eight, where the visitors were met by Mr. Harrison (secretary of the Parochial Church Council), Mr. J. H. White (Coventry) and other members of the local company. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Major and Cambridge Minor, were managed here, until the company adjourned for refreshments.

The journey was resumed at 9.45, and Apsley safely reached soon after midnight. Thanks are especially due to the two Mr. Harrisons for their kindness, Mr. White for meeting the company, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., for granting facilities for the visit, and the Rectors of the two churches for permission to ring. Everyone voted this a very successful outing.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. J. Green (aged 13) (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, T. Roberts 2, R. Foddy 3, J. A. Green (conductor) 4, H. O. Read 5, G. Whitehead 6, A. J. Green 7, F. Case 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for 5th ringer away from tenor.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM, IRELAND.—On Sunday evening, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *L. Weir 1, Capt. J. Roper 2, H. Clark 3, H. B. McAteer 4, W. Pratt 5, J. Palmer 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, *J. Milliken 8. * First quarter-peal. Kindly arranged for the conductor from London, on holiday in Northern Ireland.

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Repeat four times. Where there are two bobs middle or wrong in a course, ring a lead of Bristol. Same applies to 2 or 3 bobs home.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting was held at Elveden on Saturday, June 16th, when about 20 ringers attended and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Bowers, the local captain, had obtained permission for the visitors to look round the beautiful gardens and grounds of the Hall, which was very much enjoyed. The members were very pleased to welcome Messrs. G. Lucas, A. Pye, E. Pye, J. Davis and Easton from London, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of Central Council, who looked in in the evening and had a pull. Ringers also attended from Swaston, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Eye and Garboldisham, and there was a good muster of the local band. The methods rung included Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a touch of Minor. Tea was served in the Village Hall and was much enjoyed. One new member was elected, and the next meeting was fixed for July 28th, at Brandon, or, failing that, at Mildenhall.

THE PRINCE'S BIRTHDAY.

At St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, on June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. V. Selby 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, H. G. Miles 4, P. L. Miles 5, M. N. Haines 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt 8, C. H. Dobbie 9, C. Warner 10. Rung to celebrate the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. E. Sone, an extremely active member of the Kent County Association, recently met with a serious motor accident, in which his wife and son were also involved. We are glad to say that Mr. Sone has sufficiently recovered to ring again, and was welcomed back to the belfry with a peal at Marden last week. His wife and son are also making satisfactory progress.

Another victim of a motor accident, Mr. Frank Bates, the veteran steeplekeeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, is also on the road to recovery. He has left hospital and is at home at 62, Lozells Street, Aston.

Mr. W. J. Nudds who, until a few years ago did a great deal of ringing with the Middlesex Association, and was one of the band who rang the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, has recently undergone a serious operation. He had been in indifferent health for some time.

Ten years ago yesterday the first peal on the twelve bells at Exeter Cathedral was rung. It was a peal of Stedman Cinques by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

Exactly two hundred years ago on Sunday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Laurence's, Reading—the tower where Mr. Tom Hibbert would have you believe he now rules with a rod of iron but where he is actually a soft-hearted 'father' to all the 'children.'

We understand there is no truth in the rumour that a muffled peal —with one bell of the eight omitted—is to be rung by the 'surviving' seven bachelors who celebrated their 'freedom' at St. Giles-in-the-Field on February 29th, 1932.

The eighth member of that band is about to enter, or may by this time actually have entered—there has been much secrecy about the date—the bonds of matrimony. While the other bachelors may lament his 'lapse,' they wish their 'erring' brother every joy.

We referred last week to one of the youngest peal conductors in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. A. Hill, who has recently called a peal at the age of 19. Mr. C. E. Bassett, of Petersfield, called a peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Guild at the age of 18, and Mr. R. O. Street, in the days of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Christchurch Priory at the age of 18.

A peal was rung at Wissett, Suffolk, on Saturday, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp. Mr. Kemp has been a ringer at Wissett for over 50 years and parish clerk and towerkeeper for 34 years.

ADDITIONS TO CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

The hon. librarian of the Central Council acknowledges the gift of 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire' and 'The Church Bells of Suffolk' from Mrs. Jenkyn. These books were the property of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. 'The Church Bells of Essex' has been acquired for the library by purchase. Will those who promised other books please forward?

CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. G. Wilfred Slack in your issue of June 22nd seems to require a reply. Just as I should not dream of publishing a composition without satisfying myself as to its truth, so I trust that I should not be tempted to make a statement depending upon mathematical laws before testing its accuracy. The complex calculations to which he refers were made twenty years ago, and were applied to individual data. I have checked them again and give the following example:—

Take a bell of 1,378 pounds with a clapper of 35 pounds and other fittings of 239 pounds, hung so that the centre of gravity of bell and fittings without the clapper is 15⅞ inches from the axis of revolution.

First suppose the clapper to be of normal shape with its centre of gravity 19 9-16 inches from the centre of the clapper pin and a 'throw' of 4 13-16 inches. If the bell starts from equilibrium the clapper will leave the bell when they have travelled through 98 degrees 6 minutes 21 seconds. At this point the kinetic energy of the clapper will be 75.32 foot pounds, of which gravity accounts for 39.12 foot pounds, and the balance of 36.20 foot pounds is the amount of energy given to it by the bell.

Now suppose that 3¼ pounds weight be transferred from the ball to the flight six inches further away from the clapper pin, the result is that the clapper will leave the bell when they have travelled through 102 degrees 30 minutes 47 seconds from the position of equilibrium. At this point the kinetic energy of the clapper will be 85.39 foot pounds, of which gravity accounts for 45.08 foot pounds, the balance of 40.31 foot pounds having been given to the clapper by the bell. These calculations were made without allowance for friction, air resistance or any pull on the rope, which do not appreciably affect the comparative results.

I do not quite understand the reference to possible errors of 400 per cent. in the last paragraph of Mr. Slack's letter, although I admit that nothing very definite is known about friction on shafts which revolve with varying velocity. As I hope some day to make some practical investigations into this point I will defer my reply to this part of the letter until then.

E. H. LEWIS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the place for the next meeting of the Council and recommended Shrewsbury. The cycle on which they had gone in the past, apart from the London meetings, was north and south, Midlands, east and west. They were, therefore, due to go to another place in the Midlands, if they kept to the routine. They might think that Shropshire had not taken much notice of the Council this year, as no one was present to represent the association, and that they did not therefore deserve to have them; on the other hand they might go there and tell them what they thought about it (laughter). Shrewsbury was a very delightful place, and there were plenty of bells there.

The proposal was agreed to.

CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Mr. F. E. Dawe, with the consent of the Council, introduced the following motion: 'That in view of the meagre response made in answer to the resolution passed at Plymouth two years ago, a small committee of the Council be appointed to collaborate with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with a view to increasing the circulation of this paper among members of the Exercise.' Mr. Dawe said the increased circulation since two years ago was not only meagre, it was totally inadequate. There were many towers where there were a dozen or so ringers who took only three or four copies of the paper between them, and there were a great many cases where only one copy went into a tower. He suggested that a small committee be appointed, presumably to meet in London, to discuss the matter with the Editor and see what could be done. He had taken in all the ringing papers for the last 56 years. One after the other they had fallen by the way, simply because they had not been properly supported by the majority of the ringers. Ringers generally were nice fellows, but there were three things they were singularly gifted in: apathy, procrastination and indifference (laughter). They could never be got to do things. Fifty years ago he was one of the best ambassadors of the old 'Bell News,' and pushed the paper all he could. But he found time after time that one copy was taken for a tower and was passed around. The same thing applied in these days to 'The Ringing World.' He had wondered whether they might not raise a fund to pay for a supply of copies of the paper to be sent weekly to different secretaries of associations for distribution among towers where the paper was not already circulating, so as to induce the ringers eventually to support the paper. He would be prepared to contribute £5 a year for a year or two to such a fund, and he thought there were others in the Exercise who would also be prepared to contribute towards such an object. If there was anything they could do to stir up enthusiasm they ought to do it, and he proposed the appointment of this small committee to go into the subject.

Mr. Cave seconded.

Mr. Hunt said it was a difficult job to get ringers to take the paper, but something could be done by personal effort. There were 15 ringers in the band he belonged to, but there was not one of them who took the paper until he got them to do so; but even now two-thirds of the band did not look at the paper; they had not got time.

Mr. G. Pullinger said there was one plan that was quite easy, and that was for every member to take two copies. He had taken two for several years, and his spare copy he gave to someone whom he thought might become interested. He let them have it for two or three weeks, and in many cases it 'came off' and the individual became a new subscriber to the paper. If 500 people took two copies for a year and utilised the spare one in that way it would doubtless make a difference.

The President: That is a detail which could come before the committee if it is appointed.

The motion was put and carried, and the officers of the Council and Mr. Dawe were appointed as the committee.

GREETINGS TO AUSTRALIA.

The President said there was a scheme afoot for a band of ringers to go to Australia. It was not quite certain yet whether they would be able to go, but whether they could or not there were to be centenary celebrations in Melbourne in the autumn, and ringing would be going on there. It would be very nice, therefore, if the Council sent their greetings to the ringers of Australia, and if a band went out from England they could personally take the message from the Council (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said that recently he had received a letter from the secretary of the Holy Trinity Society, Hobart, Tasmania, who had said that the society would be very pleased to receive photographs of English church towers to add to their collection, if anyone would like to send them. It had occurred to him, therefore, that it would be very appropriate and a very nice gesture if, in connection with this proposed visit, a gift of a collection of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches containing rings of bells could be taken out, not only to Hobart but also to the society at the Cathedral at Melbourne, which was to be the central point of the tour. He suggested that all the associations in the country should provide pictures of the most important towers in their area, and that they should be mounted in presentation albums. He had ascertained that many such pictures could be obtained from one source, and that the cost of each, including the album and mounting, would be about 2s. per copy. Each picture would have to be provided in duplicate. He was prepared to organise these albums, but to give the gifts a national character he asked the Council to support the scheme.

On being put to the meeting this was at once agreed to, and the resolution of greeting carried.

MEMORIALS.

The President said the question of contributions to memorials had been before the Standing Committee. The Oxford Diocesan Guild had a scheme in hand for a memorial to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was the hon. librarian of the Council. It was to consist of a tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, and any further money was to be given to the trustees of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, where Mr. Jenkyn was chaplain, for an extension of the chapel, which was to be enlarged as a memorial to Mr. Jenkyn. The Standing Committee recommended the Council to subscribe a sum of ten guineas to that memorial. They had also had an appeal with regard to the memorial to the late Canon Baker. When the proposal first came before them the Council were not in favour of it because they did not approve the form of the memorial, but that had been changed, and it was now one of which they could approve. The Standing Committee therefore recommended that three guineas should be given to the fund.

These proposals were agreed to.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The President offered the congratulations of the Council to Archdeacon Parry, one of the representatives of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who, he said, was the first member of the Council to be elevated to the rank of Archdeacon (applause).

IRREGULAR METHODS.

Mr. A. D. Barker said in the past the Council had ruled out certain Minor methods which, they said, ought not to be rung in peals, because of the irregular lead-ends in the plain course. One of these methods was Woodbine. It had been rung in peals this year, and he had no doubt it was rung in peals last year. What was to be the attitude of the Council to these irregular methods?

The President said it was up to the associations to deal with it. They agreed to abide by the rules of the Council. If a peal was published it was taken out by the Analysis Committee and included in the peals accepted by that Council.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said as far as he knew the Council had never condemned any method at all. There was a standard of what a method should be, but the Council had never taken the attitude that nobody should ring a method that did not come up to that standard. If some people like to ring a method which did not come up to that standard that was their own responsibility; it was no business of the Council.

GREAT PAUL.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said at that time the B.B.C. were broadcasting the chimes of St. Paul's Cathedral clock instead of Westminster. In the same tower with the clock at St. Paul's was the biggest bell in England. That bell was rung up every week-day at one o'clock by four men, and he thought the B.B.C. were missing a great opportunity by not broadcasting that bell to the world. It would be heard over the wireless with far finer effect than it was ever heard in St. Paul's Churchyard. He thought every member of the Council as a member of the public should write a brief note to the B.B.C. asking them to broadcast the great bell as well as the clock of St. Paul's.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Warwick for the use of the Court House, which had been a very nice place to meet in. He also thanked Alderman Dr. Malins, Deputy Mayor, who received them, and the Bishop of Coventry for his presence and welcome. They also had to thank the incumbents of the various churches for placing their bells at the disposal of the members of the Council, the Warwickshire Guild for their kind invitation to tea. They also had to thank very heartily indeed Mr. F. W. Perrens for making such excellent arrangements. The President also thanked Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, for his assistance, and all tower and steeplekeepers who had had the bells ready for them.

The motion having been carried, Mr. Perrens briefly replied, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said they could not be too grateful to Mr. Lewis for the admirable way in which he had conducted the business that day. They highly appreciated his services, not only in the chair, but throughout the year, for the great deal of work he did unseen for the good of the Council (applause).

GUESTS OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Members of the Council and their friends were entertained to high tea at the headquarters, the Woolpack Hotel. The chair was taken by the president of the Warwickshire Guild, who heartily welcomed the Council into the territory of the Guild. It was, he said, a matter of very real satisfaction to those who had made the arrangements to see such a representative gathering from all parts of the country. The clergy appreciated tremendously the work done by the whole of the ringers. They did a great service to the Church, and the clergy were grateful for it. The presence of the Council at Warwick was a cause for real satisfaction to the Warwickshire Guild, and he thanked all those who had worked so hard to make preparations for the gathering (applause).

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BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Baker is quite safe in saying that 'at that time I did not realise that a method when extended to the higher numbers does not necessarily have the same lead head.' Neither do I realise it now.

What I do realise is that the method rung at Beddington is not Bristol.

I challenged it in 1922, and, at Mr. Baker's pressing invitation, I journeyed to Brighton on purpose to talk the matter over with him.

Mr. Baker produced his books, and for more than an hour he laid his views before me. Then, thinking it time I said something, I tried to take my turn, but was unable to do so, as Mr. Baker always broke in with something quite irrelevant to what I was trying to say before I got more than half a dozen words out of my mouth. So, as I quite saw that he did not want to talk the the matter over, but only to talk me over, I said 'Good-bye,' and left.

Mr. George Williams was sitting with us during the whole of the interview.

But, as other people might care to hear my views (as the author of Bristol) on the subject, may I trespass on your space to say a few words?

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in his work on the Surprise methods, points out that the half-lead can be divided into four symmetrical sections by drawing a vertical and a horizontal line as in example 1. Now, if we examine this example we find that when the treble passes the middle position the 5th bell makes 5th's and 4th's the wrong way round in passing her. Now these places only occur when the treble passes from the first quarter into the second quarter of the lead. Mr. Craven introduced the same work in his method as the treble went through 4-5 and 6-7, and in the Maximus 8-9 also.

Now Bristol work is four-bell work, as in example 2. Mr. Craven has extended this to six bells in his Royal method.

In example 3 I give a lead of Bristol Surprise Maximus. Examining the method we see that the four-bell work commences in 5-6-7-8, while 9-10-11-12 do a double dodge. Then they begin Bristol four-bell work, and when that is finished the seventh makes 7th's and 6th's as the treble passes the middle places, as the 5th did in Major.

Such is Bristol Surprise Maximus. Now if Mr. Craven's Royal is Bristol, his Maximus is Bristol also. But we cannot have two methods on twelve bells each called by the same name; and I confidently leave it to the Exercise to judge which of these twain is more worthy of the title.

While congratulating the Beddington men on ringing a peal of the beautiful method that they have rung, I would humbly suggest that they choose for it some other name to which it may have a legal title.

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There is not any ten-bell method that may lay claim to the name of 'Bristol.'

Double Norwich is another example of a method that goes equally well on eight or 12 by making the places in 5-6-7-8 on twelve bells. But on ten bells, as a double method it is impossible to reproduce the beautiful double dodging.

E. BANKES JAMES.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

Example 1.

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Example 2.

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Example 3.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, 22 members being present from Billingshurst, Heene, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Rudgwick, Turner's Hill, Washington, Warnham and West Grinstead.

The bells were kept going in the standard methods during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Guest House, where the Rev. J. E. Gardiner, Vicar of Billingshurst, met and welcomed the company, but owing to an engagement was only able to stay to have tea with them.

Mr. Walter Charman kindly presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Allen, J. Lee, R. Anker, E. Laurence, B. Baker, W. Terry, R. Buckman, J. Spring, A. Flux and A. Wornham, of Midhurst.

After votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, the company again paid another visit to the belfry for further ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Continued from previous page.

The Mayor of Warwick apologised for not having been present to welcome the Council in the morning, but he took that opportunity of welcoming them to the historic town. He thought that was the first visit the Council had paid to Warwick, and he hoped, now that their business was concluded, they would make themselves acquainted with the many places of beauty and interest in the town and neighbourhood. He hoped they would make up their minds to come again, and asked them not to think, because it was quiet, that there was nothing they could do. Warwick had the best in England to offer them (applause).

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) thanked the Mayor for the welcome he had just given them, and through the president of the Warwickshire Guild he also thanked those who had made the arrangements for the Council's visit. Mr. Perrens had borne a good deal of the brunt of the work, and Mrs. Perrens and the Guild committee had done much to assist him. He offered their hearty thanks to all of them (applause). Many of the Council had had the opportunity of seeing some of the beautiful things in Warwick and the neighbourhood. 'Some members,' added Mr. Lewis in regard to a remark made by the Mayor anent the water supply of Warwick, 'may have tasted the water, but it is not the custom of ringers to drink very much water (laughter). I have not tasted the Warwick water yet' (laughter).

Mr. F. W. Perrens, replying to the appreciation expressed, said they of the Warwickshire Guild had been only too pleased to do what they had to make the visit successful, and he hoped they had to a certain extent succeeded. They were only a small Guild of a little over a hundred ringing members and not a very wealthy one, but what their hospitality lacked in substance they made up for in the spirit (applause). During the last few days he had been rather in the limelight, but he did not want them to think he had done all the work. Their hon. secretary (Mrs. Beamish), Mr. Adams, Mr. White, Mr. Burt and others had given every assistance, and had done a large amount of work. They hoped the members of the Council had enjoyed their visit; the committee had been very pleased to do what they could to help them (applause).

In the evening ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, and a social gathering followed at the Woolpack, in the course of which Mr. Rupert Richardson showed films of particular interest to ringers.

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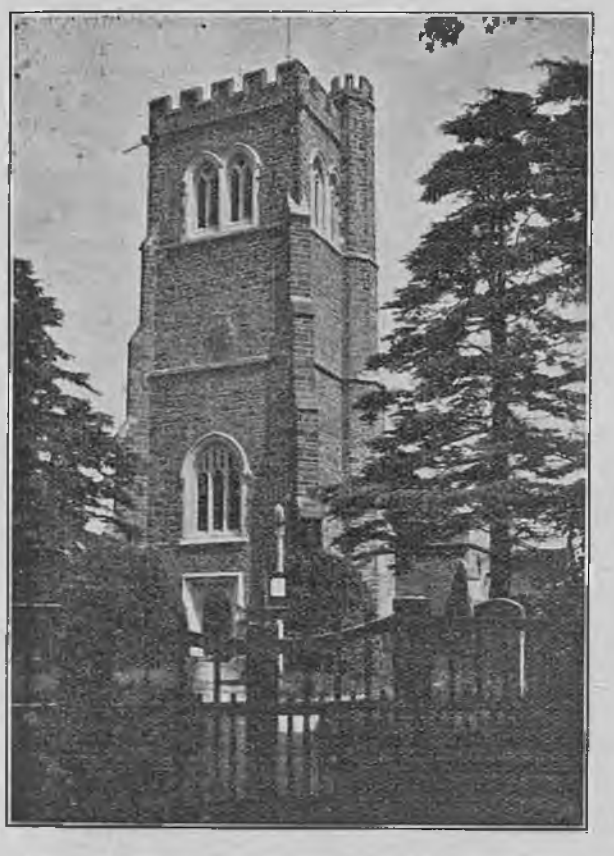
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

The annual summer festival was held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, and proved a great success. Members and friends numbering about 50 were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Dunstable, Luton, Linslade, Hitchin, Tring, Woburn, Wicken, Southill and Bletchley. The bells, a fine ring, set in delightful surroundings, were at the disposal of the members from an early hour, and most of the popular methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Owing to illness, Bishop Lander was unable to officiate at the service, and his place was taken by the Rev. S. E. Swann, Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. The short service and address were a model of what a ringers' service should be.



THE TOWER OF HUSBORNE CRAWLEY CHURCH.

Afterwards the ringers were the guests of the president (Rev. A. Rust) and Mrs. Rust. Tea was served on the lawn.

No business is done at this meeting, but the usual votes of thanks to the host and hostess, to the preacher, and to the ladies for their help at the tea tables were passed.

Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells and nearly Bob Royal, but the tower bells striking up in the middle of the latter it soon 'went west.'

In the evening quite a number of ringers went over to Aspley Guise to ring on the six bells there, one well-known Hertfordshire man to begin another century of towers. Altogether an ideal afternoon and evening was spent.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday, July 1st, after evensong, at Pinner, Middlesex, 630 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and esteem to the late Bishop Perrin, formerly Bishop of Willesden: F. Leek (longest touch) 1, J. E. Rootes 2, K. J. Guyler 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, E. P. Ashby 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

For morning service, at Llandaff Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled for the late Dean of Llandaq: E. Coles 1, T. F. Bailey 2, A. Rowley 3, L. Wright 4, T. Carter 5, H. Thomas 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8.

ORIGIN OF A KENTISH MEETING.

ASHFORD DISTRICT RINGERS CELEBRATE SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th, in ideal summer weather. About 40 members and their friends were present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Canterbury, Egerton, Hythe, Horsmonden, Kennington, Lyminge, Little Chart, Sturry, Tunstall, Willesborough and Wye. Ringing was carried on during the afternoon in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and rounds for the beginners.

The association service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. R. L. McDowall), and an interesting address was given by Rev. Coverdale, of Hastingleigh. After the service a splendid tea, kindly given by the Rector, was served on the Rectory lawn by ladies of the church. Mr. E. S. Ruck, on behalf of those present, thanked all who had helped to make such an enjoyable meeting. He also mentioned that the inauguration of that annual visit to Brabourne was probably unique. In June, 1919, as a number of ringers such as this were sitting at tea on the same lawn, the guns were heard which proclaimed the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The Rector at that time, the Rev. S. K. Lockyear, then invited the ringers to Brabourne annually on the Saturday nearest to that date, in order to celebrate the signing of that Treaty which meant peace.

The Rev. C. R. L. McDowall, in reply, renewed that invitation of 1919, and said he hoped the ringers would meet there annually for the same purpose for many years to come.

The bells were made good use of during the evening, and were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., thus ending a most enjoyable meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Burley (St. Matthias' Church) on Saturday, June 30th. The bells were rung up at three o'clock, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. The weather was almost too hot for travelling, and with a county cricket match in the next parish numbers were on the small side. The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michael's, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company. One new member was elected, Mr. W. Hick, of Tadcaster. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. E. Simpson. —Mr. Armitage replied for the local company.

The Secretary read the letter from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of 'The Ringing World,' in regard to supplying photographs from the society to form part of the albums to be presented to ringing brethren in Australia during the tour which is to take place later on this year. The secretary, in conjunction with the president, had already agreed that the Leeds Society should join in with this scheme, and now sanction of the members was sought.—Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. S. Barron seconded, that the action of the committee be supported and permission granted for the payment to be made from the society's funds.—The meeting then closed.

DEATH OF CROFT RINGER.

We regret to report the death of Mr. E. Matthew Watson, of Croft, Leicestershire, who passed away on June 16th, after a long and patient illness, at the early age of 25 years. The deceased was a very enthusiastic ringer, although he had not been able to take any part in ringing for the last year or so owing to his failing health.

Mr. Watson had been a member of the M.C.A. since 1928, and during that time had rung 12 peals. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and was sadly missed from the belfry when he had to give up.

Three of the local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, which took place at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Croft, on Wednesday, June 20th. The Rev. T. E. Blackmore, of Leicester, formerly Vicar of Croft, officiated. There were a few ringing friends present, but the day was rather inconvenient. Among those who attended were Mr. E. A. Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, who takes a very great interest in the work done by the Croft ringers. There were also many floral tributes sent, including one from deceased's fellow-ringers. In the evening, as a last tribute to one loved and admired by all, a peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled.

The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the mother of the deceased and other members of the family in their bereavement.

OLD GLOSSOP RINGER'S DEATH.

CONDUCTOR OF RECORD PEAL 50 YEARS AGO.

Mr. Samuel Knott, who conducted a peal of 10,000 odd of Kent Treble Bob Major at Old Glossop in 1885 (the longest peal rung in that district), died on June 18th, and at All Saints' Church, on June 27th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect: H. Cooper 1, E. Maikin 2, T. Jackson 3, E. Garside 4, F. Marsden 5, T. Potts 6, J. Bentley 7, H. Pemberton 8.

A DAY AMONG THE DALES.

ANNUAL OUTING OF ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND, RINGERS.

Patterdale, at the head of Lake Ullswater, was chosen for this year's outing of the ringers of St. Ignatius, and favoured with fine weather, it proved to be 'the best ever.' The party numbered 22, including six ladies, and the journey was made in a comfortable 'Northern' saloon bus, via Durham, Stanhope, Wearhead, Alston and Penrith, short stops being made at Stanhope and Alston. Rain had fallen in the early morning, and Weardale looked its very best, but the scenery around Ullswater surpassed anything that most of the party had ever seen.

After an excellent dinner at the Glenridding Hotel, Patterdale was visited. The Rector here, who was formerly Vicar of St. Ignatius, was away on holiday, unfortunately, but his son, Mr. Roger Baily, kindly showed the visitors round the church and Rectory, the latter being beautifully situated at the base of Place Fell, which is 2,154ft. above sea level.

Much as they felt inclined, the ringers were unable to linger here, or to visit Aira Force, but again skirting the lake, and with stops at Pooley Bridge and at Penrith, at five o'clock they arrived at the beautiful little market town of Appleby, where a hearty welcome and a bountiful tea was awaiting them at the Red House Hotel. The inner man completely satisfied, Mr. J. W. Parker thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence and their kind contribution towards the expenses, the Vicar in his reply causing great amusement with a production of the 'A stands for ——' type, pointing out the foibles of the various members of the party.

Mr. R. L. Patterson proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' the Rev. Canon Sykes (another former Vicar of St. Ignatius) and Mr. George Atley replying in humorous vein.

Arrangements had been made for a ring on the six bells of St. Lawrence's, but owing to lack of time it was decided to cut this out. On hearing that the townspeople had been looking forward to hearing the bells, however, a visit was paid to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor of the church, and a touch of Cambridge Minor was rung.

Leaving Appleby with great reluctance, the party had a glorious ride over the moors to Barnard Castle, where touches of Stedman were rung on the fine peal of eight at St. Mary's. The 'home course' was then entered, a stop being made at Raby Castle to allow Mr. Frank Ainsley to 'shoot,' not the deer, but the party, and Sunderland was reached shortly after 10.30 p.m.

ST. ALBANS RINGERS' WEEK-END.

The St. Albans Cathedral ringers had their outing during the week-end commencing June 22nd. On that day they were accompanied to Herne Bay by the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson). On the Saturday afternoon a trip was made by road to Chilham, near Canterbury. After being conducted round the grounds, etc., of Chilham Castle, and the old-world village, the bells of the Parish Church were rung to touches of Stedman Triples and a plain course of both Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The local ringers' secretary (Mrs. Hay) then entertained a large company to tea at her house, and the visitors expressed their thanks for a most enjoyable afternoon. On Sunday morning the St. Albans party (numbering 14) journeyed to Canterbury in time to ring at the Cathedral for morning service, when plain courses of Stedman Caters and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. Some of the party afterwards rang at St. Alphege, Canterbury, when Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles were accomplished. Returning again to Herne Bay, the attractions here occupied the party until Monday afternoon, when all returned home after a pleasant outing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, C. House 3, Miss G. Church 4, G. Thurgood 5, F. Perrin 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, A. House 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for service at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Bob Major: W. E. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Lee 3, E. E. Bish 4, H. Mance 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, J. W. Euston 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's): H. Whitehead 1, C. R. Millway 2, A. Waddington (Egerton) 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. T. Clark 5, M. Hibbert (Bushey, Herts) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Walker 8.

LATE NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at The Leigh on Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify Sec. by Wednesday.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 7th. Bells of St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available during the afternoon and evening. General meeting in the Parish Institute at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea in the Vicarage garden at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton to-morrow, Saturday, July 7th. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), St. James' (8), from 2.30 p.m.; Wilton (8) after business meeting. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Maynard's 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Ashby to-morrow (Saturday), July 7th. Arrangements as usual. Permission has again been obtained to view the grounds and gardens of the castle, and the wives and friends of the members will be heartily welcome on this occasion. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 3.30. Return fare 1s. 3d.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield (six bells) to-morrow, Saturday, July 7th. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. Special method, Double Norwich Major. Important business. Nominations and election of officers for branch.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John-the-Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Alburgh and Redenhall on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Creake on Saturday, July 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 till 8.30. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Unveiling of the peal board recording the peal in seven methods rung by the local band. Southport to Liverpool buses pass door of the church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilton (six bells) on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells also available at South Newton (six bells). All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Branch Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 4.45 p.m. Goring bells available after tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. to 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on July 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Andrew's on the 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries (6s. per band) and prize fund be sent by July 7th to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Lunch (12.30 p.m.) can be arranged, but all requiring lunch and tea must notify Mrs. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please let me know regarding tea by the 11th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by July 11th. Eling and Fawley bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is requested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 10th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. Those requiring tea must notify not later than Wednesday, July 11th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by July 11th. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (six bells) on Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, July 10th, if you require tea. This is important.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Room. Kindly let me know if you want tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in Steeles Cafe for those who drop postcard to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. All ringers welcome and a good muster is requested.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brecon, Saturday, July 14th. 12 noon to 2.45 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (eight bells). 3 p.m. service at Brecon Cathedral (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon). 4 p.m., tea at Tower Cottage. 4.30 p.m., business meeting. Please let the secretary know the number for tea by July 7th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6, recently rehung) from 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea by July 11th.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester and Bramley on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Silchester Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 10th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornby (five bells) on Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Orwell on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Barrington bells (6) may be rung in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Mortimer on July 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall, free to all members of the Guild. Please let me know by July 11th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) ready for 2.30 p.m. All are welcome. Notify the hon. secretary by July 12th if you require tea.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, July 14th, at 2.30. Tea can be had at cafe. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday next. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (recently augmented to a ring of ten) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those, and only to those, who notify me not later than Monday, July 16th. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tenterden, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meetings after. Half travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton (eight bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Practice at Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 10th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Secretary, 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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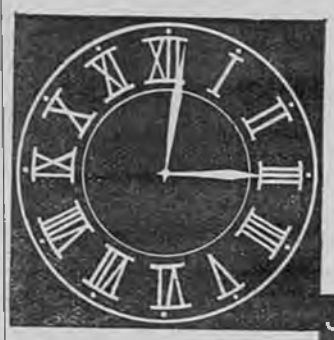

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