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A new church at Iford, a growing parish on the borders of Bournemouth and Christchurch, is nearing completion and it would appear that its equipment is the first step towards a mechanised religion. From a description published in 'The Sunday Times,' we learn that there is a tower, with amplifiers instead of bells; the sound of the bells to summon the faithful to prayer and to remind other listeners of the service about to begin will be the noisy reproduction of gramophone records. Loud speakers in the church will give the illusion of a full pipe organ, although the notes come from a small reed instrument, which by the same apparatus can magnify the volume to 'a strength more than adequate for the needs of services.' The apparatus will also make it possible to receive a sermon from any distant preacher by means of a telephone line.

All this is very modern, and perhaps, very enterprising. It will be called by some the bringing of science to the aid of religion; it may also be looked upon as an ingenious means of saving money. But to us this type of substitute for the real thing leaves a feeling that for the sake of effects of a sort, but certainly not spiritual effect, those who are responsible have made a sad and serious departure from the principles that have guided the pious builders of our churches in the past, when the very thought of subterfuge or sham was abhorrent and nothing but the best was considered good enough. It is a proud boast in many an old church, where the work of the skilled artisan is visible, that if you could inspect the hidden part of the work you would find it as carefully and as lovingly wrought as that portion which can be seen. There are no shams. It is a pity, we think, that in this new church there should be sham bells and a more or less sham organ. And what guarantee is there that there may not, later on, be 'tinned' sermons, reproduced from gramophone records, a mechanical choir provided by the same means, the whole thing eventually becoming as we have suggested, a mechanised and soulless religion!

There is already a section of the public which dislikes the ringing of church bells; we can imagine nothing that will add to their number more effectively than the churning out of gramophone records. There are very few good records of bells in existence—if there are, we have not heard them—and there is not one, as far as we know, that is really complete. These records are, too often, a travesty of ringing and a church tower is the last place from which they should be broadcast. It would be better to be 'wired up' with some other church—say the grand old Priory Church only a few miles away—and radiate the bells from that tower when the services coincide. The public would at any rate get the sound of the real thing, instead of a mockery.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN	...*Treble*	ALBERT WALKER	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	ERNEST MANSELL	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	BERT HORTON	9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WALTER SMITH	...*Treble*	‡R. GORDON CROSS	6
*HARRY HOSKINS	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
*A. PATRICK CANNON	3	†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ...	8
†JOHN E. LYDDIARD	4	*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ...	9
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ...	5	†HAROLD S. BLACKETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor and the first peal of Royal on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 50th peal, rung in 50 different towers, conducted 31.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	...*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	†FREDERICK G. HOOPER ...	6
ARNOLD HILL	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
*MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4	†GEORGE W. CREASEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* 100th peal, all rung together. † First peal in the method.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILFRED STEVENSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
†THOMAS PRICE	2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	6
FREDERICK PRICE	3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	7
REGINALD CHESTER ...	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 150th peal. † First peal. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Broughton Hall.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE MAYERS	...*Treble*	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
*PHILIP W. J. FRYER	2	*CYRIL J. BURNS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ...	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. P. W. J. Fryer.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES H. RIDING...	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... ...	7
MISS KATH. BRADFORD ...	4	HARRY KILBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

* First peal of Surprise. The first peal in the method by the association and all the band.

BURLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7¾ cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK	*Treble*	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD	5
PERCY J. JOHNSON	2	RONALD H. DOVE	6
FRANK ARMITAGE...	3	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ...	7
FRANK RAYMENT...	4	LEONARD DRAKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. H. More, M.A., an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, who was instituted to the living of Sible Hedingham, Essex, the previous Thursday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. PADGETT ...	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	†ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN...	6
JOHN SADDINGTON	3	EDWARD FOSTER...	7
RUPERT RICHARDSON	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent. A birthday compliment to J. Saddington. G. E. Foster's 50th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	...*Treble*	JOHN A. GODFREY...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	CYRIL J. BURNS	6
WILLIAM J. CLOVER	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	HENRY TOOKR	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all on the bells and for the association. The composition contains 50 course ends with the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in sixth's and all the 4-5's in 5-4's. It is rung for the first time.

CODSALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. TIMMIS ...	...*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
HARRY BOSWELL	2	CHARLES R. COLLINS	6
HERBERT E. BOOTH	3	ALBERT D. COLLINS	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	JAMES SHAW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¼ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES	...*Treble*	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ...	5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
ERIC B. HARTLEY	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles Jackson.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	ERNEST FORBANK...	7
ALEC GENERY	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The conductor's 900th peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	...*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	ERNEST J. KING	6
*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK...	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	7
E. RALPH MACKRILL	4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on eight bells and in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	JAMES G. POWELL	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ...	2	GEORGE KING	6
THOMAS HOAD	3	WILLIAM H. HOAD	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	*JACK HARRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 11 methods, being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells; (2) Norwich; (3) Primrose and Norfolk; (4) York and Durham; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Hull; (7) Bourne. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT L. WARD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	†ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* 25th peal. † First peal in 11 Surprise methods 'inside.' First Surprise peal on the bells.

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HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DENNIS A. BAYLES ...	...*Treble*	*STANLEY FENN	4
T. WILLIAM DEVILLE ...	2	R. WILLIAM BARBER... ...	5
STANLEY W. GULL	3	†REGINALD H. HEWITT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble is aged 14 years and the conductor aged 19. Rung for the benefit of the conductor, who hails from Gateshead, County Durham.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 240's, with 21 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ...*Treble*		FRANK C. PREECE	4
ALBERT E. JONES...	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
RICHARD J. RAWLINGS... ...	3	JOHN H. MOUNTFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. Ellis Rowlands, who was retiring at the close of evening service. It is ten years since F. C. Preece rang his first and last peal.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*WALTER C. CHANDLER ...*Treble*		*FREDERICK T. HARDEN ...	4
FRANK A. SLINGSBY... ...	2	*JOHN BARTER	5
CHARLES TURNER	3	ALFRED R. LONGHURST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*JAMES TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*		JACK WILKINSON...	4
*FREDERICK WOODWARD ...	2	*JOHN BROWN	5
JAMES MARTIN	3	*ERNEST BENNETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Edna, eldest daughter of Mrs. Bennett. The conductor's 40th peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, Dr. Langford, for his hospitality after the peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*DUDLEY BOXTON ... ...*Treble*		LEONARD A. TIDY	4
†MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	†FRANK E. DARBY	5
†DANIEL COOPER	3	†CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. † First peal of London Surprise Minor.

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GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM SHARPLES	4
*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ...	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
FRED RIGBY	3	ALFRED BLOGG	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. William Clarkson, an enthusiastic member of the local company, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

ELSHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

RONALD BOWNESS ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE L. HALL...	4
GEORGE DOBBS	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
*MARTIN WALKER	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN... ...	...*Tenor*

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First Surprise peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2		HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	...5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...3-4		FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	...7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpires: Stephen H. Hoare and John E. Rootes.

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, and 672 Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. The umpires checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

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S 632574	— 724536
— 456732	752643
— 274356	S 637452
S 362574	S 426537
S 543762	S 574326
— 275643	S 365274
— 362475	*— 423765

Eleven times repeated, substituting Single for Bob* half-way and end. First rung at Kenwyn, Cornwall, on June 26th.

DEATH OF BOOTLE RINGER.

Christ Church, Bootle, ringers mourn the sudden death of Mr. Dan Lea, one of the local company, at the early age of 31 years. Mr. Lea was a regular Sunday service ringer at the church as well as being a sidesman and Sunday School teacher.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, July 1st. The bells at Christ Church were rung fully muffled for the funeral, and four of his friends rang the handbells over the grave.

Although deceased only rang two peals, the Lancashire Association has lost an enthusiastic ringer, and his colleagues have lost a real friend.

FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM DOUBLES TO MINOR AND MAJOR.

Our article last week suggests that there may be some young ringers who, having mastered Doubles, find just a little difficulty in going on to Minor and Major. Apart from the little extra ropesight that is required to 'see' the additional bells, one of the problems is that of 'leading.' Doubles, except in a five-bell tower, are usually rung with a covering bell, and the beginner in change ringing, having, of course, already learned how to lead in rounds, has no trouble when he comes to lead in Doubles. We hope he always bears in mind that for good striking there should be the space of one bell between the backstroke of the tenor and his own handstroke.

When he comes to ringing Minor or Major, of course, he has no fixed bell, like the tenor in Doubles, to lead from. The bells behind are continually changing, and if he wants to make a good lead he must look for the last bell and lead from that. We have seen some otherwise good ringers who, when they come to lead, just drop their eyes to the floor and trust to luck. The result is that they may put in a good lead, or they may not—more likely not.

You must pick out the bell you are going to lead off, just as you pick out the bell you are going to strike over in hunting up or down. You can look for it immediately you have pulled off in second's place before leading, and with a little practice you will quickly find it. Lead from it, allowing for the same interval as you would in leading from the tenor, and as you pull off watch for the bell which in that change will strike over him. Then put your backstroke in, snappy and clean, from that second bell. If you lead at backstroke when you have found it and not before you have found it, you ought to have your blow in the right place. There should be no interval.

In a simple method like Plain Bob, these bells that you want to be able to 'spot' are not really difficult to find. Remember you lead at hand off one, at back off another. These bells are coursing one behind the other, and on your way down you will have 'crossed' them consecutively next above and in the middle, that is to say in Minor, in 5-4 and 4-3; and in Major in 6-5 and 5-4. There is a slight difference after you have made 2nd's place, but you get your cue by having to lead your first blow from the bell you led off last, before making 2nd's. You must look for the bell that is coming behind next, if you do not happen to know the coursing order.

In going from Bob Doubles to Bob Minor, the effect of the additional bell is to turn the four blows behind, when the treble leads, into a dodge in 5-6. What you do in 3-4 is not affected, except that *both* the 5-6 dodges come between the 3-4 dodges.

After dodging in 4-3 down, you dodge the next lead in 6-5 down; the following lead in 5-6 up, before coming back to 3-4 up; followed by the 2nd's place. When you go on to Major the additional dodges are in 7-8, and are inserted between the dodges in 5-6, first 8-7 (down), then 7-8 (up).

In trying your hand at Major, after having been used to Minor, don't forget to hunt right up behind, instead of turning round, when you reach 6th's. Remember your course bell—the one you took off at lead, and when hunting up, don't attempt to turn round and come back until you have turned your course bell from behind.

You can try to build up your own table for ringing the method. Recollect that after every dodge, you pass the treble one place earlier, until, at length, you pass it in 1-2 and have to make 2nd's. This working of things out for yourself is a great help; so try it. If you do it correctly you will find the jig-saw exactly fits.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NEW BADGES.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Watlington on Saturday, June 6th, the number attending being most satisfactory. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in a dozen different methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and also with rounds for the beginners.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Rector.

The general secretary, Miss K. Willers, presided at the business meeting, having cycled about 40 miles in order to be present. This, it is suggested, should be noted by the slack ones in the district.

One new member was elected, and Leverington chosen for the next meeting. The new badges were available, every member present purchasing one.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, who briefly replied.

MARCH MEETING IN JUNE.

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at March on June 20th. Only about 12 ringers attended before tea; they included Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry and Mr. J. H. Shepherd. (It's not a foot rule he carries, but a five foot one.).

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to March, and three of the local company made things more easy and gave that touch of welcome. After tea more ringers came along, and the bells were well made use of.

The next meeting will be held at Whittlesey, and due notice will be given in our notice columns.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BUCKLAND.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association (Southern District) was held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th, when 32 members and visitors from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Bletchingley, Limpsfield Chart, Lingfield, Horley, Kingswood, Capel, Dorking, Leatherhead, Beddington, St. Peter's and St. John's, Croydon, with the local band, attended. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Dunk, M.A.), who gave an address on bells and their usages. The lesson was read by Alderman Temple Newell. Tea, served in the Village Hall, was kindly provided for by the Rector, who also took the chair at the business meeting.

Before the business commenced the secretary reported the loss of an old friend in the late Rector of Horley (the Rev. Lewis), who had been an honorary member for about 25 years. He passed away on May 12th. The Master (Mr. A. Bull) and the local band had attended the funeral, and a wreath was sent from the association.

It was proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, and the members then stood in silence for a few moments.

It was reported that two peals had been rung during the last quarter, London Surprise Major at Betchworth and Cambridge Surprise Major at St. John's, Redhill.

Four new members were elected, Messrs. R. Tidy, J. Tidy, R. Jefferys and A. Taylor, all of Limpsfield Chart.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Burstow in September, and the secretary gave notice that a joint meeting would be held with the East Grinstead Guild at Lingfield on July 11th. He hoped members would give it all the support they could, it being the first joint meeting with the Southern District.

The next quarterly peal was proposed to be attempted at Horley, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, conductor Mr. R. Fuller.

The Secretary said he had been asked to report that the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, had tendered his resignation after six years owing to ill-health, but was carrying on until the end of the year; also that the general treasurer was resigning at the end of the year. They would thus have to look for a new Master and general treasurer.

The Rector thanked the ringers for paying a visit to Buckland, this being the third time since he had been Rector that they had visited the village. Thanks were accorded to Mr. F. Sanders for having the bells ready, and to the ladies for assisting at the tea.—Alderman Newell replied and thanked the Vicar for the service and his address.

A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, also a course of Grandsire Caters, assisted by the motoring section from the North-West Division. A return was then made to the tower, where the light peal of six bells (which, it is hoped, may become eight one day) were kept going until 9 p.m. in various methods.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETS AT BENTLEY.

A pleasant time was spent by members of the Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild at Bentley on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing started soon after 3 o'clock, and Doubles and Minor were rung and some good striking was heard. The weather was not very kind, and probably accounted for the small number of ringers present. Nevertheless, some excellent practice was put in. At half-past four the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler (Rector) conducted the Guild service and gave an interesting address, taking for his subject the Trinity season. The hymns sung were 'We love the place, O God' and 'The church bells ringing from the height.' A splendid tea was served at Linden Cottage by Mrs. Trotman, a company numbering just over 20 sitting down. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, organist, blower, verger, Mr. A. Raggett and the local ringers, and Mrs. Trotman and her helpers, for the various parts taken in the arrangements and success of the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. J. Stedman (hon. member).

The tower was revisited after tea and more ringing enjoyed. Five towers were represented, viz., Seale, Aldershot (in force), Frensham, Ewhurst and Bentley. The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

SIX-PART PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,120, BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456		M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)			1
45623	L B S L	2	1	1
24653	L S L		1	
52643	L B B S L	3	1	
34625	L S L	1	1	1
46325	L S B B L B		3	2
23645	L S B L B		2	2

Repeat five times, but in third and sixth parts ring B B S L in place of first five leads, calling 1M 1W 1H.

Cambridge may be rung in place of any Superlative lead. This is the first six-part composition in these spliced methods.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BINGLEY PROVIDES WESTERN DIVISION WITH FULL DAY'S ENJOYMENT.

The Clerk of the Weather excelled himself when the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their summer meeting at Bingley on June 27th. The weather was almost perfect, and upwards of 60 members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this delightful Yorkshire town in its picturesque setting.

Boating was in full swing on the river, whilst on the hillside scarcely a stone's throw from the church groups of ringers reclined in the sun discussing the efforts of their more energetic brethren in the tower. A little further away the Sheep Dog Trials proved an added attraction, whilst in the evening other ringers were heard of who were still making the acquaintance of belles by the riverside, so Bingley provided a really full day's enjoyment.

The bells were raised in peal at half-past two, and no doubt gave fresh courage to a newly-married couple who were just leaving the church. A great variety of methods were rung during the day, ranging from Treble Bob Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and, in spite of the heat, the bells were kept moving until 9 o'clock, excepting for the tea interval.

The usual fault of some ringers in failing to send in for tea made two sittings necessary, but this difficulty was made light of and a really good meal was enjoyed by all in the Church House.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the gathering was a very representative one, over 26 towers being represented. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells was ably moved by the chairman, who darkly hinted of his former exploits at the Church House (then known as the Ring of Bells).

The vote was supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Broadley, who also enlarged upon the happenings of those 'bad old days.'

A vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements was proposed by Mr. A. E. West and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. This was endorsed by the chairman, who pointed out how fortunate they were in being fully supplied with refreshments when so many had failed to send in for tea.

Mr. Allen Hopewell, in replying for the Vicar (who had been called away) and for the local company, said how pleased they were to have the summer meeting at Bingley, and they all hoped that it would not be so long before the visit would be repeated.

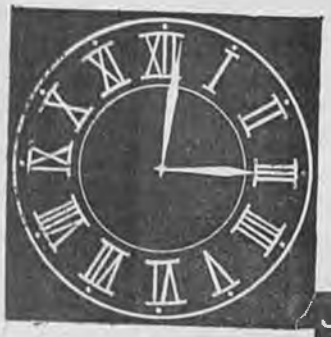
The following new members were admitted to the association: Messrs. A. Hopewell and J. Walker, of Bingley; Mr. A. Slater, of Elland; and Mr. A. Ashton, of Bradford.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Batley early in September had been received, and this was accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting the company were entertained by some wonderful handbell ringing ('four in hand') by Messrs. A. E. West and D. Sharp, of Sutton-on-Hull, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bingley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Denholme, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Oxenhope, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull, Skipton and Shipley.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, 720 Norwich Surprise (L. Camp, conductor), 360 Cambridge Surprise (E. Sitch, conductor). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, J. Sitch, G. Camp, L. Camp.



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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild held its thirteenth festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. The service at the Cathedral was well attended by ringers from all parts of the diocese, the following clergy taking part: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Canon John Simon, the Rev. T. M. Hughes (Vicar of Cadoxton), the Rev. D. Parry Jones (Vicar of Llanelly, Brecs.) and the Rev. Ifor Jones (Brecon). Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. Canon Roberts intoned, Canon Simon read the lesson, the Rev. T. M. Hughes gave an excellent address and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

After the service tea was provided on the lawns at Ely Tower, by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, who presided over the annual meeting which followed.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the statement of accounts, which was adopted. A credit balance of £48 18s. 2d. was considered very satisfactory.

The following officers were re-elected: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham; hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands. Canon Bickerton Edwards (Tenby) and the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Talgarth) were elected as vice-presidents, there being two vacancies.

An appeal was read from the Rev. E. W. Edwards, Dolau, Rads., who requested financial asistance towards the cost of restoring and supplementing the present ring of five bells with a new treble.—It was unanimously decided to forward a donation of £5 from the Guild Fund.

The 1937 festival will be held at Gorseinon, and, on behalf of the Llanelly (Brecs.) ringers, Mr. S. T. Rackham invited the Guild to hold the next competition at Llanelly. The invitation was gratefully accepted and Mr. Rackham was thanked therefore.

Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis (Central Council representative) gave the meeting his account of the last Central Council meeting held in London. The report concluded with an appeal to all ringers present to do what they possibly could to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World'; at least, see that a copy was taken at each belfry every week.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. E. Stitch, D. J. Lewis, S. T. Rackham, C. Powell, and to be presided over by Mr. Charles Gilbertson, was appointed to go into the question of contributions by the two districts to the parent Guild. A report will be presented to the next annual meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Bishop for kindly entertaining the company to tea, and to the Rev. T. M. Hughes for his address at the service.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary for Sunday evensong on July 5th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. Adams 1, J. Parish 2, R. Smith 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, B. Wayman 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, M. Ginn 7, R. Thoday 8. First quarter of Superlative by ringers of 1 and 2.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—For evensong on Sunday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss E. Marshall 1, Miss P. Baker 2, J. A. Lunn (first quarter-peal on eight 'inside') 3, J. Dixon 4, C. H. Baker 5, H. Morgan 6, N. Thurlby 7, G. L. A. Lunn (first as conductor on eight bells) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon Round-Turner, who is leaving to take up duties at Little Bealings, near Ipswich.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Saturday, July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Beadle 1, R. A. Tuffin 2, H. B. Wells 3, B. Evans 4, R. V. Fuller (conductor) 5, G. Ayling 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 4 and 6, who are local men.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Monday, June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. Shouler 1, O. Warren 2, D. Cockings 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharpe (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all. Rung in honour of St. Peter's Day.

COTTINGHAM.—Believed to be the first quarter-peal rung in the tower by a local band at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Saturday, June 27th, with 4.6.8 behind: *Jack Whitehouse 1, Alan J. Hopper 2, *Ernest Cuttill 3, *Fred Mason 4, *Wilfred Lawson 5, *Joseph Chately 6, Colin A. Hopper (conductor) 7, *Percy Henri 8. * First quarter-peal.

OXHEY.—At St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, June 23rd, before the induction of the Rev. C. W. Allington, M.A., as Vicar of Oxhey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. L. Rosson (age 13) (first in the method) 1, C. Kaeser 2, A. Dix 3, S. H. Hoare 4, F. A. J. Steward 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6, J. Rootes 7, A. F. Bowyer 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 21st, at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: *J. Quinney 1, A. E. Pitstow (conductor) 2, *M. Ginn 3, *F. Gleaves 4, L. Pitstow 5, *R. Lathbury 6, *L. Simmonds 7, J. Ward 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. First of London Surprise on the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On June 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor for evening service: Miss D. M. Hawley (first 720) 1, Mrs. E. Bradley 2, R. B. Smith 3, F. Terry 4, R. H. Vigor (conductor) 5, E. Bradley 6. First 720 in the method by all except the third ringer.

MEETING ON CHURCH ROOF.

LADIES FIND WEATHER TOO HOT FOR RINGING.

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Saturday, June 20th, when about 25 members and friends attended. Owing to the intense heat, little ringing was attempted until the evening.

After tea the business meeting was held on the roof of the church. The vice-president (Mrs. R. F. Deal) presided.

The election of officers followed. Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. G. H. Cross hon. secretary, and Miss K. Bradford assistant hon. secretary. The committee was re-elected en bloc.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss E. Worsley and Miss E. Bedford.

It was decided to reduce the number of meetings held during the year from eight to six, these to be held when possible on the first Saturday in the following months: September, November, January, March, May and June. The meeting for next September, however, will be held on the second Saturday instead of the first, at Stoke Poges.

Mrs. Fletcher reminded the members of the annual general meeting, to be held at Bath on July 11th.

The question of badges then arose, and Mrs. Fletcher requested all those who wished to have a badge to let her know, so that the order could be put through.

The business concluded, after the usual thanks had been accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Wilson, who had made the necessary arrangements.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Mrs. Bruce (vice-president) presided at the 17th annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held at Ash on Saturday, when three new members were elected: Mrs. G. Hall, of Liss, Miss M. Manfield, of Ash, and Miss W. Manfield, rejoined.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; secretary, Miss H. F. Mills; committee, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Fisher; Central Committee, Mrs. Bruce and Miss Mills.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient district meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It was also decided to hold a meeting, if possible, in the Alton District in October.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Steedman and Misses J. and M. P. Kingdon, and also 'Henry VIII.' Miss B. Mills, of the Central District, was a welcome visitor.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE W. HARRIS.

FORMER DEPTFORD AND DUNSTABLE RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of Mr. George W. Harris, whose death took place at Dunstable on June 18th at the early age of 36. He learned his ringing at Deptford with Mr. G. H. Daynes, and rang several peals with the London County Association under Mr. T. H. Taffender. He went to live at Dunstable about 10 years ago, and became a valued member of the Priory Church band. He rang his last peal, one of Treble Bob, in 1930. About four years ago his health broke down, and he had to give up active association with the tower, although never losing interest in the affairs of the band. His last visit was on the day of the funeral of His late Majesty King George, when he tried to ring, but found it too much for him.

The funeral took place on June 20th at Dunstable, when the Priory band was represented by Mr. C. E. King and Mr. G. W. Heley. Always of a quiet and unassuming nature, George Harris will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th, when over 40 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening. Members were present from Bucklebury, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Midgham, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw and Thatcham. Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, was also present, with visitors from Abingdon, Bradfield, Hillingdon, Wooburn and Stoke Wake, Dorset. The service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who gave a very helpful address. Miss E. Mathews (a Bucklebury ringer) was at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Adams, 36 sitting down.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided over the business meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Kintbury on Saturday, September 19th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, to Miss E. Mathews and to Mrs. Adams. The tower was again visited, when several more ringers had arrived; various methods up to Cambridge Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

'OLD PEAK' DISTRICT MEETING.

The members of the Old Peak District Society had an enjoyable afternoon at Norton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Towers represented were Ashover, Bakewell, Chesterfield, Dore, Darley Dale, Norton and Sheffield Cathedral. The bells were kept going in touches of Stedman, Little Bob, Forward, etc. Tea, provided by the Vicar, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. H. More, until recently Vicar of Burley, Leeds, and an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, has been instituted to the living of Sible Hedingham, Essex. A farewell peal was rung at Burley on June 30th. During his stay in the Yorkshire town, in addition to other things, the six bells at St. Matthias' Church were recast into eight, and the ringing room was made as nearly ideal as possible.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the order to rehang with new fittings in a new frame the ring of six at St. Breward, near Bodmin, Cornwall.

Twin performances by the twin sisters, the Misses G. and K. Burchnall, have reached an interesting stage. They have never been separated in their peal ringing and they have now scored their 100th peal together. Cannot they now call a few peals by sharing the conducting?

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now scored 50 peals, and they have been rung in 50 different towers. This is a new record. Few people even get the opportunity to visit 50 different towers while in search of their first fifty peals. The peals, of which Mr. Cannon has conducted 31, consist of two of Doubles, 16 of Minor, six of Triples, 24 of Major and two of Royal.

It will be interesting to know, when the time arrives, how many ringers have been successful in ringing in peals on the definite days of the Coronations of Kings Edward VII., George V. and Edward VIII. 'Curious' says that, with several others, he is living in hopes.

An added attraction to the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Feltham on July 18th will be a visit to the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Hanworth Park, under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. W. H. Coles. The tea will probably be arranged there as well!

Friday must be their lucky day, and Spliced Surprise peals 'in hand' are becoming a habit with them. The Oxhey company have rung yet another peal of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol on handbells.

Ringing at the Croydon Parish Church is to be discontinued until further notice.

TWIN SISTERS' RECORD.

MISSES BURCHNALL'S ONE HUNDRED PEALS TOGETHER.

An interesting record has been made by the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, who are twin sisters. They recently both rang their one hundredth peal, and it is remarkable that they have never rung a peal apart.

The following is their list of peals: Doubles 3, Minor 47 (one in nine methods, 13 in seven methods, two Surprise), Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 7, Spliced Kent and Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major 5, St. Clement's Major 1, Forward Major 1, Little Bob Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

THE AUGMENTATION SCHEME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, 'The Ringing World' made it known that, as part of its jubilee celebrations, the Chester Diocesan Guild proposes to sponsor a scheme for the addition of two trebles to the present ring of eight at the Cathedral.

May I appeal, through your columns, to all who have in the past been associated with this ancient city, and who still have some regard for its Cathedral and bells, for their support in the task of raising the necessary amount to make the augmentation possible?

Subscriptions addressed to me at Wayside, Circular Drive, will be most gratefully acknowledged. J. W. CLARKE.

Chester.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT COVENTRY.

HANDBELLS RUNG IN CHURCH.

Two members of the Stoke (Coventry) band were married at St. Paul's Church, Foleshill, on Saturday, June 6th. The bridegroom was Mr. Ernest Sibley (late of Northampton) and the bride Miss Vera M. Freeman, elder daughter of Mr. C. Freeman, also a service ringer at Stoke Church.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar of St. Paul's, and as there is only one bell at this church, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the gallery at the conclusion of the service.

On leaving the church the couple passed under an archway of handbells held by their fellow-ringers.

Afterwards a reception was held in the adjoining Schoolroom, at which further handbell ringing took place. Later the happy pair left for Shanklin, where the honeymoon was spent, and the following ringers proceeded to Stoke Church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the 'go' of the bells not permitting a peal attempt: Mrs. F. Rouse 1, W. Smith 2, W. T. Cox 3, R. Haine (first quarter with 'inside' bell) 4, F. Pervin (conductor) 5, D. Ellender 6, J. H. White 7, F. Rouse 8.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RECAST.

NEW AND HEAVIER PEAL OF TWELVE.

The ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral are to be recast and increased in weight. This announcement was made to a meeting of Friends of the Cathedral last week by the Dean.

The present peal is a 'patchwork' affair, and ringers who know them will be delighted to hear that at last there is the promise of a worthy peal to crown this grand old pile.

The project is the outcome of steps originally contemplated by the Friends of the Cathedral, who had decided to provide funds for the recasting and rehanging of two of the bells. When this came to the knowledge of Mr. F. Hopkins, managing trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, he offered, from the funds for the Trust, to provide the additional money to make a clean sweep of things, so that the Cathedral could have a new ring of twelve. The work will be carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the weight of the tenor will be raised from 30¼ cwt. to 35 cwt.

OFFER ACCEPTED BY DEAN AND CHAPTER.

In making the announcement, the Dean said the help the Friends offered in connection with the bells had worked like a snowball. No sooner had they given the order to the well-known bell founders, Taylors, of Loughborough, to recast and rehang the two bells which had become unsafe, than they received an offer from Mr. Hopkins and the Barron Bell Trust to pay the cost of making a really good job of the bells by recasting and rehanging the entire peal and adding a new tenor bell in time for the Coronation next year. That was a magnificent offer and had been gratefully accepted by the Dean and Chapter, and they realised that the action of the Friends had put them in the position to do so. The bells would be removed early in August—he believed the work would begin the day after Bank Holiday—and although Taylors would not absolutely guarantee that they would be completed in time for the Coronation in May next year, they had every hope that it would be possible.

HOW THE PEAL GREW.

The present bells appear to have originated with a heavy peal of six, cast by Richard Phelps of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1734. To these Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, thus making a peal of eight.

The agreement for the ring of bells cast by Phelps is still in existence. It shows that the Dean and Chapter were to send to the foundry old metal of the weight of approximately five tons, which was about the same weight as the new peal. It is assumed that the old bell metal was that of an earlier ring of six bells, put in late in the 17th century, as it was in the year 1634 that the tower was closed in. The agreement provided that Phelps was to allow only 24s. less per cwt. for the old metal than the cost of the new. The tenor bell, it was stipulated, was to be agreeable to the note of the organ of St. Michael's, Cornhill, which was taken as the standard at that period.

Of the bells cast by Phelps in 1734, only one, the present 9th, remains. The present 11th was recast by him in 1737. At different times the old treble, 4th and 6th of the eight were recast by Robert and James Wells, of Aldbourne, the treble in 1772, and the others in 1804 and 1814 respectively. In 1891 the tenor became cracked and was recast at Whitechapel, and in the following year Mears and Stainbank added two trebles to make a ring of ten, the treble being given by the inhabitants of Winchester and the second by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The 5th of the ten, cast by Phelps in 1734, cracked in 1903 and was recast at Whitechapel.

The two present trebles, making a peal of twelve, were added by the Winchester Diocesan Guild as a memorial to the members who fell in the Great War.

There is something of a mystery about the present 6th. Its inscription is 'Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., 1742. T.L.' Theodore Ecclestone was a wealthy patron of bells and bellringing, and a ringer himself. His home was at Crowfield Hall, in the parish of Coddenham, Suffolk. He gave several of the bells to this church, as well as being the donor of the peal of ten at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk. That he ever had any connection with or interest in Winchester there is nothing to show. But in 1742 it would appear that the two trebles to make the ring of eight at Winchester Cathedral, the peal of eight for Coddenham and the ten for Stonham Aspal were all in Thomas Lester's foundry at Whitechapel at the same time. Did Winchester get the wrong bell, or was the inscription a mistake on the part of the craftsman?

AMERICAN VISITOR'S QUARTER-PEAL.

On Monday, June 29th, in St. Mary's belfry, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Reginald Heath 1-2, Albert E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, Reginald Sharpe 5-6, Lloyd William Taylor 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by the ringers of 1-2, 5-6 and 7-8. Mr. Taylor is staying in Cambridge on a visit from America, and commenced to learn the art of change ringing towards the end of last year. He is shortly returning to U.S.A.

BELL BROADCASTING.

PERSONAL 'SACRIFICE' FOR ULTIMATE GOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I express an opinion regarding some points Mr. S. J. Peck raises? Referring to the 'local atmosphere,' let us remember that if the ringing was of the highest standard only, the people living in the near vicinity of some 'local atmosphere' would have a standard upon which to judge their local band. This would certainly give the intelligent listener interest—a little disturbing for some local bands, perhaps.

With regard to the supplanting of a ringer by a better man, it is a poor thing if a ringer cannot stand down when he knows his 'sacrifice' is for the ultimate good. If he is a churchman, he should be willing to. If a ringer would break up a band for the sake of his own personal pride, he could not be a worthy churchman.

This trouble and, indeed, many other troubles could be very easily overcome if ringers would work and live to Christian principles. The sad point is that they, like many others, obviously find this a little too difficult, or inconvenient, perhaps.

FREDERICK H. OLDNALL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

REMARK RESENTED.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. A. P. Smith, the fact we are concerned about is the base remark used against the Lancashire towers in question, and that we strongly resent his attitude and expression at the Council meeting.

As it is the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association in September, we trust this matter will be brought forward and receive its full attention.

Finally, may I suggest to Mr. Smith that we might leave the 'Order of the Holy Writ' apart from this controversy?

J. H. RIDYARD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT ECKINGTON.

As Norton, near Chesterfield, was unavailable, the first quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) were open during the afternoon and evening, when visitors took part in all standard methods. The committee met in the afternoon and carried out various routine duties. Tea was served in the White Hart Inn, and between 20 and 30 members from each district of the association sat down. The general meeting followed, at which the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, took the chair, supported by Mr. W. E. White, hon. treasurer, Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary, and Mr. Robinson, churchwarden of Eckington. The president gave a review of the quarter's work, commenting on peals rung, those of special note being the first of Leicestershire Surprise Major, rung at Wigston Magna, and the clerical peal at Holmer, Hereford. He briefly touched on matters arising from the Central Council meeting, commenting on the fact of the association's new representative, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, becoming librarian. Messrs. A. J. Harris and J. H. Swinfield each gave reports on their impressions of the Council meeting, giving explanations on several items on the agenda.

Mr. Tarlton proposed a vote of thanks to the representatives on their excellent report.

Various suggestions were put forward as to the better support of 'The Ringing World,' and it is hoped that local representatives of towers would take notice of these and act upon them.

New members proposed during the quarter were three honorary, nine ringing, two rejoins, three life, who were duly elected.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the meeting such a pleasant one, and Mr. Robinson (churchwarden) suitably replied.

This concluded the business, but before the assembly broke up a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by J. H. Swinfield 1-2, E. Morris 3-4, J. Pagett 5-6, J. P. Fidler 7-8, G. Freebrey 9-10, and a tune by Messrs. E. Morris and J. Pagett. Further ringing on the church bells and 'informal meetings' elsewhere terminated a very enjoyable afternoon.

THE 'G.O.M.' OF IBSTOCK.

To mark the 83rd birthday of Mr. John William Hopkins, the veteran churchwarden and ringer of Ibstock, near Loughborough, a special touch of 1,400 Grandsire Doubles was rung on June 27th on the bells of the Parish Church, composed for the occasion and containing exactly 83 calls (one for each of his years). It was rung by W. Goadby 1, O. Verey 2, W. H. Ball 3, W. Atkins 4, W. Woodward 5, A. Overton 6. The conducting was shared by W. Woodward and C. Verey.

Mr. Hopkins is still a regular ringer, and for over half a century has interested himself in the church work and public life of Ibstock. For the past 30 years he has been churchwarden, and at the restoration of the bells in 1905 he was greatly responsible for their augmentation to six. He is a member of the Midland Counties Association, for whom he has rung two peals, and all members, in wishing him good health, will hope he will continue many more years in the good work.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SPILSBY'S DIFFICULT BELLS.

A party of ringers from Lea, Upton, Willingham and Lincoln spent an interesting, though wet, afternoon on Saturday, May 30th, in ringing around Spilsby. The first call was at Raithby, a charming little village just off the busy Skegness road. A pleasant six, tenor 11 cwt., by Carr, of Birmingham, was found here, but they have rather a long draught of rope. An excellent 720 of Bob Minor was, however, rung on them. The next stop was for tea at Spilsby, and then on to Alford nine miles away. The bells here must be the finest six of their weight in Lincs. They had a special interest to some of the party, as they were seen assembled in their frame at the Loughborough Bell Foundry 18 months ago when the old five were recast and a treble added. The tenor weighs 12¼ cwt., and the bells were heard to good effect in another 720 of Plain Bob.

It had been hoped that Willoughby (six, tenor 8 cwt.) would be available, but Spilsby had to be substituted at the last minute. The 'rough' state of these bells was known and the visitors did not expect an easy time. When, however, an attempt was made to pull them up in peal it was soon evident that this was out of the question, as there is an enormous draught of unguided rope which seemed more like elastic than hemp, and chose to come down everywhere but where it was wanted. The visitors, however, managed to ring a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and two courses of Bob Minor, and then decided to lower the bells before disaster befell anyone. As far as the ringers are concerned here the clappers might be 'tied,' as it is impossible to hear anything except a faint rumbling overhead. The ringers had a very enjoyable outing in real old-fashioned Lincolnshire country.

MORE LINCOLNSHIRE DIFFICULTIES.

Twenty ringers and friends from Howden, Hemingbrough, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull and a visitor from Woodford in Essex set forth on June 1st by coach on a tour through North Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. At the outset they were obliged to satisfy the insistent cravings of a gentleman who had travelled from Sutton at an early hour without any breakfast, but they were soon whirling south, and, having missed several turnings, arrived at the first destination over the devious twists of a winding by-road.

At Epworth they put in a good half an hour's hard labour on the had-going peal of six (tenor 30 cwt.), ringing Doubles and Cambridge Minor with such effect that the tenor rope protested by parting at a splice. At Haxey the ringers had another spell of horse work on a similar peal (tenor 25 cwt.). It seems a pity that two fine peals like these should waste through lack of rehanging. Next the party proceeded to Gainsborough, where the grand peal of eight were a delight to ring and handle. There they lunched and recuperated from their morning's activities.

Going on to Sutton-on-Trent, they were met by the Misses Burchnall, and although some found the trebles rather tricky to handle after the previous peals, yet good use was made of the bells, and admiring comments were passed on the carpet and belfry. After a short ring at East Markham, the tourists paid their last call at East Retford, where on the peal of ten (tenor 24 cwt.) Grandsire Triples and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung, a course of Bob Royal coming to grief in the last half-lead through the tenor rope breaking.

This concluded a very satisfactory day's ringing, for which they have to thank Mr. Fred Terry, to whom were due the origin and the management of the outing, and the arrangements made by the ringers of the several towers that were visited.

MALDON RINGERS' TOUR.

The ringers of All Saints', Maldon, Essex, together with wives and friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 13th. Starting from Maldon at 7.45 a.m., they journeyed via Colchester and Ipswich to Woodbridge, their first stop. They soon had the fine bells going in a touch of Stedman, which was much enjoyed. Other touches were rung to give all a chance, and then a move was made to Lowestoft, where a splendid lunch was in readiness at the Crown Hotel. Afterwards the ringers paid a visit to St. Margaret's Church, where, a wedding having just taken place, they were able to ring the wedding bells for the bridal couple. After tea a move was made for Stowmarket, where some of the local ringers were met and some good ringing was very much enjoyed. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a tour of 170 miles. Although the weather was not very kind, it did not damp the spirits of the party and the day's outing was a great success. The ringers wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having the bells ready and for meeting them.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 27th, the Helmingham, Suffolk, band, with a few friends, making a party of twenty, held their annual outing. Leaving Helmingham Church a few minutes past six in the morning by motor-coach, a course was steered for Long Sutton, Lincs, which was reached just before ten o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson were there to give them a warm welcome. Ringing started with a good touch of Stedman Triples, with eight of the party who were over 50 years of age. The conductor was W. G. Crickmer, who is one of the three survivors of the famous 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham in 1892. The youngsters then took over for Superlative, but were surprised to find themselves all mixed up after a lead or two. However, a good wigging from their fathers and a change over to Cambridge resulted in a good course being brought round. After other courses of Bristol and London had been rung, the party left for Boston, where an excellent lunch was awaiting them at the Scala Cafe. They felt the full effects of doing 'ample justice' when afterwards they climbed the famous Stump. Most of the party reached the ringing floor after much puffing and blowing and inquiries as to 'How much further?' The ringing here was not all that could be desired, but Treble Ten and Stedman Caters and a course of London on the back eight were brought round. The next call was Pinchbeck, where some good courses of Surprise and Double Norwich were rung. Then came a visit to Surfleet with its light twelve. It was some time before three leads of Treble Twelve could be brought round, followed by a course of Stedman Caters and a course of Stedman Doubles on the front five to oblige L. C. W. Glyn Garth for tea was the next item, and it will be a long day before that tea, which Mrs. Richardson had prepared on the lawn, will be forgotten. Afterwards Rupert entertained the party for an hour or more with his 'movies,' and it was great fun to watch some of the doings of celebrated ringers who had previously visited Surfleet. A few minutes before eight the party said 'Good-bye' to their kind host and hostess, to whom they tendered their best thanks for guiding the Suffolkites and helping them on the higher numbers of bells, also for entertaining them and making this the most enjoyable outing they had ever had. Home was reached about 12.30 a.m. But just after ten o'clock the same morning Bristol was rolling off, followed by Stedman, for morning service at Helmingham. The party would like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all incumbents for use of bells and the steeple-keepers for having everything ready.

A WEEK-END.

The 37th annual outing of the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, took place on June 20th and 21st—indeed, it can be said to have begun on the 19th, for, late on that evening, most of the party travelled to Basingstoke, Hants, which was the centre from which excursions were to be made on the following days. A strong muster of local ringers was on the railway platform to welcome the visitors on their arrival, headquarters being at the Railway Hotel. Here a chat with newly-made friends brought supper time and bed, in preparation for the following two days' excursions. The Master joined the party next morning, and after breakfast they set out by charabanc for a round of visits to towers, going first to Alton, where there is a fine ring of eight, and then to the little village of Upton Grey, with a handy ring of six, and on to Odiham, which also has a peal of six. After lunch at headquarters three of the local band joined the party, and a trip of eleven miles brought them to Highclere, with its handy ring of eight. Going farther on, they next called at Andover, where the eight bells run the wrong way round, and where, it was learned, the local men would welcome the services of a good bellhanger. Alas, there is a lack of money to enable a restoration to be put in hand. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. New, was followed by a visit to Whitchurch (eight), Deane (six), where the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was for some years Vicar, and Wootton St. Lawrence (six).

On Sunday arrangements had been made to ring from 7.15 to 8 a.m. at St. Michael's, Basingstoke. After breakfast the party set off for Newbury. A pleasant run through the country brought them to the old Berkshire town, where they enjoyed ringing on the fine peal of ten. On the return journey they experienced a heavy storm—the only rain during the excursion. After lunch at headquarters visits were paid to Sherfield and Bramley, and the evening service ringing was at All Saints', Basingstoke (eight). This brought a very successful outing to a close, in the course of which 720's of Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich Surprise and many shorter touches of Minor, including 'Spliced,' were rung at the six-bell towers, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge at other places. At every tower visited the Leytonstone ringers were met by the local men, who did everything they could to help make the outing an enjoyable and memorable one. These local ringers are thanked for their kindness, as are all the clergy who so readily granted the use of their bells.

INCIDENTS ON IPSWICH OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing. Starting from Ipswich at 6 a.m., they had a good run to the Half-way House, East Horndon, on the London-Southend by-pass, to breakfast at 8.15. They then crossed the Tilbury-Gravesend Ferry, ringing at Gravesend, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester Cathedral.

A course of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral, and a good look round the Cathedral and the Crypt was very interesting. An excellent dinner was served at the George, Leeds, where the late James Barham was famous. Barham was an ancestor of the Tilletts, of Ipswich. Then lastly to Maidstone, where three of the company were locked in the tower for half an hour. The ringing of the treble brought Mr. Spiller to the rescue.

The methods rung were Grandsire on seven and nine bells, Superlative, Treble Bob (eight), Double Norwich (eight and ten), Cambridge (eight and ten), and the novelty, of course, the Rochester Surprise Royal at Rochester Cathedral, perhaps the first rung outside Ipswich.

A somewhat alarming incident occurred on the homeward journey. A hitch in the ferry ticket caused the secretary to be delayed in the office while the ferry began to move off. Sprinting well for his age, he found the ferry now 8ft. away from the quay head, but her stern swung round within about 2ft., and he clambered aboard, to the delight of all.

The society wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for having things in readiness, and also Mr. Robert Brundle's son and Mr. E. J. Beer, both of whom made admirable pilots, in making the outing a grand success. Ipswich was safely reached by midnight.

NORTH SHIELDS RINGERS VISIT EDINBURGH.

On Thursday, June 25th, the ringers and choirmen of Christ Church, North Shields, joined forces for their annual outing, and visited Edinburgh by a railway excursion. The weather was ideal, and, having an hour to spare on arrival before luncheon, they split into small parties and visited the Shrine, the Castle and other places of interest. After luncheon the ringers, organist and some of the choir went to St. Cuthbert's Church. Permission had been granted for the use of the bells, and a few short touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The visitors were met by two of St. Cuthbert's ringers, who gave them a kind welcome. After looking round the church, which is very beautiful, especially the small Chapel Shrine, dedicated to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War, the party visited the Zoo, where forces were united again. Here, we are told, the party 'had a glorious time, some seeking relations of other members and feeding them and other animals; the fun was great.' After tea they started out again in small parties to see the city, and meeting again at the station in good time for the return train. The journey back was a pleasant finish off, being kept lively with songs and speeches, the party according thanks to all, including the Vicar, churchwardens, secretary and others who had helped in giving them such a good time. The Vicar replied for himself and joined in the thanks to the absent churchwardens. Thanks are also extended to the Vicar and ringers of St. Cuthbert's Church for their share in the arrangements.

FIVE TWELVE-BELL TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Whit Monday the ringers of St. Laurence-in-Reading carried out a most ambitious programme by ringing at three Staffordshire and two Warwickshire 12-bell towers. Through the kindness and fine organisation of their old friend, Mr. Albert Walker, everything was ready for the visitors at each place. Leaving Reading at 6.18 a.m. by G.W.R., Birmingham was reached at 11 a.m., two trains having been struck off time tables owing to Bank Holiday arrangements. However, St. Martin's bells were going to Cinques at scheduled time and a pleasant hour spent there. Then dinner at the Crown Restaurant, Corporation Street, which was greatly enjoyed. Afterwards at Aston everyone rang Stedman Cinques and paid their respectful homage at the last resting place of the immortal Henry Johnson. Walsall was the next objective. Here again everything was ready and the usual Stedman Cinques went rolling along. Three leads of Treble Twelve were also rung. The beautiful Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, was greatly admired, both inside and out, before climbing the belfry stairs. These bells were liked by all, and a good course of Double Norwich was rung on the back eight to finish the ringing, the only time all day in which less than 12 bells were pulled off. After tea a move was made to West Bromwich, where the party arrived ten minutes before time, but got on with the work, and left for Snow Hill Station, where a suitable farewell was taken of Mr. F. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild Ringing Master), who had given the whole day to the visitors. Will all the ringers who met the party and had things ready at each tower accept the heartfelt thanks of the St. Laurence's ringers, including, of course, the man whom they did not meet, Mr. A. Walker? R. T. H.

'REIGATIANS' TOUR FIVE COUNTIES.

On Saturday, June 6th, a party of 22 left Reigate by motor-coach in lovely weather for their annual ringers' outing. The first stop was at Barnet. At St. John the Baptist's Church, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. A well-struck course of Cambridge came to grief near the end owing to the tenor rope breaking. In the journey from Barnet to Waltham Holy Cross, four College Youths rang courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on handbells. At Waltham Abbey, rounds were rung on the twelve, with a touch of Grandsire Caters and three leads of Treble Ten. After dinner at a hotel close to the Abbey, a delay of half an hour was caused before resuming the journey owing to a puncture in a rear wheel. The local inhabitants were entertained to a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' at the Market Place while the coach driver made a quick 'change-over.'

The best scenery of the day was passed on the road through Epping Forest to Brentwood. Here, at St. Thomas' Church, short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Romford being the next objective, most of the ringers were keen on trying the famous peal at the Church of St. Edward. The bells were rung to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich. An excellent tea was provided at the Golden Lion Hotel. Onwards, through the maze of London traffic, West Ham was reached in just a slight fall of rain. The 'Reigatians' were welcomed at All Saints' Church by four or five local ringers. Good striking was a feature at this tower. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, and, to finish the day's ringing, a well-struck course of London Surprise Major was scored with one 'local' to assist. This is the first course rung on a Reigate Society outing.

Homeward bound, the Blackwall Tunnel provided a new experience to some. Passing by Greenwich Observatory and through Beckenham, the borough was again reached by 10 p.m. Special thanks are accorded to all those responsible at the various churches for such an enjoyable day.

SUNDERLAND RINGERS TOUR LAKE DISTRICT.

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 24th. The party consisted of the Rev. P. N. W. Strong (Vicar), the Rev. F. E. Marples (curate), Mr. J. F. Eccles (churchwarden), several other friends and eleven ringers. Leaving Sunderland in a 32-seater coach shortly after 8.30, the first stop was at Barnard Castle; then on through Bowes and across the moors to Appleby and Penrith. Keswick was reached at about 12.30.

An excellent lunch awaited the visitors at the Waverley Hotel, after which some of the party went to Friars Crag to get a view of Derwentwater, and the remainder visited St. Kendrick's, Crosthwaite, a fine old church on the outskirts of Keswick. The bells are a very good peal of eight, with 16 cwt. tenor, and touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were much enjoyed. The ringers stand on the ground floor at the west end of the church, and the following very interesting 'Orders' are inscribed on a tablet nearby:—

You Ringers all, observe these Orders well,
He eight-pence pays who overturns a bell;
He who presumes to ring without consent,
Shall pay one shilling, and it shall be spent.
And he who rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay his eight-pence certainly for that.
He who in ringing interrupts a peal,
For such offence shall pay a Quart of Ale;
In falling bells one penny must be paid
By him who stops before the signal's made.
And he who takes God's Holy Name in vain,
Shall pay one shilling and this place refrain.
You ringers all take care, you must not fail
To have your forfiture spent in Ale.
With heart upright let each true subject ring,
For Health and Peace, for Country, Church and King.

At 3 o'clock a move had to be made homewards, by the side of Bassenthwaite via Bothel and Carlisle, Brampton being reached at 5 o'clock. Here tea at the Howard Arms was followed by hearty thanks to all who had contributed to the day's enjoyment, and the Vicar recited two touching poems, entitled 'The Verger' and 'The Charabanc Sleepers,' which he had composed during the journey, inspired no doubt by the 'shades' of the Lake District poets?

The next stop was at Lanercost Priory, where the party was photographed under the entrance archway, and after a glimpse of Naworth Castle, Hexham was reached at about 9 p.m., where the party had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. G. H. J. Bailey, their late Vicar, now Rector of Patterdale. Sunderland was reached shortly before 11, the general opinion being that the happy combination of weather, district and good company had resulted in one of the best outings the company have ever had.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RINGING.

At St. Mary's Church, Ashford, Kent, on June 23rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, H. C. Castle 2, F. Conley 3, G. Swaffer 4, W. Oldfield 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

At St. Mary's, Ross-on-Wye, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Davies 1, W. T. Poston (conductor) 2, A. Wheelwright (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. J. Webb 4, G. Cornwall 5, R. E. Summers 6, W. Colwell 7, H. H. Winney 8.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, on Tuesday evening, June 23rd, after meeting short for Triples, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): F. Hammond 1, H. R. Butcher 2, A. F. Lewry 3, W. A. Kitchenside 4, E. Bishop, sen. 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, H. Hinson, tenor (covering). Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

At St. John's Church, Bournemouth, on Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waylen 1, Miss F. M. Childs 2, H. R. Bennett 3, A. G. Rose 4, Miss M. White (conductor) 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, H. Mitchell 7, H. Longman 8. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

DEATH OF AN OLD NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

The death occurred on Thursday, June 25th, of Mr. Albert Lambert, a ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham, for over 55 years. He had reached the ripe age of 75 years. Not a brilliant ringer, having only three peals to his name, he was one of those steady, useful men to have in a tower, who thought more of Sunday service ringing than peals. He was a prominent Oddfellow, and in his earlier years was connected for a long period with the local Volunteer Regiment.

The interment was conducted by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Bishop Talbot, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Miss Thompson 1-2, G. Peck 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, R. Narborough 7-8, all of the St. Mary's band. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the new peal at St. Mary's by F. Collings 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, F. Blood 3, G. Peck 4, F. Bradley 5, A. Coppock (conductor) 6, R. Narborough 7, W. Nichols 8.

The deceased just lived long enough to see what he desired most, the renovation of the bells at his beloved church. A permanent memorial is to be placed in the tower.

RETIREMENT OF MR. F. S. WILSON.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, manager of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Wincanton, has retired after 43 years' service. He is now residing in Mayfield, West Lavington, Midhurst, Sussex.

Before leaving Wincanton he was the recipient of a handsome case of Loewe pipes from the members of his staff, while the Freemasons gave him a large silver cigarette box, inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Wor.Bro. F. S. Wilson, P.P.S.G.W., by the brethren of Science Lodge, No. 437, as a token of esteem and regard and in recognition of his services as secretary, 1930-1936.'

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Rocester on Saturday, July 4th, when 37 members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Crewe, Cheadle, Draycott, Derby Cathedral, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newhall, Newcastle, Rocester, Repton, Sutton, Stoke-on-Trent and Uttoxeter. A peal board was unveiled by Mrs. J. B. Colley, which recorded the first peal of Major on the bells. The board has been given by the ringers who took part.

A service was also held, which was conducted by the Rev. Goering (Vicar of Alton), whilst the Rev. J. B. Colley (Vicar of Rocester) was at the organ. Tea was held at the 'Welcome' house, where a very warm welcome was extended to all present by the Vicar, and Mr. J. W. Bullock, the secretary for Rocester ringers.

The members were very pleased to have with them Messrs. R. T. Holding, J. H. Swinfield, J. Pagett and others.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. B. G. LEEDHAM.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Bertram G. Leedham, of 19, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield, which took place on Sunday morning at the age of 51 years.

The deceased had been connected with the ringing at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, as towerkeeper and Ringing Master, and had taken part in about sixty peals, although he did not keep any exact record. The news of his sudden death came as a great shock to the ringers of the church. He was of a genial disposition and always ready to oblige anyone in matters connected with ringing. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 27th, and, favoured with good weather, was attended by a good muster of members and visitors from Aldbourne, Bristol, Faringdon, Nailsea, Southwark and Wootton Bassett.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish and impressed on them the importance of personal worship.

No meeting was fixed for July, but the August and September meetings will be held at Highworth and Stratton St. Margaret respectively.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, and about 7 p.m. the company adjourned to the neighbouring village of Ashbury, where a meeting of the Oxford Guild was being held.

EDINBURGH RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Friday, June 19th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, a touch of Grandsire was rung by a joint band of St. Cuthbert's and St. Mary's on the occasion of the wedding of the conductor, Mr. Charles R. Raine, and Miss N. Macfarlane. A clock with Westminster chimes had previously been presented by the combined ringers.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Friday, June 19th, at All Saints' Church, Ashover, Derbyshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (G. A. Newton's 1,280 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the passing of Mr. Joseph Revell, for many years an official of this church, who was interred earlier the same day: I. Rovell 1, B. Allsopp 2, V. Taylor 3, G. H. Paulson 4, H. Hopkinson 5, T. Dent 6, E. Hopkinson 7, A. W. H. Bowler (conductor) 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal. All the ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 30th, St. Magnus' on the 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each).—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting, originally notified for June 27th, will now be held at Coombe on Saturday, July 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Royal Oak. Towers open: Coombe (6), Bladon (6), Woodstock (8).—W. Evetts, Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half-fares (up to 2/-) will be paid to members attending. A good, representative attendance is requested for important business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. A bus will leave the Plough yard at 2.45 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Nominations are invited for branch secretary.—J. Norton, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. District towers see that you are well represented, and visitors come and be welcome. All ringers should enjoy a pull on these historic bells. Please send a p.c. for tea to A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — A meeting will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1/6, allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District and the East Grinstead Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. A good attendance is requested for the first joint meeting with the Southern District.—W. Claydon and G. Lambert, Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. The Bells of Bath Abbey will be available from 3-4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, followed by tea and meeting. St. Mark's bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and Twerton after the meeting.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. A number of outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langdale on July 11th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m. —W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea, Swan Hotel, 5 p.m., 1/- Half fares (max. 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North St., Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. —The Summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Tea given by Rector.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The first Summer meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, July 11th, at 2.30. East Midland buses (No. 4) run from Worksop, 1 p.m. and at 20 minute intervals.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham, on Saturday July 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow.— G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Peckleton (not Croft as arranged) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (9d. each) at 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, Leicester. All ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fletching on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 8th. No rail fares this meeting. —O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Consett to-morrow, Saturday, July 11th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. —J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE FRIENDS WELCOMED.—Please note Halifax Contest at Saddleworth Church, July 18th. Anyone desiring tea (1s. 6d. each) notify Joseph Burgess, West Lodge, Greenfield, near Oldham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1936, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master). Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Owing to Dining Hall not being available on this date, lunch will be served at The Carfax Assembly Rooms, by Messrs. G. Weekes & Co., at 1.30 p.m. Tickets (2/- each) to members (3/- to non-members). Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Gen. Sec. not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Further details will be given on printed notices to each tower.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the New Hall, at a moderate price. Business meeting to follow. Please remember a postcard to E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. This is one of the county's beauty spots.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 16th. Ringers and friends from any district will be welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Saturday, July 18th (note change of date). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea apply Mr. J. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify, by July 14th, J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary, Yateley, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. The annual meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, July 18th. Tea, 1/3 per head, at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Tower open for ringing on these eight good bells at 2 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, please turn up well.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Burmarsh on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton (nr. Spaldwick) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. Short service. Tea at Churchyard Cottage. Hourly bus service (No. 343 St. Albans-Enfield) passes church each way.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Youlgreave, Saturday, July 18th. Will all members and friends who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 14th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, nr. Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Claverley on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Please notify me how many for tea as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those attending please make own arrangements for tea, plenty of cafes near the Church. A hearty welcome is extended to all members and friends.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 15th please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at S. Stephen-in-Brannel, Saturday, July 18th, 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m., at which tablet, recording the last peal conducted by the late William Pye, will be dedicated by Rev. Canon Windsor.—W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Everybody welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with address by the new Rector, Rev. F. A. Sadler. Permission to walk around Ecton Hall grounds after tea. Please notify me early for tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at the Five Bells Inn. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea at the Craven Arms Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— A meeting will be held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea to Mr. E. E. Taylor, 4, Cheverton Avenue, Withernsea. Cambridge Surprise and other methods for practice.—H. G. Morley, 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.— Next meeting at Feltham on Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3.30. Tea at 5. Bedfont bells from 7 to 8 p.m. Advise me *re* tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—The new ring eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chichester on July 18th, at 3 p.m., when the bells will be opened by the Sussex County Association. All ringers welcome. An invitation tea will be served at the Foresters' Arms at 5 p.m. to all those notifying Mr. Oliver Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, not later than July 14th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ashwell on July 18th. Bells (6) available 3.0 p.m. Everyone welcome.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous. This is *very necessary*.—W. Ayre, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Rodwinter on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Half rail fares paid to members attending this meeting. Please ensure that your tower is represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, July 21st, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Wincott's Cafe for those who notify. Meeting to follow. Six and 8-bell towers also open after.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by July 22nd. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, SURREY ASSOCIATION, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of members of these three organisations will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea at the Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, at 1/3 per head. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, not later than Thursday, July 23rd.—G. A. Card, A. H. Smith, F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Bobbing on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, only to those who send a card.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) available. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m, for which please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 28th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Froome Bungalow, Mordiford, Hereford.

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