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The Oxford Diocesan Guild is one of those fortunate organisations in which time, a large membership and careful administration have enabled substantial financial reserves to be built up. The balances in the general guild funds amount to over £240. This is a very comfortable state of affairs and one upon which all those responsible are to be congratulated. The Guild and branch officers have been most successful in retaining the active interest of the members, and while the Secretary laments that the Guild does not grow to the full extent of the new members elected—and what ringing organisation does, even allowing for removals and deaths? — it certainly maintains a steady increase in numbers and there is ample evidence that its activities are well supported. The blow which fell upon the Guild last year by the sudden loss of its beloved Master, has proved a means of strengthening the determination to continue with renewed vigour the good work of which he was the inspiration, and the official reports presented to the annual meeting on Saturday emphasise this increased spirit of endeavour, so generally apparent throughout the Guild, and the intention to ' carry on ' as he would have wished.

This determination is the most practical demonstration of appreciation of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's labours that could be given by the members and the best memorial to him would be to maintain this spirit of high endeavour. The Guild, however, has provided a tangible memorial to the late Master in a tablet erected in what may be regarded as a ' ringers' corner ' in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. Jenkyn's services and the Guild's appreciation of them are recorded for all time upon a simple memorial stone, which for the future will keep company with similar memorials to the first Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and to the members who gave their lives for King and country in the Great War. And it is fitting that Mr. Jenkyn's memorial should stand in close propinquity to both of these, for in his office of Guild Master he succeeded the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and his death was the penalty he paid for his service with those other departed heroes who wore the King's uniform from 1914 to 1918. He did not fall on the battlefield, but his bravery there earned him the Military Cross, and his death was the direct outcome of being gassed in Flanders.

Cyril Jenkyn has gone, but the work he cherished and gave so much to forward goes on, and nothing, we imagine, would be more after his own heart, than the decision taken on Saturday to devote a considerable portion of the surplus funds of the Guild to the work of bell

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restoration in the diocese. This side of the Guild's activities, which have been increasing year by year, was one which had both his sympathy and encouragement. It not only demonstrates the Guild's eagerness to promote the improvement of bells in the diocese, but its readiness to come forward with practical aid for the purpose, and it shows that it is ready to give as well as to receive; to practise as well as preach.

TEN BELL PEAL.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
†JOHN E. HOBBS	2	WILLIAM DICKENSON	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ...	3	J. ALFRED BARRETT	8
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	4	COLIN RYDER	9
SAM PINDER	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dickenson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BLOWEN ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS WITTS	5
*PERCY PONTING	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
BASIL LATHAM	3	*WILLIAM DEAN	7
GEORGE ORCHARD	4	*CECIL CANHON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK DIGBY	5
JOHN P. PELLOE	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	*Treble*	D. C. WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	WILFRED ANDREWS	6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ...	3	GEORGE PRESTON	7
WALTER LINTER	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DEBEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
GEORGE WHITING	2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE G. BRETT...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A peal in this method (Lindoff's No. 19) is now rung for the first time. It was rung at the first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	*RONALD H. DOVE	5
*ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*ALFRED G. HILL	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ERNEST DODD	...*Treble*	†STEPHEN THOMPSON	5
†HERBERT P. CLIFF	2	†KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
†JOHN A. BROWN...	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	7
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ...	4	ADAM DEAS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH	...*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON... ...	5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ...	2	*ROBERT G. KING	6
FRANCIS GLEAVES	3	FREDERICK DENCH	7
*ROBERT HOWARD	4	JOHN W. WARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

* First peal of Superlative.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Treble*	H. ERNEST COX	5
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	ALFRED T. POULTON	7
W. GLYN SHAW	4	WILLIAM POSTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. N. CAWTHORNE	...*Treble*	*JOHN COAD	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	7
MISS DORICE TURNER... ...	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7
CHARLES N. LEMAN	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method, and was rung without previous practice. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Kirk.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GORDON A. BACON ...	...*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
ALFRED PYE...	4	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PERCY GREEN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
CHARLES W. BURTON... ...	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
REGINALD GRAINGER	3	ARTHUR HEAD	7
GEORGE GREEN	4	*FREDERICK FLUDDER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 changes of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*FRED RIX	...*Treble*	*JOHN H. PITCHER	4
CLAUD COUSINS	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
*EDWARD GREENACRE... ...	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First in six methods.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM MIDDLETON	...*Treble*	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ...	4
†LESLIE D. J. WHITEHEAD	2	GEORGE L. HALL...	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	*GEORGE DOBBS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First in five methods. † First peal.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*DONALD COCKINGS ...	...*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	2	HENRY W. GAYTON	4

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First attempt for a peal. Fiftieth peal by P. Amos; these peals have been rung in 46 towers in eight counties and for six associations.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

V. JAMES CARLESS ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	5
BERNARD H. DAVIES	2	*LESLIE G. PHILLIPS	6
DAVID H. BENNETT	3	THOMAS VAUGHAN	7
JAMES P. HYETT	4	*FREDERICK G. JONES...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy with Lord Hereford in the recent loss of his son and heir. Rung with 7.6.8. covering.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT FRODINGHAM, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	1-2	HERBERT LANGDON	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ...	7-3

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—George Wilmot Debenham.

MANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

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21435768
12347586
21437856
24138765
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32547618
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53214678
35126487
53216847
35128674
31526847
13256487
31524678
13254768

13527486

12357486 Bob

5,056 COMPOSED BY G. LINDOFF.

23456 W. B. M. H.

	W	B	M	H
42563	—	—	—	—
54263				—
32465			—	—
43265				—
52436	—		—	—
45236				—
24536				—
24365		—		—
53246	—		—	—
25346				—
32546				—

Repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Norbury (Hazelgrove) on June 7th, 1934, conducted by John Worth.

FIRST VISIT TO A TWELVE-BELL TOWER.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, July 17th, St Leonard's Guild, Stagsden, Beds, held an outing to Great Yarmouth. An early start was made, and the party, numbering 10, including the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S.) left Stagsden behind at 6 a.m. in two comfortable cars. Passing through Cambridge, Newmarket was reached, and the party were interested in budding winners being put through their paces. Between Newmarket and Thetford a short stop was made for a welcome cup of tea at a wayside cafe. Continuing the journey, Thetford and Norwich were passed through, and Acle, the first scheduled stop, was reached at 9.40. Here the party found the genial Rector (Rev. J. E. N. Williams) in the church. He gave the visitors a most cordial welcome, and explained the various architectural and historical features of his church, which proved most interesting and were greatly appreciated by the ringers. The musical ring of six bells were raised and some enjoyable touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor were well struck. The bells are hung in rather a unique way. Owing to the round tower not being of sufficient strength to carry a ringing peal, a steel structure was erected inside the tower, and this carries the bells in a two-tiered frame quite independently of the outside walls. The bells 'go' delightfully, having only been rehung last year by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who tuned the old peal of five and added a new treble, making a new musical ring. The only drawback is the noise in the ringing room, apparently caused by the steel structure acting as a kind of shute when the bells are ringing, and making the bells themselves rather difficult to hear.

After bidding farewell and thanking the Rev. Williams and his son, who also met the party, the Stagsden men were soon speeding on towards Yarmouth, which was reached just before 11 a.m. The various attractions of the seaside were all sampled during the day. At noon an excellent lunch was served at the Jetty Restaurant, and the Guild were guests of their Vicar. The party then broke up, some enjoying bathing, others took a trip to Gorleston on the steamer, and, of course, the Amusement Park came in for a full share of patronage. The ringers met again for tea at the Jetty Restaurant, and Yarmouth was left behind at 6.45, with Wroxham Parish Church as the next place of call. Here Mr. George Bailey and other members of the band were waiting and had the bells ready for them. Some well-struck touches of Plain Bob and a course of Oxford Treble Bob were rung. It was a great pleasure to ring on this excellent peal, the 'go' of which is all that could be desired. Mr. Bailey intimated to the party that the St. Peter Mancroft ringers had kindly postponed a peal attempt and were expecting the visitors to call there. Mr. Bailey and his fellow-ringers were therefore squeezed into the cars and piloted the party to St. Peter Mancroft, where the local ringers, including Mr. Nolan Golden, who had so very kindly helped with the ringing arrangements, were waiting. The twelve bells were already raised, and it was the first time that any of the ringers had ever entered a twelve-bell tower. However, thy were kindly given the opportunity to ring 'rounds,' and this was mofe or less successfully accomplished with the help of the Norwich ringers on the heavy end. After this a course of Bob Major was rung on the back eight, in which three of the visitors took part. After hurried farewells and thanks had been said, Norwich was left behind at 9.15, an uneventful journey home bringing the party to Stagsden at midnight after a glorious run, a delightfully sunny day and good ringing.

The best thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Nolan Golden for his great kindness in helping with the arrangements, the Rev. J. E. N. Williams, and the incumbent at Wroxham, together with Mr. George Bailey and his companion, all of whom were most kind and helpful, and, lastly, to the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, for his hospitality at lunch and tea.

BURNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the St. Mary's Guild, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, held their outing on Wednesday, July 18th, in splendid weather. Travelling by motor coach, the first stop was made at Danbury Church, where the ringers soon had the bells going. After looking round the building and admiring the beautiful carvings on the pews, the party proceeded to Shenfield Church with its peculiar tower but good-going bells. Another short but very pleasant run then brought them to South Weald, where touches were rung on the heavy and deep-toned peal of bells. After lunch the party proceeded to the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, where the bells were soon running to London Surprise. After a stay, which seemed all too short, the ringers made tracks for their last tower of the day, St. Mary's, Leyton, where they rang on the light peal of eight. They then went on to London for tea, and the evening was spent at the Palace Theatre. The party were met at all the churches by ringers or church officials, who took great pains to show them everything of interest. The ringers arrived home at 2.20 a.m., and all agreed that the outing had been a huge success. They would like, through the kindness of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their heartiest thanks to the incumbents of the churches for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and church officials who met them, and so contributed to the pleasures of the day.

OUR CHURCH BELLS AND THEIR HISTORIANS.

The Central Council, at their last meeting, decided to acquire for the library, by gift or otherwise, as and when opportunity occurs, copies of the various county bell histories. In the following article Mr. H. B. Walters, the well-known antiquarian, describes what has been done, up to the present, to compile details of the ancient bells to be found in the church towers of England.

Before the middle of the nineteenth century the antiquarian interest of our church bells and their founders was almost entirely ignored. The most that had been done was a praiseworthy attempt by some of the early county historians, such as Lipscombe of Bucks, Hutchins of Dorset, and Brydges of Northants, to record the inscriptions on the more interesting bells they came across in their investigations. Dr. Prattinton of Bewdley, who made an exhaustive survey of the Worcestershire churches at the beginning of the 19th century, gives in his manuscript collections a remarkably complete and accurate record of the contents of their belfries at that time, which has preserved some interesting notes of bells now recast.

But it was not until the year 1854, when the Rev. W. C. Lukis, Rector of Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts, and an enthusiastic antiquary, read a paper before the local archæological society, afterwards published in their *Magazine*, that the study of the subject was seriously taken up. Lukis not only attempted to give a complete survey of the inscriptions on Wiltshire bells and the founders who produced them, but also did much to champion the cause of the many neglected belfries in the county. There are still places where his censures would be justified at the present day, but fortunately very few. He afterwards published his paper in the form of a book *On Church Bells* (1857), in which he gives the inscriptions on about half the bells in Wiltshire and many in other counties. Though the standard of accuracy is not high, he deserves every credit for a very difficult piece of pioneering work, and the amount of information he collected about the various foundries is remarkable.

A few years later, Mr. J. R. Daniel Tyssen, of Brighton, conceived the project of making rubbings of church bells all over England, and to this end employed a Mr. Wilson, a well-known ringer of the time, and other competent persons to perform the somewhat ambitious feat. They appear to have explored most of the home counties and others further afield, and the information they collected has been invaluable to later investigators. The results are now preserved in a number of volumes presented by his son, Dr. A. D. Tyssen, to the Society of Antiquaries.

The latter gentleman, when an Oxford undergraduate, was also fired by his father's ambition, and at the early age of twenty produced an admirable book on *The Church Bells of Sussex* (1864), a model of accuracy and indefatigable research. Dr. Tyssen never lost his enthusiasm for the subject, and was always most ready to place at the disposal of other workers the immense amount of material collected by his father and himself. Not only so, but in 1914 he actually produced a jubilee edition of his Sussex book, bringing it up to date as far as possible, with an introduction which has probably settled finally many vexed questions about the work of the mediæval London bell-founders. He died in 1930, at the age of eighty-six, and preserved his interest in the subject to the end, his last appearance in print being a paper in 1925 on the history of the Whitechapel Foundry.

But the ' grand old man ' of campanology was of course the Rev. Canon H. T. Ellacombe, who was born in 1790, Vicar of Bitton, in Gloucestershire, 1835-1850, and died in 1885, being Vicar of Clyst St. George, near Exeter, for many years before his death. He was not only an antiquary, but a keen bellringer, and as long ago as 1850 published an admirable pamphlet *On Belfries and Ringers*, which went through several editions. He is also well known as the inventor of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, which has been a godsend to so many village churches, where ringers have been hard to find. In 1867 he brought out his great work on *The Church Bells of Devonshire*, in the preface to which he tells us he visited every belfry in the county except two where the discourtesy of the authorities was too much for him.

To this he appended a supplement, *The Bells of the Church*, a miscellany treating of bells in every conceivable aspect, both historical and practical. In his later years he attempted to do for the neighbouring counties of Somerset and Gloucester what he had done for Devon, but as old age necessitated his doing all the work by correspondence, these two books show a sad falling-off in accuracy. Yet as the work of a man of over eighty they are really a wonderful performance. Ellacombe was indeed one of the most remarkable men the last century produced, and in addition to his other gifts, he was a truly Christian man, always at the service of others.

Another remarkable combination of priest of the Church and antiquary was Canon J. J. Raven, who did for East Anglia what Ellacombe did for Western England. In his undergraduate days at Cambridge (about the early fifties) he took up ' bell hunting,' aided by his friend, L. B. (afterwards Mr. Justice) Clarence, with great vigour, and as he says, ' perhaps with excessive zeal.' His excuse was that ' the very discomforts, hardships, and dangers of the work proved its strong attraction; once taken up, a man could not drop it.' Certainly, before even the bicycle had been invented, the exploration of a county, mostly on foot, must have been a great undertaking. Raven brought out *The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire* in 1869, and a new and improved edition in 1881, and subsequently in 1890 *The Church Bells of Suffolk*, which, as he tells us, had taken forty years to complete. Two achievements of his latter years were *The Bells of England* (1906), a delightfully-written though rather superficial production, and *The Church Bells of Dorset* (issued in parts, 1902-1906). Raven was a charming personality, and his letters were always a joy to the present writer, but though a man of wide reading and many interests, his work is marred by frequent inaccuracies. He was an excellent judge of the tone of a bell, but so far as I am aware did not do much in the way of ringing.

A fourth notable writer of the latter half of the 19th century was Thomas North, of Leicester, a man of indefatigable industry, much interfered with by ill-health. Though incapable of personally visiting belfries, he produced a series of volumes on the counties of Leicester, Northants, Lincoln, Rutland, and Bedford between 1876 and 1882, with the aid of competent and energetic explorers; a remarkable record when one considers, for instance, the size of Lincolnshire. Each book is a model of its kind, and surprisingly accurate. He also wrote a useful little monograph on *English Bells and Bell-Lore*, and at his

death in 1884 left much material for Hertfordshire and other counties for his successors to work on.

I must now mention a group of men who were perhaps not primarily campanologists, but who nevertheless did much to advance the study of the subject. In 1874 Mr. L'Estrange, of Hunstanton, produced an excellent and accurate book on *The Church Bells of Norfolk,* and he was followed by Mr. E. H. W. Dunkin, a well-known antiquary in his day, who in 1878 did the same for Cornwall. Another well-known antiquary and engraver, Llewellyn Jewitt, of Derby, published in the *Reliquary* an almost complete description of Derbyshire church bells in the 'eighties. The Rev. H. Whitehead published some valuable articles on Cumberland bells between 1883 and 1892, unfortunately brought to a close by his death in the latter year; and Mr. Robert Blair performed a similar service for Northumberland and Durham in the pages of the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle* (1883-1890). It is a pity that none of these undertakings have ever been completed.

J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, a member of the London Founders' Company, in 1884 inherited North's collections, and completed his work on Hertfordshire. At the same time he brought out independently a most important work on *Surrey Bells,* which included a valuable record of the early London bell-founders and their work. In 1887 he produced *The Church Bells of Kent,* but his ambition of following up that with a book on Essex was frustrated by a break-down in health, resulting in his death in 1889. A man of exceptional gifts and great charm, he was an irreparable loss to friends and fellow-workers. After various vicissitudes the Essex book was finally brought out in 1909 by the Rev. Cecil Deedes and the present writer.

Since Stahlschmidt's day the study of the subject has somewhat hung fire, but a notable exception was A. H. Cocks' *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire,* produced in 1897, and certainly the best book of the kind that has ever appeared. Cocks (who died in 1928) was not only a most painstaking and accurate writer on the history of bells, but was also an enthusiastic ringer at his parish church of Great Marlow, and had a thorough knowledge of the technical side of the subject. Nor must we omit to mention Lynam's *Staffordshire* (1889), a book rendered somewhat unwieldy by the size which the elaborate reproduction of the inscriptions necessitated, and the Rev. T. M. N. Owen's excellent monograph on *Huntingdonshire* (1899).

Two indefatigable workers of this period, though they have left little or no printed record of their activities, were the Rev. T. A. Turner, of Ickford, Bucks, a somewhat eccentric personality, who claimed to have ascended more towers than any man of his day, and the Rev. H. T. Tilley, of Birmingham. The latter's work in Warwickshire was completed (after his death in 1905) by the present writer in 1910, but Turner's achievements were practically limited to forming a vast collection of bell-rubbings, now at the Society of Antiquaries. He had a curious dislike of sharing his results with others; but he was a most industrious and careful bell-hunter, and would often spend a whole day in a belfry, noting down every possible matter of interest both in the bells and in the church itself. It is fortunate that his work has been rescued from oblivion; it covers the period from 1870 to his death in 1905.

I now come to the work that has been done during the present century, which in bulk, if not in quality, contrasts sadly with that of the previous fifty years. But it must be remembered that the completing of each county meant so much less for future explorers to accomplish. Mr. J. E. Poppleton, in the early years of the century, explored the vast area of the West Riding of Yorkshire; his work was continued in the North Riding by Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, but was cut short by the premature death of the latter. Mr. F. C. Eeles broke new ground in Scotland, and produced excellent monographs on the counties of Kincardine and Linlithgow.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, of Winchester, a keen ringer, brought out a preliminary account of Hampshire Bells in 1920, but his death in 1924 put a stop to a really complete publication of this important county. The only other county to be achieved up to 1929 was Lancashire, a somewhat heroic performance by Mr. F. H. Cheetham, considering the lack of interest in its bells from an antiquarian point of view. Shropshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire have now been completed by the present writer, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson is occupied with the exploration and publication of Notts. I may also add that Mr. Arthur Wright has investigated nearly the whole of Monmouth and Glamorgan; that well-known ringer, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose great book on *Change Ringing* one cannot praise too highly, has collected material for a new edition of Leicestershire Bells, if circumstances ever admit of its publication; and another enthusiastic ringer, Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, has produced an excellent little monograph on the Deanery of Bicester in Oxfordshire.

The writer would like to add to those already mentioned one name which has been in the past very familiar in the ringing world. J. R. Jerram, who died at his home in Salisbury in 1932 at an advanced age, was at all events exempt from any criticism that bell-ringing and archæology have been too much dissociated. He was one of the best known ringers of his day, and had an intimate knowledge of technical detail; in fact for a time he was associated with the working of a bell foundry in Salisbury. But his knowledge of the antiquarian side of the subject was also very wide, and he had collected almost enough information about Wiltshire bells to write their history himself. He was a skilful draughtsman, and never tired of making beautiful drawings of lettering and ornaments on bells. In his old age, with his flowing white beard, he was a striking personality, who must have been much missed in Salisbury since the regrettable accident which eventually brought about his lamented death.

This is for the most part a dry record of facts and dates, but it seemed to the present writer worthy of committing to paper, if for no other reason, because it has never been attempted before in any detail. It brings to light one rather curious fact, at which I have already hinted, that very few of the writers mentioned seem to have been practical ringers; but after all, church bells have an importance, not only as musical instruments, but also as a field for antiquarian study. It must, therefore, be a matter for some satisfaction that published records now exist for nearly three-quarters of the English counties, and that if either the clergy or the ringing fraternity have any desire to acquaint themselves with the history of the bells with which they are concerned, the information is

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HISTORIC EVENT COMMEMORATED AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

'From Duresme (Durham) came over Framegate Bridge to Chester-in-the-Street. Or I came to Chester. I saw scant half-mile of it. Lomeley Castle having praty woode about it. The Church Collegiate hath a Deane and 7 Prebendaries. In the body of the Church is a tombe with the image of a byshop in token that St. Cuthbertus was buryed in his feretre (portable bier) there.'

The above is an extract from Leland's 'The laboryeuse Journey and serche for England's Antiquities,' written in 1540, and it was at this ancient Collegiate Church that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on December 2nd last year to celebrate the 1,050th anniversary of the dedication of the church and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

The ringers were C. L. Routledge (conductor), W. J. Davidson and J. E. R. Keen, of Newcastle Cathedral, J. A. Brown and F. Sheraton, of the local band, W. Sheraton, Houghton-le-Spring, S. Thompson, of Whickham, and R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland.

A handsome board to record this historic peal has been provided for the belfry, and was unveiled on Saturday last in the presence of a large company by Mr. John Anderson, the president of the association, and dedicated by the Rector (Rev. Canon F. H. Jackson).

The Rector in the course of his remarks, referred to the wonderful bond of fellowship between ringers as evidenced in the various associations and in other ways, and said he often wished that the members of his choir had something of the same kind to draw them together and encourage them in their work. He also thanked the older members for their valuable services in training young men in the art of ringing.

The peal band was then photographed at the door of the church, and an excellent tea and good ringing in various methods combined to make it one of the happiest meetings the association has held for a long time.

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easily available. If, however, there is not the same enthusiasm among the younger generation for 'bell-hunting' which obtained in the last century, it is perhaps due to this very cause, that the pursuit of the unknown, with the chance of discovering an exceptional prize, has become a more or less remote possibility.

H. B. WALTERS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEETING AT SUTTON COLDFIELD.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, July 14th, in the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield. Situated in lovely country about eight miles from the centre of the city, and easily accessible by bus or train, its great natural park is a popular resort of the city dweller and the rendezvous of many Sunday School outings during the summer months.

The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity is also very interesting, dating back to the 13th century. It contains several fine stained-glass windows, an excellent specimen of Norman Font, carved oak screen, and the Vesey Chapel, in which is the tomb of Bishop Vesey.

The massive tower contains a peal of eight bells, and these were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise Major during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the Church House, and this was followed by a short business meeting. Owing to the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the chair was occupied by Mr. Vice-President James George. An apology was also read from Mr. Paddon Smith, who was unable to attend.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the meeting at seeing Mr. Morris J. Morris amongst them again after his accident, and hoped he would soon make a complete recovery. He also referred to the accident sustained by the towerkeeper at St. Martin's, Mr. Frank Banks, and was pleased to report he was making good progress.—Mr. Morris expressed thanks, and said he was now feeling quite strong again. Reference was also made to the loss the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Exercise in general had sustained by the sudden death of two such well-known ringers as Walter Prime and George R. Fardon, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the society.

The Secretary referred to the proposed Australian tour and to a request received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for photos in duplicate of St. Martin's Church and St. Philip's Cathedral for inclusion in the albums to be sent out as gifts from the ringers of Great Britain. It was decided to support the scheme.—The Chairman said he should be pleased to defray the cost, and this was agreed to.

Mr. John Linden, of Bishop Ryders tower, was made a member of the Guild.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 6th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church House, and to Mr. B. Leedham for making the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The collection for the Oxford Diocesan Guild's Restoration Fund, at the festival service on Saturday, amounted to £3 7s. 9d.

New Surprise methods continue to be rung. This week two are recorded, Deben and Oxhey. When are we going to read of some of the Plain Major methods being rung for the first time? There are many interesting ones in the Central Council's collection.

If towers were promoted to twelve-bell rank on the merit of their past record, Kidderminster, which we announced last week is now to have four trebles added, has not come into the distinction before its turn was due.

Kidderminster ringers, thirty-five or forty years ago, helped to lay the foundations of the present popularity of Surprise ringing by the achievements of its band of those days, when peals were really peals and the Surprise ringer had to work for his reward.

July 29th is an anniversary of some significance in the history of ringing, for it was on that day in 1785 that William Shipway arrived in London from Bath to seek his fortune and expand his knowledge of ringing. It was while he was in London that he wrote his famous treatise on the art.

CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack asks us to say that the last of the three values for which he asked Mr. Lewis in his letter last week should have read: 'The angle . . . of the clapper to the clapper pin when held . . ., etc.'

NEW PEAL DEDICATED AT WANSTEAD.

STEEL BELLS CONSIGNED TO THE SCRAP HEAP.

In 1867 a ring of six cast-steel bells was installed in the tower of Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex, by Vickers, of Sheffield, but about two years ago the 'go' became unsatisfactory, and, as it was felt that money spent on repairs to such displeasing bells would be wasted, an effort was made to replace them by a more worthy peal.

Last Saturday saw the conclusion of that effort, when a musical ring of six, the best product of the Loughborough Foundry, was dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and all who had heard the old peal would endorse his Lordship's remarks when, in the course of his sermon, he said that they need have no regrets at parting with their old bells.

The service on Saturday held a note of brightness, and there was a large and enthusiastic congregation, while, despite other attractions and the lateness of the service (eight o'clock), many visiting ringers attended.

The customary dedicatory rounds were rung by the local band, and at the end of the service visitors had a chance to try the new peal, while the congregation listened to the bells under unusual but nevertheless pleasing conditions, namely, partaking of al fresco refreshments under the trees, with the aid of arc lamps.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were represented by Mr. R. H. Dove, and among the visitors were the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. E. P. Duffield), the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles), and ringers from Chelmsford, Witham, Woodford, Maldon, Leytonstone, etc.

The new bells hang in the old bell frame (which, owing to the limited span of the tower, had to be constructed in three tiers with the tenor above), and the fittings are of the latest pattern, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, which, with the installation of a new ceiling for the ringing chamber and improvements in the rope circle, have added greatly to the comfort of the ringers.

The old bells have reached their rightful home—the scrap heap.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND

FOURTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already received £68 4s. 9d., Chalfont St. Peter 4s., J. C. Truss 2s. 6d., Farnham Royal 2s. 6d., Shiplake tower 12s., R. White (Appleton) 10s., Oxford City and District £2 2s., North Bucks Branch £5 5s., Milton Keynes 8s. 6d., Rev. S. H. Rendall 10s., Sonning Deanery £2 2s., Easthampstead 7s. 6d., Arborfield 5s., Waltham St. Lawrence 10s., Harwell tower 10s., Ardington tower 3s., E. Denison Taylor £1 1s., St. Laurence's (Reading) £1 1s., Reading Branch £3 3s., Central Council of Church Bellringers £10 10s., Bicester Deanery Branch £3 3s., Central Bucks Branch £2 2s., Woddolesdon tower 10s., Quainton tower 10s., Winslow tower 10s., Nether Winchenden tower 5s., Vale of White Horse Branch £2 2s., Rev. H. A. Keates £1, Rev. A. J. De Denne 2s. 6d., Rev. C. Seymour Milford 2s., J. T. Dyke 2s. 6d., A. Leon 2s., R. Gilling 5s., Farringdon tower 5s., Churchill tower 5s., Rev. C. E. Wigg 10s. 6d., South Oxon and Mid Bucks £1, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtis 2s., Mr. and Mrs. T. H. G. Curtis 2s., A. Townsend 1s., Mrs. C. D. P. Davies 10s., Matthews (Bucklebury) 15s., Soden (Burford), 5s., North Berks Branch £5 5s., Rev. C. B. Longford 7s. 6d., East Hendred 3s. 6d., Childrey 11s. 6d., Steventon 6s., Hagbourne 10s., Blewbury 8s. 6d., Abingdon 10s., H. J. Balcombe 1s. 6d., Witney and Woodstock £4 0s. 6d.; total £124 9s. 3d.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S FESTIVAL

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

The dedication of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's memorial to the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was the central feature in the gathering of the members at Oxford on Saturday for their annual festival. The memorial has been erected in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, in a niche which has become a hallowed spot for diocesan ringers, for the tablet which has now been placed there keeps company with the memorial erected by the Guild to those colleagues of the belfry who fell in the war, and with the tablet commemorating the first Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The festival brought together ringers from all the branches of the Guild, which covers the counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks, and they first gathered in the Cathedral for a service. This was conducted by the Master (Rev. Canon Coleridge), and began with the

THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN,
To whose memory a tablet was unveiled in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday.

hymn, 'Unchanging God,' followed by the 84th Psalm. The singing of these and the other hymns, 'Angel voices ever singing' and 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was a stirring feature of the service.

The preacher was the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, of St. Laurence's, Reading, who took for a text the words, 'Be ye thankful' (Col. iii. 15). Thankfulness, he said, was a feeling of the heart, and thanksgiving was the outward expression thereof, which should occupy a foremost place amongst the duties and privileges of a Christian people. They who were members of that Guild had every reason to thank God for their association in that specialised part of the Church's work. They had an organisation which was one of the first in this country with regard to members and efficiency. Thankfulness would allow no spirit of discontent to remain, but would afford inspiration to go from strength to strength in loyalty to their local branch, to the Guild as a whole and, most of all, to the Church they served, and would liberate the necessary power in the individual to do all those good works which God provided for them to do.

Their thankfulness, continued the preacher, must also take a more particular form of gratitude to God for the life and example of the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. Cyril Walford Oswald Jenkyn, priest. In God's good way and by His Will, and not by chance, he held the position of chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, to enable him to give more time and energy to the ringers of that diocese than he could have done had he been incumbent of a parish in town or country. For 23 years he faithfully served the Guild and was universally loved and respected in that diocese, and not only there, but outside; whether in Newcastle or Durham, in Kent, or in connection with the College Youths in London, he always received heartfelt welcome and was on terms of real friendship while showing active good will with all with whom he came in contact. He was just as ready to go on a journey of 20 or 30 miles to help a young band as to take part in a peal. His presence at the branch meetings and in the various towers up and down the country always brought intelligent and real help and fostered loyalty to the Church and the highest aims of Christan life. At times he would speak in no uncertain tones of things to be set right. He was a sincere priest first of all, and he had every confidence in the Guild's branch of Church activity. He (the preacher) was thankful to think that Mr. Jenkyn at Easter last year rang in a touch that was most pleasing to him at St. Laurence's Church, and afterwards entered into the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. In the evening he rang at Caversham. The next day was one of greatest happiness to him, spent with his nearest and dearest in the surroundings connected with his early days. And then, in the full light of Eastertide, he was called to higher service, doing his duty and in the sound of the bells. Let them therefore thank God not only with their lips but in their lives for his life, working in their own tower and branch and in perfect loyalty to the Guild to gain and retain for all time the first place in every way possible. That they would do if, and only if, they were churchmen first and ringers second, seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness. Surely thankfulness and the expression thereof was the true note for their festival for the past work of the Guild and for the life, work and example of him in whose memory a cloister memorial would shortly be dedicated.

The service concluded with the Te Deum and Blessing, and then, led by the clergy, the ringers filed out to the cloister, where they assembled round the memorial, among those also present being Mrs. Jenkyn and Miss Mason.

THE MEMORIAL.

Canon Coleridge, who was visibly touched by the occasion, began the brief ceremony by saying: We are here assembled to-day to dedicate this memorial in grateful remembrance of Cyril Walford Oswald Jenkyn, for 23 years the beloved Master of our Guild, whose name holds an abiding place in our affections. Taught by his example we have learned that it is better to give than to receive, better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward, better to minister than to be ministered to. With this thought in our mind I bid you join with me in dedicating this memorial with prayer and thanksgiving.

Canon Coleridge then unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers.

The memorial is of Derbyshire stone and is surmounted by two carved bells. It bears the inscription:—

A.M.D.G. and in memory of
the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C.,
Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,
1910-1933.
This tablet is placed by his fellow-members,
A.D. 1934.

The memorial, which is bordered by various carved decorations so that in design it is similar to that of the first Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson) above it, has been beautifully executed by Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, a member of the Guild.

The Chapter House was filled to seating capacity for the annual meeting which was next held. Canon Coleridge presided, supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary), Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master).

Among those who sent apologies for absence were Bishop Shaw, Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Canon and Miss Norris and Mr. H. W. Curtis (Newbury).

The reports of the Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were taken as read and adopted.

THE GUILD'S DETERMINATION.

The Master, in his report, said that, following the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, he undertook the office, well knowing his limitations, as it was obviously the wish of the members of the Guild. Since then, in the early new year, he had met with a serious accident which was likely to prevent him from ever ringing a peal again and from climbing towers for bell and frame inspections for the rest of his life. His report covered less than six months, but during that time he was asked to examine and give advice in the case of four towers—three of these had called in the services of a qualified bell hanger with, he understood, thoroughly satisfactory results. The remaining case was simply a matter of sound from the louvres—the mitigating of a great nuisance. He was only able to attend two meetings, viz., at Waltham St. Lawrence and Newbury annual meeting, at both of which he was privileged to speak. He regretted that circumstances prevented him from attending other branch meetings to which he was invited. On one point only would he lay stress, and that with no ordinary satisfaction. It was to be found in the determination of the Guild, its branches and its individual members, to hold together and to do their utmost in keeping up and improving the ringing in the diocese, though deprived of the frequent visits of a Master who was able to devote much time in visiting and attending meetings where his genial presence was ever eagerly welcomed.

The Secretary, in his report, said that notwithstanding the great blow which they, as a diocesan guild, had by the death of their Master early in the year 1933, his influence and example seemed to permeate the whole diocese and to make all members realise that the greatest tribute to his beloved memory would be to keep things up to his high ideals of what a Church organisation should be. Therefore, one found at all branch annual meetings the same keen sense and wish for progress as in the past.

As appointed by the Guild, he had made inspections of finished restoration work at Brill, Bucks; Swalcliffe, Oxon; and St. Nicholas, Abingdon, Drayton, and Shrivenham, Berks. In each case the work of the various firms had been well carried out. The peals rung in 1933 were fewer in number, the record being 121, but this was well countered by the recording of several new Surprise Major methods, and among other interesting items a peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe and a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Reading, both by their own Sunday service ringers.

Membership increased gradually. They unfortunately had lost three towers but had gained sixteen new ones. The hon. members had increased by 20. These two facts proved that the branches were being looked after by officers worthy of all honour.

Taking the year as a whole, they might well be thankful for their position among ringing guilds, and by keen and brotherly co-operation he could see nothing to be afraid of in the future.

INCREASING BALANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the statement of accounts showed a balance of £134 11s. 7d. as compared with £132 18s. 3d. the previous year. The amount received from the branches was £93 1s. 10d., an increase of 5s. 6d. There was a considerable increase in the number of applications for grants towards restorations, six as compared with three last year. The amount given was £18 18s. This left a balance of £13 13s. 5d. Included in this amount were donations from the Banbury Branch and Newport Pagnell. It was hoped that other branches having large balances in hand might do likewise. The number of annual reports sold was 114, and it would appear that there is very little demand as the number decreases each year.

In thanking all the branch secretaries for all the work they had done during the past years, the Treasurer said he felt sure that there was not another ringing society which had a more efficient band of workers than that Guild.

The total of the Guild's funds was £240 1s. 4d.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. J. Wright proposed the re-election of Canon Coleridge as Master. Last year, he said, Canon Coleridge came to their rescue at a critical time. He had performed all the duties he could in the best possible way and to the satisfaction of the Guild. They could think of having no one else in the chair while Canon Coleridge would take it (applause).—Mr. W. J. Paice seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Canon Coleridge, who was received with applause, said he warned them last time that he could not get about the diocese as he would like to to their meetings, owing to the fact that all his Saturdays were taken up with other business. But he had always tried to do his best by the Guild, of which he had been a member for 53 years. Although he was getting oldish, his enthusiasm and desire to do what he could for the Guild was still with him as strong as ever. His accident had handicapped him, but he was glad to say he was making progress, and although he was warned that he might never walk again without artificial support, he could now walk a hundred yards on the level without aid and, with only one stick, for nearly two miles (applause). Canon Coleridge then went on to propose the re-election of the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg as Deputy Master, and said he was very grateful to him for all the assistance he had given.—The motion having been seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and carried, the Rev. C. E. Wigg said he would try to do all he could to help on the work of the Guild and get about as much as he could to the various branches during the year.

Mr. Wright, who was re-elected hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. A. D. Cullum, seconded by Mr. W. Evetts, said fortunately for him he was shortly retiring from his ordinary work, and hoped then to be able to devote more time to the Guild and attend more of the meetings of the branches, which he found so very pleasant (applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert was re-elected secretary on the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. T. Fowler, who said the Guild were satisfied with the excellent work he did. They could not have a more conscientious worker. He was not only an expert ringer, but when he inspected the work carried out in a tower he did it as an expert. Mr. Hibbert, too, had now more time on his hands, and he would find in these belfry inspections a job after his own heart.

Mr. Hibbert said he would continue to do his best, but sometimes he knew it was a poor best; but he did not worry much about that, because the members would have a chance to elect someone else a year from now (laughter). It was funny they could not always agree. Mr. Wright had said that fortunately shortly he would not have anything to do. Three months ago, unfortunately, he (Mr. Hibbert) was told that he was too old to be anything else but secretary of that Guild. If you want my company, concluded Mr. Hibbert, I shall be pleased to go anywhere in the three counties and do the best I can for you (applause).

The Secretary then proposed the re-election of the twelve elected members of the committee, and that they be asked to do their work in a proper manner (laughter).—The motion was agreed to, the following being re-elected: Miss V. Robinson, Miss S. Davis, Messrs. J. Evans, G. Cauldwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and W. F. Judge.

Mr. W. Evetts, jun., was elected a trustee, in the place of the late Sir George Dashwood, and the election of 193 new members since the last annual meeting was confirmed. In asking the meeting to agree to this latter proposition, the Secretary said he had never been able to explain why, when they elected 190 members in a year, they had not got 190 members more at the end of the year. They were making members, but they did not hold them all. He thought the only thing to do was to tie them up when once they had got them (laughter).

THE NEXT MEETING—OPPOSITION TO OXFORD.

The committee recommended that the next festival be held in Oxford. The President, in putting this forward, said Oxford was the most central place, and there was nowhere else where they could get the accommodation afforded to them at Christ Church. He did not know a single Guild which had such delightful quarters to go to—the Cathedral to worship in, the Chapter House to meet in, and the finest hall in England to eat in.

Rev. St. G. Edwards said he thought there was a certain amount of feeling in the eastern part of the diocese that the Guild did not go to that area sometimes for their annual meeting. He suggested they might consider the possibility of holding a Guild meeting there occasionally; if not the annual meeting, then a united meeting perhaps, in the winter.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Reading. He asked the members to consider whether in voting for Oxford every year they were voting in the larger interests of the whole Guild. Their personal opinion should not count for everything when they voted on a subject of this kind. They were supposed to be there for the good of the Guild as a whole, and he thought it would be in the interests of the Guild sometimes to visit other places. They might not get so large a meeting, but it was possible they might get even a larger one.

Mr. F. D. Boreham, who seconded, said if they only went to the eastern part of the diocese once in three or four years it would give the members of that end, who could not afford to come to Oxford, the opportunity of attending an annual meeting. He believed that would be for the good of the Guild as a whole.

On being put to the vote, Oxford was selected for the 1935 meeting by a large majority.

THE RESTORATION FUND.

A recommendation of the committee stood on the agenda in the following terms: That the Subscription account £65 0s. 3d. be merged with and made 'The Restoration Fund.' The Hon. Treasurer, in moving its adoption, asked to amend the amount to £15, as the other £50 was invested in War Stock, and was entirely in the hands of the trustees. Mr. Wright said they now had £32 in the Restoration Fund, and with this addition of £15 he thought they would be able to meet all the grants this year. Next year they would have to go into the question of increasing the income of the Restoration Fund. Some of the branches had sent him donations towards the fund, and he commended this action to those other branches which had large sums of money they did not know what to do with. He assured them that any donations would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. When the time came he did not think he would appeal in vain for support (hear, hear). They did not want to see the fund go down; it had done a tremendous lot of good work.

Replying to questions, Mr. Wright said the 'Subscription Fund' was opened some years ago at the P.O. Savings Bank for the purpose of paying in postal orders received for subscriptions, which at one time came in in this form in large numbers, and the ordinary bank did not care to take them. In recent years the number of subscriptions paid by postal order had dwindled, and the account, which had accumulated to £65 0s. 3d., might very well be closed.

A good deal of discussion followed upon the question of the disposal of the balance, now invested in the names of the trustees, and eventually it was agreed that the subscription account be closed and the whole amount transferred to the Restoration Fund.

On the recommendation of the committee grants of five guineas were voted for bell restoration at Little Horwood (a ring of five bells being restored), Milton Keynes (five bells being rehung and provision made for a sixth), and Rousham (bells rehung).

An application from Yarnton, received since the committee meeting, was also favourably considered and a grant of £5 5s. voted.

Mr. A. D. Cullum, while not objecting to the grant, urged that all these applications should be sent in in time for consideration by the committee.

GOOD WISHES TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

The president briefly reported on the meeting of the Central Council at Warwick, which was attended by all the four representatives of the Guild. The full report of the proceedings, he said, had been given in the column of 'The Ringing World,' and should have been read by every ringer. Unless ringers read 'The Ringing World' it was impossible for them to keep up to date with knowledge of ringing matters—the paper was of inestimable value to all ringers.

The President mentioned the proposed Australian tour and the collections of photographs of cathedrals and notable churches which were to be taken out to Melbourne and Hobart as gifts from the ringers of England.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, who is organising the tour, said it arose from a simple thing, a friendly letter from the secretary of the Melbourne Cathedral company and the Precentor of the Cathedral. The thing had grown and a party of nine ringers would sail from London on September 14th. Mr. Savage, who was secretary of the Melbourne society, was, he understood, an old Berkshire man, who was at Reading 20 years ago, and rang his first peal of Stedman Triples at Sonning. In addition to Melbourne, it was proposed to visit Tasmania, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and, afterwards, Sydney. He was sorry Canon Coleridge could not go with them, and he was more than sorry to come there and not see a face they all knew and loved so well—their late Master. He believed that, had he been alive, Mr. Jenkyn would have arranged to be spared from his other duties and to go with them as chaplain. Unfortunately, he had taken another voyage, much to their loss. In addition to the photographic albums, they were taking out other gifts and literature which he was sure would be welcomed by the Australian ringers.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also spoke on the tour and the photographic albums which it is proposed to send out.

The Secretary said as two of the old members of the Guild, Mr. Fussell and Mr. George Martin, were going out on this trip, he would like to be empowered to put on the minutes of the meeting that they wished them 'God-speed and a safe return' (applause). Personally he wished them a very happy time in the Antipodes (applause).

The motion was at once agreed to.

£126 FOR JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer announced that the sum of £126 0s. 6d. had been received for the Jenkyn Memorial Fund. The cost of the memorial opened that day would be £31, leaving £95 to hand over to the fund for enlarging the chapel at Queen Anne's School, Caversham, which was to be carried out by the school governors as a memorial to Mr. Jenkyn.

A member suggested that the committee should consider the regular contribution of Guild news to the public Press. The 'Oxford Times' was prepared to give them a quarter of a column each week, and he had no doubt similar arrangements could be made with papers in other parts of the diocese.

There was some criticism of the late appearance of the annual report, but it was pointed out that the delay was in part due to the sudden illness of one of the district secretaries. Part of the delay was also attributed to the auditors, a firm of accountants, who have done the work gratuitously for many years, and Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that in future the audit be carried out by two members of the Guild.

This, however, found no seconder, and eventually the matter dropped.

At the conclusion of the business meeting about 140 sat down to lunch in the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church.

The toast of 'Church and King' was honoured on the call of the president.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' congratulating the Guild upon its continued success and particularly upon the valuable work it was doing by giving practical encouragement to bell restoration throughout the diocese.

The President replied and then thanked the Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral and Chapter House. Unfortunately they had to lament the death of the Dean, who had always been ready to assist the Guild and do anything he could to promote its interests. Canon Coleridge welcomed Bishop Shaw, who had been able to join them at luncheon, and asked him to convey the thanks of the Guild to the governors of Christ Church for the use of the hall. He also thanked the organist, the steward (Sir Harold Percival) and those incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members.

Bishop Shaw replied, remarking that he hoped they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Guild at Oxford for their annual meeting for many years to come.

Afterwards the members dispersed to the many city towers for ringing.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. James' statement that he called on me previous to ringing a peal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on May 3rd, 1922, but the fact remains that the late Mr. A. Craven started the controversy by publishing a lead of 'Bristol' Royal in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922.

It was after that date that I began canvassing the opinion of the well-known composers (including Mr. James) as to whether a certain plain method was one and the same from Minor to Maximus.

I have carefully scanned the columns of 'The Ringing World' between March 3rd, 1922, and May 3rd, 1922, the date of the peal at Brighton, and I have failed to trace any invitation in print from myself to Mr. James, nor have I any recollection of issuing such an invitation in any shape or form. GEORGE BAKER.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

WELCOME TO NEW BISHOP.

The eleventh annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon on Saturday, July 14th. The attendance did not come up to the usual number. The festival service was held at the Cathedral, the Rev. J. C. Hill officiating, and Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. The address was given by the Lord Bishop.

After service, tea was partaken of on the lawns of Ely Tower by kind invitation of the Bishop.

Before the business of the meeting, the Secretary referred to the lamented death of the late Bishop, whose name would for many years be associated with the diocese by reason of the great work he did in the formation of it and the beautifying of the Cathedral Church, and none the less in the minds of the ringers who had for some years been privileged to gather at Ely Tower as his guests.

The meeting rose to pay a silent tribute to the memory of the late Bishop Bevan.

Mr. Havard also asked the Guild to join with him in offering a very warm welcome to Bishop Morgan. The new Bishop had come from the other end of the principality, having served the Church in the north as a faithful parish priest, and one of the qualities ascribed to him on his appointment was his keen interest in music and church bells. Mr. Havard expressed the hope that the new Bishop would be long with them to guide the destiny of the diocese and to foster the interests of the bellringers of the Guild.—The Lord Bishop thanked the ringers for their warm welcome.

The accounts were presented and passed. The Lord Bishop was elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The following officers were also re-elected: Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Powell; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands; Central Council representative, Mr. Gwynne Lewis.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the 1935 festival in the hands of the Lord Bishop and the hon. secretary. With regard to the ringing competition, Mr. I. Reed, on behalf of the Cefn Coed band, extended a hearty invitation to the Guild to hold the next competition at Cefn.—Mr. Reed's invitation was gratefully accepted.

Mr. Gwynne Lewis (Cadoxton) presented his report on the Central Council meeting held at Warwick. He said he had been requested to make an earnest appeal to all the ringers of the Guild to subscribe to 'The Ringing World,' which was the only paper devoted to the art.—Mr. Lewis was supported in his appeal by Mr. J. P. Hyett and Mr. D. J. Lewis.

SCHEME FOR MEMORIAL BELLS WITHDRAWN.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the following recommendation of the Northern District: 'That as our beloved late Bishop was very kindly disposed to the placing of a peal of bells in the Brecon Cathedral, we feel it would be a lasting monument to his memory to issue an appeal for the carrying out of this project, and to pledge ourselves to support and obtain all financial assistance in our power.'

Arising from this the Lord Bishop stated he wished to congratulate the ringers on the fine thought which had prompted such a proposal, but wished to draw their attention to the fact that the Memorial Committee set up by the Diocesan Conference had considered the question of a peal of bells for the Cathedral together with several other suggestions, and they had decided upon the improvement of the east of the Cathedral, knowing that the late Bishop was about to issue an appeal to carry out this work. His Lordship said he was afraid that the suggested appeal would cut across the main memorial appeal.—It was then decided to withdraw the proposal.

It was unanimously decided to place the name of Mr. W. R. Howells (Swansea) upon the list of honorary life members of the Guild in recognition of his services as secretary from 1923-32.

Canon John Simon proposed a heary vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his kindness and hospitality, the proposition being carried with acclamation.

DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Goodwin, who passed away at his residence, 126, High Storrs Road, Sheffield, on Sunday, July 15th, at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of the company at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Ranmoor, for many years. He was not a great peal ringer, having only rung three with the late Mr. Sam Thomas. When the two trebles were added to the existing eight as a memorial to Mr. Thomas, he contributed to them very generously.

He joined the Ranmoor company in 1888, and was also a life member of the Yorkshire Association.

He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

On Tuesday evening, July 17th, the following ten members of the Sheffield District Society rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) as a mark of respect and as an acknowledgment of the good work he had done: W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 1, M. E. Wilson (Sheffield) 2, J. Osgathorpe (Ranmoor) 3, W. Burgar (Ranmoor) 4, H. Naylor (Sheffield) 5, G. Haynes (Ranmoor) 6, R. Long (Sheffield) 7, J. Thorpe, conductor (Sheffield) 8, E. Moye (Ranmoor) 9, H. Hurst (Ranmoor) 10.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

STRONG CRITICISM OF MEMBERS' INDIFFERENCE.

There was some outspoken criticism in the report for the year 1933-34 presented by the hon. secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) to the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at Surfleet on Saturday, July 14th. The meeting was one of the largest and most successful held by the Guild, 30 members being present.

Ringing commenced at 12 o'clock, and continued at intervals throughout the day. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. About 90 ringers and friends sat down to tea in Mr. Richardson's spacious hulb shed, and before the business meeting Miss E. Steel, president of the Guild, expressed the sincere thanks of the members and friends to the Vicar for allowing the Guild to hold the meeting at Surfleet and conducting the service, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, who had made such excellent arrangements and extended such a cordial welcome.

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, four new ringing members and two life members were elected.

The accounts showed a total income of £10 3s. 4½d., and an excess of income over expenditure of 3s. 8d. The total funds in hand amount to £17 6s. 8½d.

'ALL IS NOT WELL WITH THE GUILD.'

The Hon. Secretary, in her report, said: In the last report we were able to show an increased membership, and this has been maintained. In every district in the past year quarterly meetings have been held, and while two secretaries report fairly successful meetings the others are rather disappointed at the lack of interest. It would seem that all is not well with the Guild. There is room for improvement, and we will endeavour to show in what ways.

In the first place, the members of the Guild fall in several classes.

The first class consists of the members who, often at personal inconvenience, make a habit of attending all the district meetings possible, and give their wholehearted support to the district secretaries. These are termed the 'faithful few,' and are the backbone of the Guild. They also pay their subscriptions regularly, and never have to be reminded. This class also includes the other bit of the backbone, the members who live off the beaten track and cannot get to meetings, but still interest themselves in the Guild's work and regularly forward their subscriptions.

The second class consists of members who promise to come to a meeting and then at the last minute stay away because they are attempting a peal. Probably the date has been fixed partly for their convenience. In this class is the member who would not attend a meeting in her district unless she could be assured that she could have some Cambridge Surprise. She was not going to waste her time ringing rounds and Grandsire Triples.

The third class consists of members who only attend when a meeting is held at their own tower. On that occasion they are full of enthusiasm, but it lasts no longer than the meeting. Nothing is seen or heard of them after, and repeated reminders of subscriptions owing fail to wake them. After an interval of two or three years the Guild again pays a visit to their tower, and they cheerfully tender 1s. as their subscription, forgetting the intervening years which still remain unpaid.

The fourth class is the member who joins and then withdraws because she gets nothing out of the Guild.

To which of these classes do you belong?

ONE HUNDRED UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We know it is impossible to attend all meetings, but don't you think you might make an effort to attend more than you do? Apart from meetings, if you are really interested in the Guild, and cannot get to the meetings, why not send your subscription more regularly? If you are not interested in the Guild, why belong at all?

The objects of the Guild are set out in Rule 3, and the meetings are the means of bringing members into closer touch one with another. They are often difficult to arrange to avoid clashing with other association meetings, and it is very disappointing to the secretary to find a poor attendance, when she knows perfectly well that a larger number could have attended had they made just a little effort.

Coming to the financial side, there are far too many outstanding subscriptions. Out of 273 ringing members, only 173 have paid for the year ending June, 1934. What has happened to the remaining 100? In one district, the amount of outstanding subscriptions is £3 15s.! We know that times are difficult, but 1s. per year is not a large amount.

We much regret the loss of one of our members by death, viz., Mrs. John Thomas, of Enfield, who had been a member of the Guild for about 14 years. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mr. Thomas, and several members were present at the funeral.

Both representatives on the Central Council were able to attend the meeting at Warwick.

We are very gratified that one of our members, Mrs. Richardson, is one of the party visiting Australia during the coming autumn, and we wish her an enjoyable voyage and a safe return.

In conlcusion, said the report, at our meeting in 1935 may we be able to say that all outstanding subscriptions have been paid, and that every meeting held has been a great success.

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RINGERS' EXPERIMENT TO INTEREST PUBLIC.

A novel experiment to interest the public in bells has been made at Southover, Lewes, Sussex. The tower was open to the public on Saturday, July 14th, and Wednesday, July 18th, and the visitors were received by the ringers and the mechanism of the bells and other matters pertaining to them were explained. In the ringing chamber were drawings showing the comparative sizes of the Great Bell of Moscow, Great Paul and the tenor (17¼ cwt.) and treble in Southover tower. Other drawings showed the parts of a bell and where the harmonics come from. There were also models relating to the casting of a bell, showing how the core is built up, a finished core, the mould with the strickle, a tuning machine and a model of a bell hung for ringing. Other exhibits included a Swiss sheep bell, two Sussex sheep bells, a ducket and canister. The Rector of Buxted lent a Burmese gong, a wooden cowbell from Ceylon, and a Sussex 'rumbler.'

On the first day there were five visitors in the afternoon and 32 in the evening, and on the second 16 in the afternoon and 22 in the evening. They were taken up among the bells, where they were able to see a bell in motion, and everyone was surprised to find that the bells when rung made a complete revolution. It is hoped that a greater interest in bells and ringing will be created by the exhibition.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT FRENSHAM.

A meeting of the Farnham District was held at Frensham last Saturday, but the attendance was not large. Perhaps this was due to the holiday season and the stormy aspect of the weather. However, the ringing was good, and splendid practice was put in. The Vicar of Frensham (the Rev. M. C. H. Collet, R.D.) conducted the Guild service, and gave a short but exceedingly interesting address. Mr. T. A. Stroud presided at the organ. Following service tea was served in the Marindin Institute, a company numbering 23 sitting down to an excellent meal.

Mr. A. J. Chuter, who is the local captain and a churchwarden, was in the chair for the short business meeting after tea, when two new members were elected. These were Mrs. A. J. Chuter, hon. member, and Master John Chuter, ringing member, both of Frensham.

Apologies were received from Mr. R. Hasted, the District Ringing Master, who was on holiday, and from Messrs. E. W. Langham, L. Muddell and H. Rothwell, hon. members.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Eldridge to the Vicar, the organist, the local ringers, caterers and chairman. Ringing continued in the evening, and the bells were rung down at 8.30 p.m. Six towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot (in force), Farnham, Frensham, Haslemere, Pirbright and Yorktown.

GREAT YARMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of St. Nicholas' company, Great Yarmouth, was held on June 30th. A start was made at 8 a.m. sharp, the full company being present, including Mr. Denison Hayward, who is tower master, and has rung at St. Nicholas for 57 years. A good run was made to Bury St. Edmunds, where a stop was made for about 20 minutes before going to Great Melford for the first ringing, which included touches of Stedman, Kent and Grandsire, on a fine peal, some of the local ringers having a pull with the visitors. Going on to Sudbury, the party rang at St. Peter's before dinner, and at St. Gregory's Church afterwards. At Hadleigh several touches were rung on a peal of eight, of which the 'going' is as good as the tone. After tea at Stowmarket the finishing touches of the day were rung. Yarmouth was reached at 11 p.m. The St. Nicholas' company wish to thank the clergy of the churches visited for the permission to ring, also the local ringers and steeplekeepers for everything they did to make the tour the success it was.

DEATH OF A DEAN.

The death has occurred of the Very Rev. Henry Julian White, D.D., Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, who was a good friend to Oxford City and diocesan ringers. At the Cathedral on July 19th, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect, 1,311 Stedman Cinques was rung by: H. Miles 1, W. F. Judge (conductor) 2, Miss M. E. Reynolds 3, S. Hounslow 4, W. G. Brigham 5, W. G. E. Collett 6, F. E. Taylor 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8, F. A. H. Wilkins 9, V. J. F. Bennett 10, R. A. Post 11, R. F Deal 12.

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

As the stock of badges was exhausted, it was decided to obtain designs and estimates for a new supply.

A suggestion by the Northants District was considered, and it was resolved that a Sunday be fixed for a Corporate Communion of the Guild. The fourth Sunday in October was decided on, this being the nearest date to the anniversary of the formation of the Guild in 1912.

The annual meeting in 1935 will be held in London

A JOINT MEETING AT TENTERDEN.

A HAPPY KENTISH GATHERING.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Tenterden on Saturday in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The combination resulted in a most enjoyable afternoon, the pleasure of which was further enhanced by a break in the annual outing of the Sittingbourne and district ringers for tea at Tenterden. Many of each party were known to members of the other, and some pleasant intercourse resulted.

The bells were made almost unbroken use of from 3 p.m., for when the Ashford District stopped for tea and business the Sittingbourne 'fellows' carried on the good work.

Tea was served at Cramp's Hotel to about 40 members and friends from Ashford, Cranbrook, Kennington Willesborough, Sturry, Tunbridge Wells, Frittenden, Chart, Sandhurst, Benenden, New Romney, Stone, Rye and the local tower. These forty people were lucky to get anything, as those from Sittingbourne had been having tea there for nearly an hour before.

The business of the two societies was dealt with during the evening. An invitation from the Maidstone District to hold a combined meeting one Saturday in August had to be refused very reluctantly, but it is hoped it will be held later on in the year.

A discussion was started by Mr. A. J. Battin concerning the reports of meetings being (or not being) sent to 'The Ringing World,' and if they were, why weren't they published? Various people were blamed, including the Editor of the paper. However, the discussion, which, perhaps, was more amusing than serious, ended somewhat abruptly by a suggestion from Mr. Ruck to 'get on with something else.'

Most of the company then returned to the tower, having received half their travelling expenses at the hands of the district secretary.

STALYBRIDGE TRAGEDIES.

BEREAVEMENTS OF VICAR AND RINGERS' SECRETARY.

Canon B. B. Slater, Vicar of St. Paul's, Stalybridge, Cheshire, who is keenly interested in his ringers, has sustained a severe bereavement by the death of his wife, Mrs. Frances Mary Slater, who died from septicæmia. How the poisoning was set up remains a mystery, but Mrs. Slater passed away a few days after the first appearance of a spot on one of her hands. Canon Slater was away on a holiday in the Black Forest at the time, and did not reach England until the day after his wife's death.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, and prior to a memorial service on Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Paul's Church with the bells fully muffled.

In the evening another quarter-peal in the same method was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Annie Hinchcliffe, wife of Mr. H. O. Hinchcliffe, the respected secretary of the St. Paul's company. Mrs. Hinchcliffe, who was also buried on Saturday, died on Thursday week from injuries received when the motor-cycle and sidecar, in which she was riding with her husband, came into collision with a motor-car on the previous Saturday.

The ringers who took part in one or both of the quarter-peals were Mrs. Wolstencroft, Messrs. J. Simister, J. Parks, A. Hodgson, S. Fielding, S. Hodgson, G. Gill (longest length), A. Roberts, W. Fielding, G. Shaw and W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor).

A TOUR IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The ringers of St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 21st, and made a tour in Cambridgeshire. During the morning they rang at Fulbourne, Histon, Long Stanton and Swavesey, where dinner was partaken of. Afterwards they journeyed to Over and were met by Mr. F. Warrington, whom they have to thank for arranging the dinner and getting the use of the bells at some of the other towers as well as Over. Later the party went on to Willingham and Cottenham, where they had tea in the schoolroom, arranged by the Rector and churchwarden, assisted by his wife and lady friends, to whom thanks are extended for the trouble. A visit to St. Benedict's, Cambridge, concluded the day's programme. There was some disappointment at the 'go' of St. Benedict's bells. Home was reached about 11, after spending a most enjoyable day. Touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the outing.

TEN TOWERS IN A DAY.

ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH, MEN ON CAMBRIDGESHIRE BORDER.

On July 7th the St. Clement's company, Ipswich, had their ninth annual outing, which this year took the form of a tour of the Cambridgeshire borderland towers. Leaving at 8 a.m., the first stop for ringing was at Rattlesden (six). Next a move was made to Felsham (six), where, owing to neglect, the 'go' was not excellent. After a 24-mile run Chippenham (six), the first tower in Cambs, was reached, and the bells soon going to Cambridge Surprise in honour of the occasion. On the way a short stop was made in Bury St. Edmunds for the benefit of those who had never visited this grand old town before. A short run soon brought them to Fordham (six) for a ring on a heavy peal (tenor 17 cwt.). The church was also worth the visit. The next item of interest was dinner, which was well served under ideal conditions at the White Horse Hotel, Burwell. After dinner the tower was visited, where hang a fair peal of five which require some skill and strength to ring. After several attempts a course of Plain Doubles was managed. For the rest a few rounds was more than enough, although the tenor was helped by one at the wheel up top. Without regrets a quick run was made to Swaffham Prior (six), where were found two churches in one ground, the bells being rung at St. Mary's, and the services held at St. Cyriac and Julitta's, the latter having a tower in ruins, the other a church in ruin. The bells required some ringing, but Ipswich Surprise was tried. Bottisham (five) was the next stop, and here was found a peal recently rehung in new wood frame with ball bearings. The 'going' of the back bells was far from excellent, perhaps from some neglect. After a good run beside the celebrated racecourse, a stop was made for tea at Newmarket, and later a visit was paid to St. Mary's for a ring on the fine peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.). The ringing here was much enjoyed, but soon a move had to be made to Horringer for a ring on the peal of eight. After this a group photograph was taken as a record, and proved a success. After many twists and turns through narrow lanes, Preston was reached at nine o'clock, but not too late for a good ring on these good 'going' but unmusical peal of six. Leaving at 9.45, home via Hadleigh was reached at 10.45, after a good day. They wish to thank all who met them or helped to make it a success.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' LINCOLNSHIRE TRIP.

On Saturday, July 14th, the Rotherham Parish Church company, accompanied by ringing friends from Bolsover, Handsworth and Wath-on-Dearne and a number of non-ringing friends, which latter included the popular and genial Vicar of Rotherham (Canon Morgan), set off at 6.30 a.m. in a slight drizzle, for a tour of South Lincolnshire. The first stop was for a real old coaching breakfast at the Rutland, Great Goverby, where a solid, substantial meal was enjoyed. The course was then set for Edenham (Bourne), where this nice peal of eight was used for Double Norwich, London and Yorkshire Surprise. After a short chat with the Vicar, sail was set for Spalding, taking an Edenham ringer along. Here on the eight were rung Cambridge, Little Bob, and London. From here the route lay to Surfleet, and on this lively little peal was rung Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Maximus (in a style), Cambridge Royal and Double Norwich Major, several having their first ring on twelve bells. Before leaving Surfleet, the tavern across the road was inspected, and, after a jar of nut-brown, the party headed for Boston. Here, after a look round the massive church, legs were called upon to do a little extra before arriving at the ringing chamber, but before long these fine bells gave forth Cambridge Royal, Little Bob Royal and Superlative Major. After this a splendid meat tea was partaken of at the Scala Cafe, and thence to Heckington, the last call for ringing. There on this fine peal of eight Spliced Treble Bob, Bristol, London, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. The return journey was commenced at about 8.30 p.m., the party landing back safely about 11 p.m. The weather was most kind after the initial drizzle, for no more rain was seen after 7.30 a.m. Everyone had an enjoyable day, and the thanks of all are due to the various incumbents for their permission to ring, and particularly to the local ringers who looked after the requirements of the visitors so well, and were kindness itself. The Rotherham company will be very pleased to welcome ringers from these or any other towers whenever they decide to tour South Yorkshire.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A summer meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, on Saturday, July 28th, when the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The church is three minutes' walk from Lightcliffe L.M.S. Station, and is passed by the Yorkshire buses from Leeds, Cleckheaton and Halifax. The Cliffe Hill Nurseries of Mr. H. White will be open for all who care to look round, and the Memorial Stray is a picture at this time of the year. Therefore make an effort to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION, North-Western District, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Leatherhead District.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. —D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hartford on July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5. No service.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James', Bratton, on Saturday, July 28th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs Gillett & Johnston. Service at 3.30 p.m., the address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset. Tea at 5, with short meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Semington Road, Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea (about 1/-) 5 p.m., close to church. It is hoped to see a good muster of both old and new friends. — R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Rothley (recently augmented to six) on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. A good meeting is requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, July 28th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service. Tea and meeting as usual. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Sat., July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- each.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — The summer meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at 4.30.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans Dis.) & MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. Dis.).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Sat., July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea immediately after. Trains for Brookman's Park leave Finsbury Park at 2.17, King's Cross 2.30, 3.16. Return fare 1/6 and 1/10. Buses leave St. Albans at quarter past each hour and pass by the church. Also Green Line service on the Barnet by-pass. A visit to this old church is worth while. — W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 28th. The bells of St. Ignatius' Church will be available at 3. Service, with address by the Rector of Sunderland, 4.30. Tea in the Girls' Institute at 5, after which the bells of Holy Trinity will also be available. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. The Rector is anxious to know for how many to prepare tea, so do, please, drop me a card. All very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane. Bromham, Bedford.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth to-morrow (Saturday), July 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BRATTON, WILTS.—The ring of 6 (tenor 12 cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Dorset on Saturday, July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 2nd and 30th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: election of officers.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Cratfield tower on Aug. 4th.—G. Filby, Wingfield, Diss.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Aug. 1st. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Preston (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Monday, Aug. 6th (Bank Holiday). Service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Dujon Café at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's and St. John's will be available for ringing. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Friday, Aug. 3rd? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 6th. Tea can be had at the cafés nearby. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, August 7th.—R. R. Pole, Hon Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) & ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be reopened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Further particulars next week.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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