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PEALS IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS' TOWERS

The annual report of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild calls attention to peals rung in the Guild's area for other territorial associations, and deprecates the action of those bands (their own members included) who, when visiting the 'preserves' of some other association, do not ring their peals for the society in whose territory the tower stands. The principle of this attitude is unquestionably right, although, it must also be admitted, there are occasionally extenuating circumstances.

If a band visits a tower in the area of a neighbouring association it ought, as a matter of courtesy, to credit its peal to the society whose hospitality it enjoys, and a ringer who takes part in such a performance ought to be prepared to pay the nominal subscription which would make him a 'non-resident' member for life. These subscriptions are only a moderate sum and are not a recurring liability; indeed they have been fixed for the very purpose of enabling outside ringers to become members on specially favourable terms. There is very little excuse, therefore, for peals being rung for other than the local territorial association on the ground of the cost, and unless there is a special reason for doing otherwise, there is practically no excuse for a band grabbing a peal for some society other than that which officially covers the area in which the peal is rung. Instances of this kind are not of frequent occurrence—but they do happen. Where however, for any reason, the members of an association desire to ring a peal in another area for their own society, it would smooth away all cause of friction if, as a matter of courtesy, a formal intimation of the intention, if not an actual request for permission, were made to the territorial association concerned.

The difficulties arise in areas where ringing organisations overlap. Where two or more societies operate there can, of course, be no possible question of the peal being rung under the auspices of either; but it might not be easy to say which should be approached if an outside band wished to come in. This is a little difficulty, however, which need not interfere with a general practice that might lead to a happier understanding. In areas where towers available for peal ringing are not numerous and where the limitations are rigid, it is rather galling to an association to find that a band of outsiders have walked in and annexed a peal which may result in keeping the local association out for months to come. That is one phase; but the greater offence is the lack of courtesy by which, prompted perhaps by someone's reluctance to pay the small life subscription necessary, some other society should have the credit of a peal which normally should go to the territorial organisation. It is bad form and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's protest is not out of place.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE	*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... ...	2	†ERNEST F. POPPY	8
GEORGE A. FLEMMING ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	10
HARRY R. ROPER	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... ...	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	*...Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method, also on 12 bells. † First peal of Superlative Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Poppy and Symonds.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ...	*...Treble*	ALFRED FROST	6
ANNIE POTTER	2	STANLEY HARRISON	7
*CHARLES J. RIDYARD ...	3	CYRIL RADDON	8
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED ...	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	9
HAROLD JONES	5	ARTHUR BURTON	*...Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters for all except the treble and 9th ringers. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. R. S. Brand to Miss Peggy Brown, which was solemnised at St. Mark's Church earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

RICHARD W. R. COATES ...	*Treble*	†LEONARD C. WEBB	5
*HAROLD R. JERMY	2	ANDREW L. WHATLING ...	6
GEORGE LEE	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN... ...	7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	*...Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS CONSTANCE DITTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	5
CHARLES RUSH	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	6
†MICHAEL POLLMAN	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	4	PERCY W. SAUNDERS ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. Miss Ditton is 13 years of age and great credit is due to her for the excellent way she rang her bell.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PARKER... ...	*...Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	5
GEORGE BUTLER	2	DENNIS HOLLDEN	6
ARTHUR HINGLEY	3	DAVID HINGLEY	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	BERT HORTON	*...Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Darlaston, Dr. Lavelle, who was inducted on July 8th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Friday, July 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MISS MARIE R. CROSS	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	 3	*R. GORDON CROSS	 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	HARRY HOVERD	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, July 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT	...*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	 5
GEORGE WHITING	 2	JAMES BENNETT	 6
GEORGE PRYKE	 3	ALBERT E. WHITING	 7
*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
* First attempt for a peal of London Surprise and hails from Coventry.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEYTON, E.,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN	... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	... 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL	 6
GEORGE DAWSON	 3	JOSEPH MARKS	 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	 4	EDWARD D. SMITH	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.
Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the birth of Mr. George Hayden, the affable steepleKeeper and verger of West Ham. He received the hearty congratulations from the band on completion of the peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

*CHARLES R. COLLINS	...*Treble*	‡BARNABAS G. KEY	 5
JOHN PERRY	 2	†ERIC E. SPEAKE	 6
HERBERT KNIGHT	 3	HARRY BOSWELL	 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	 4	*RICHARD T. MASON	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. By a coincidence, this was the 40th peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERIC B. HARTLEY	...*Treble*	WALTER F. TYLER	 5
HARRY HOSKINS	 2	JAMES BENNETT	 6
CHARLES T. COLES	 3	ERNEST BRETT	 7
GEORGE R. PYE	 4	LEONARD STILWELL	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal of Triples and in the method.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, V. Smith (first quarter-peal) 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, G. Chappell 4, W. J. Nurton 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also as a wedding compliment to C. Hughes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

A. W. BIRD	... ...*Treble*	G. MAYERS	 4
*E. G. SHORTING	 2	H. C. READ	 5
E. BAILEY	 3	G. BAILEY	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. BAILEY.
* First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells since 1910.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. ROBINSON	... ...*Treble*	T. F. HEWERSON	 4
C. E. WEBB	 2	J. SEWELL	 5
F. COWARD	 3	T. B. NEWTON	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.
Rung in honour of the completion of Mr. C. E. Webb's fiftieth year of service as a ringer at the above church. The conductor's 100th peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RANDALL	...*Treble*	*HORACE L. WAITE	 4
†WILLIAM FEAREY	 2	§GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	... 5
‡JOSEPH HOBBS	 3	WALTER AYRE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 25th peal. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt. ‡ First peal in three methods and first attempt. § First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung for the dedication festival.

FRAMPTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, London Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JACK GREEN	... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	 4
JOHN R. KEMP	 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	 5
ARTHUR YOUNG	 3	JOHN R. YOUNG	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
* First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents in 30 methods, viz.:—
(1) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
(2) Crowland, Abbeyville and St. Werburgh Delight.
(3) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight.
(4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
(5) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
(6) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
(7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JOE WHITTAKER	... ...*Treble*	KENNETH LEWIS	 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY	 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
JAMES A. MILNER	 3	JOHN WORTH	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in more than seven methods. There were 88 changes of method. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. W. Fernley, who stood in at the last minute.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CHARLES W. WOOD	2	HARRY GIBBARD	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, two of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. E. BRADLEY ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD BRADLEY	4
HORACE S. MORLEY	2	WILLIAM TERRY	5
FRED TERRY	3	ROBERT H. VIGOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods by all. Rung at the first attempt.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 11, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's (four callings), Grandsire (ten callings) and Bob Doubles (four callings).

*BRIAN F. SIMS	...*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	3
DONALD COCKINGS	2	REGINALD HOUGHTON... ...	4
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First attempt for a peal and aged 15.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday July 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent of College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

SIDNEY FLINT	...*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5
CECIL B. EBBERSON	3	JOHN A. GODFREY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Size 14 in D.

*HORACE L. WAITE	...1-2	WALTER AYRE	...5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY...3-4		*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	...7-8

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN.

Those who would like to ring Stedman should not find the task of learning the method a difficult one, although there are some ringers who seem frightened of the very name. They imagine it to be a method full of pitfalls, whereas a little concentrated study should smooth the troubles away.

Unlike most methods, Stedman has no bell 'in the hunt,' which can act as a guide to the others. All the bells concerned do precisely the same work, which consists of three kinds: The slow work, the quick work and the dodging. The 'principle,' as it is termed, is based upon the 'sixes' (to use Fabian Stedman's term). That is to say, the three bells in front ring all the six possible changes which they can produce. Then one goes away and another comes in, and, this and the two remaining, again ring all the six possible changes.

While these six changes are in progress all the other bells double dodge in pairs. If it be Doubles that are being rung, then there is one pair double dodging; if it be Triples there are two pairs, and so on. The dodging, of course, should be fairly easily mastered. You stop in your forward progress, either up or down, and step back one place; go forward again one place and step back a second time, before going forward to the next dodging place. After stepping back for the second time, you go forward three places before the next backward step. The actual dodges in Doubles are 4-5 (up) and 5-4 (down); that is, divided only by the whole pull behind.

The 'sixes' are so arranged that in one the three bells hunt in a forward cycle; in the next a backward cycle, and so on alternately. Between them they cause the bells alternately to come in 'slow' and 'quick.' The work of a 'quick' bell is simplicity itself. It leaves the dodging in 5-4 (down), hunts straight in, leads a whole pull, hunts straight out and dodges in 4-5 (up). Then, having dodged in 5-4 (down), the bell has to come in 'slow.' The slow work is the part of the method which perhaps needs the greatest amount of application. It is divided into 'whole turns' and 'half turns.' For practical purposes the term refers to what the bells do at lead. A 'whole turn' consists of a whole pull at lead, one blow in second's and another whole pull at lead. A 'half turn' is just a half pull at lead, i.e., one blow.

When you begin the 'slow work' you leave the 5-4 dodging, and make 3rd's place (a whole pull). Then you go to lead and do the 'first whole turn.' This begins with leading a whole pull wrong (backstroke first and then handstroke). Then you strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead another whole pull—this time the right way (handstroke first and then backstroke). After this you make another whole pull in 3rd's place.

The 'first half turn' follows, and in this you simply go in and lead one blow at handstroke, and then make 3rd's place again.

Next comes the 'last half turn,' which is the reverse of the first; in other words, you go in and lead one blow at backstroke, before once more making 3rd's place.

The slow work concludes with the last whole turn—similar to the first whole turn, but reversed—a whole pull right first, and a whole pull wrong after the one blow in 2nd's place. Then you make 3rd's place and go out into the dodging.

The work occurs thus:—

3rd's (right way), First whole turn.
3rd's (wrong way), First half turn.
3rd's (right way), Last half turn.
3rd's (wrong way), Last whole turn.
3rd's (right way), Out to the dodging.

Just note this: Between each piece of the slow work 3rd's place is made. The first and last 3rd's are made the right way (handstroke and backstroke), and so is the one between the half turns: but between the whole turns and half turns the 3rd's places are the wrong way (back and hand).

Your first and last whole pulls at lead are the wrong way.

The half turn is sometimes called a 'snap,' and the bell that snaps at your first whole turn, you snap with in your own first half turn.

Your last half turn is with the bell that will snap at lead in your last whole turn.

The slow work and quick work occur alternately, with dodging between.

Stedman does not begin at the beginning of a six. It starts like Grandsire, and in order that you may prick it out for yourself and examine the method thoroughly, here are the first two sixes and the odd piece:—

12345	
21354	Continued
23145	34251
32415	43521
23451	45312
24315	54321
42351	53412
43215	35421
34251	34512
	43152

One word of advice in the actual ringing. If you want to strike well, get your backstroke leads in smartly, always.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

IN TUNE WITH THE PAST.

A 150 Miles Search for Old Berkshire Bells.

Wherever ringers are gathered together, one invariably finds the conversation turning to 'what we have done,' so it was not inappropriate that the Crawley ringers, with some of their friends, this year chose on July 4th a tour of the old bells in Berkshire for their annual outing. What an ideal day! The temperature was perfect and we started from Crawley on the Alpha coach (a good beginning) at 7.15 a.m. It is said, however, thanks to some overnight training, a few were about well before time.

Very soon a big policeman was doting on the glories of Surrey, which we were seeing at its best and, unknown to our driver, the built-up areas were gallantly displaying the masses of roses which are so much in evidence this year. We sailed gaily along through Reigate, Guildford, Bagshot, Wokingham and arrived at Caversham as per schedule by 9.15 a.m. Just to knock the rust off, a Cambridge start and three leads of Bristol were included in the first touch of 'Spliced,' which was safely brought home before some of the party had finished their patter with Mr. Newman, the local captain, and Mr. Simmonds, who were receiving all the twenty, one by one, and ruminating on times gone by when the Caversham band were on the top rungs of the ladder—there are many towers which have not since been visited by better bands than the Caversham tourists of those days. The old bells, recently put on ball bearings locally, gave one the impression that something more, though not drastic, would be desirable.



EAST ILSLEY CHURCH.

Just a short run to Goring, where we were met by Mr. Bower, with the bells up ready, and quickly this little 8 cwt. musical box was going 'around and around'—so much so indeed that one 'old gentleman' became confused between the 4th and 6th although it was only just 10.30 a.m. This peal was recast by Mears in 1929, and one of the old bells, cast about 1285 by Richard de Wymbis, hangs on a bracket in the church. We next had the pleasure of a ring with the local man at Cholsey, Mr. Fletcher, who was the first to tell us of the lack of Sunday service ringers. It was nice to ring on six for a change and several showed special interest in the part Norman, Maltese Cross Church and an enormous yew, which they measured as 16ft. in circumference. However, when Mr. Fletcher said he wished he had our 'side,' a tonic appeared to be called for, although some were already busy on the one 'R,' one 'B' principle. On to Wallingford for lunch (skip it), and St. Matthew's with its peal of eight by Lester and Pack, 1738, where we exercised ourselves with Stedman, Bristol, etc., on 'bells for men,' tenor 21 cwt. After a 'very tidy' fall in peal, we bid adieu to Mr. Norris, who had 'kindly met us and had everything in readiness' as the best reporters say.

Another little jaunt and we reached Harwell. Some of these bells date back to Carter 1590, six were restored and the peal augmented to eight by Taylor, 1932—a very fine job. We thoroughly enjoyed the ringing, Rutland was included and in this quiet out-of-the-way spot the bells could be heard to advantage outside as well as in. Cherries, straight from the orchard, were being eagerly bought from a charming 'young miss.'—Yes! We had a complete bachelors' band, married men's band and all sorts of other things. Mr. Hitchman was anxious to get back to his work, but maybe he's responsible for the local young ladies, for he stayed on, and, let's hope, has no bad report to make. Our next tower was East Ilsley, tenor 8¼ cwt., by Robert Atton, 1625; bells rehung and three trebles added by Mears, 1921. A splendid little peal these, and the motto is 'Catch the sally high.' This was our last eight, so we finished with a nice touch of 'Spliced.'

Our tea never looked like being in doubt, with Mr. Hibbert to provide it. There it was, all laid out under the drooping ash, and, oh! boy, those lardy cakes! It was, as we say in Sussex, some sense. There was so much of interest, the delightful garden, the relics of wild animals shot by Mr. Hibbert in India, which his son, who is one of the local ringers, showed us, racing stables and so on—perhaps Mr. Curtis will forgive us for the late arrival at Newbury—our last call.

What a fine peal of ten awaited us at Newbury—tenor 21½ cwt. in D and they go like tops. The back eight are by Wells, of Albourne, 1803, and were done up by Mears, 1929, who added two trebles subsequently. As it was, we rang two courses of Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, but would have liked a lot more. It was a real pleasure.

After just a quick 'Here's health' with Mr. Curtis and his colleagues, we had to make tracks for home via King's Cleary, Basingstoke and Hook, where we pulled up at the Dorchester Arms to knock off a few bar-billiards finals which had been outstanding since lunch time, and, having stayed there till 'time,' there were no further stops of interest, so we journeyed on via Farnham and Hog's Back to Guildford, Reigate, and so home. We must have done about 150 miles all day. Everyone voted it an exceedingly enjoyable outing, and, looking back over the bells, one feels a special regard to those old ones that keep their place in a peal because of their worth, regardless of time moving on.

All the arrangements for the trip were under the personal direction of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, lyrics by Kenneth Snelling, T. Pavey as the 'Compleat Angler,' 'Dusty' by himself, supported by various gentlemen-at-arms over a certain amusement park they failed to locate.

A 200 MILES' TRIP.

The St. John the Baptist (Hillingdon) Guild held their tenth annual outing on the first Saturday in July. Together with several friends, a motor-coach tour was made through the counties of Bucks, Berks, Oxon and Gloucestershire. Departing from headquarters at 7.30 a.m., various wives, sweethearts and friends were picked up in Uxbridge and the party proceeded to Wantage via Maidenhead and Henley. Here Steeplekeeper Fred was called upon to deal with the tenor rope before ringing commenced. The eight bells, tenor 22 cwt., were rung to various methods in good style considering the early hour! Hot coffee and cakes went down well here, too!

Fairford, on the edge of the Cotswold country, is a quiet old town, with houses mostly built of stone and possessing a fine church with a central tower. The church was the attraction, of course, and the visitors divided their time between ringing and inspecting the world-famed stained glass in the windows. The wonderful west window was described in detail by the local guide, who appeared to take a peculiar relish in pointing out the delights(?) of Hades as portrayed in the glass! The aforesaid guide, incidentally, was found to be related to some of the visitors, one of whom at the age of 85 was revisiting the scenes of her childhood days. The bells, a very fine ring of eight, tenor 17½ cwt., were rung to short touches. There is 70ft. of rope and the ringers stand at the foot of the chancel steps. The ringers received a well deserved rebuke here for not rising the bells in peal, which they must take to heart and ring up as well as down!

Cirencester was reached at midday and the first task was a hearty lunch at Messrs. Viners. Later, Holy Trinity, Watermoor, was visited and the excellent ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt., rung. Had not some of the visitors been so loth to leave the festive board, a wedding party would have had the unexpected pleasure of having bells as well as choir. As it was, they (the ringers) arrived in time to see the choirboys scamper away!

After Cirencester came the best part of the tour. Minchinhampton Common (you could almost smell the sea up there!); Stroud, in the valley; Painswick, complete with a Paradise and Adam and Eve (closed); Birdlip and Northleach are places long to be remembered. The party had a glimpse of the Severn, saw the Vale of Evesham rolling away to the North Cotswolds, while Malvern Hills loomed up on the misty horizon to the west. The coach ascended to nearly a thousand feet at one point, and practically baked the driver in so doing!

The twelve bells of Painswick, one of the best rings in the country, with a tenor of 26½ cwt., were rung and enjoyed by both ringers and listeners alike. Another good ring was found at Northleach, the tenor of the octave being 18½ cwt. Ringing here was curtailed to keep up to the secretary-bloke's schedule, but the ringers were again admonished before departure about not rising in peal!

The Swan at Burford is famous for catering for hungry cyclists. Miss Lomas must now know that hungry ringers are even a more difficult proposition. The way that meat tea disappeared kept the attendants in a state of silent awe! The Church of St. John the Baptist was eventually visited, and here was found another good ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt. The glimpse of the beautiful Cotswolds through the belfry window whilst ringing will long be remembered by the scribe.

By-passing Oxford, a final halt was made at Totsworth, to try the new ring of six there. Of very sweet tone, the whole peal barely weigh a ton, tenor 4½ cwt. The Rev. S. J. Nightingale, Vicar, arrived in time for a chat and a further invitation to the village. After suitable refreshment, the last stage of a strenuous day was completed and St. John's reached about 10.30 p.m. It was a happy day, favoured

by fair weather. The ringing, never excellent, was good for the occasion, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, with a touch of Stedman Cinques thrown in. Seven towers were 'snatched' and new friends made, and that is what makes ringers' outings so enjoyable.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT MIRFIELD AND OSSETT.

This year the Sheffield Cathedral company, accompanied by a few friends, visited Mirfield and Ossett for their annual outing. Owing to a number of the company not being able to leave work in the morning, the journey was made by coach at 1.30 p.m. from the Cathedral via the lovely Oughtibridge valley, through Stocksbridge and over the Langsett moors, and through some delightful scenery before entering Huddersfield. After passing through the town and making their way up the hill, the party soon saw the noble tower of Mirfield standing out in bold relief. On arrival they were met by Mr. Allen Robinson and some of his colleagues, who kindly had the bells up ready and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Forward Royal were rung for over an hour on this splendid peal of bells, by John Taylor and Co. (tenor 30 cwt.). The 'go' was excellent, but, like most heavy peals, the bells have a stately swing of their own and refused to be hurried or even drawn out of their noble grandeur. After tendering thanks and being 'spick and span' and carried out with all consideration for the Ossett through what appeared to be one endless town until at length the fine spire, which was the ringers' destination, came into view.

The coach had not actually stopped before Mr. George Bennett came alongside bidding them welcome. Then to the Flying Horse Inn, where an excellent tea was in readiness, provided by Host D. Hunt.

Afterwards, escorted by Mr. Bennett, the ringers made their way to the tower, where they first inspected the fine peal of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt.), recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. on ball bearings in an iron frame in their well-known workmanlike manner, everything being 'spic and span' and carried out with all consideration for the ringers. Incidentally it was noticed that room was still left for another pair of trebles on the same level, and it is hoped that these will be added at some future date. And then, what a peal!

Likewise there is a large and excellent ringing chamber, beautifully fitted up with everything for comfort. With just a bit of carpet to relieve the bare floor and produce that homely effect so essential nowadays, it would be a veritable palace compared with a great many others.

As everyone had been looking forward to ring on this delightful peal, the bells were soon raised, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Forward Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal brought round in excellent style, each ringer doing his best, to the satisfaction of the local men. The unanimous impression gained was that if one cannot strike his bell at Ossett, he cannot ring at all.

Loth as all were to leave the bells, the party perforce wended their way back to the Flying Horse for an hour's conviviality, some to recall past memories and others to make their acquaintance with the bowling green attached to the inn, where they had left the chief verger, not knowing until then that he was a very 'ace' at this game. What a surprise!

The return journey was commenced at 9.30 p.m., and, travelling by way of Wakefield and Barnsley, the old home pile was reached at 11 p.m. Thus ended another of the traditional outings much enjoyed by everyone.

The best thanks of the party are herewith confirmed to all who so kindly assisted toward the arrangements, especially Mr. Bennett, who did everything that could be desired, and to the Vicars of Mirfield and Ossett for their spontaneous permission given for the use of the bells. S. F. D.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th, the towers selected being in the counties of Herts, Beds and Bucks. A start was made soon after eight o'clock from this famous West End church, and, after picking up two of the company at Park Royal, Rickmansworth was reached about 9.20. Time allowed only two touches on this recently augmented ten, one of Stedman Caters and a very good half-course of Cambridge Royal. A quick run through Chorley Wood, Chenies and Chesham, and Northchurch was reached. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung to the satisfaction of ringers and listeners alike on another lately augmented peal. The journey was then continued through some most beautiful country to the grand Priory Church at Dunstable. The introductory effort here was a course of London, followed by a touch of Spliced Surprise in the four usual methods, finishing with a 167 Grandsire Triples, which, on this lovely peal, was unanimously agreed to be a welcome and pleasing variation.

After dinner at Dunstable, the tour was continued to Leighton Buzzard. Here, it was found, a wedding was about to be solemnised which slightly delayed the programme, but the happy couple were fortunate in having a course of Surprise Royal, half Yorkshire and half Cambridge, rung for them as they left the church. A short touch of Stedman Caters terminated the proceedings.

At Stoke Mandeville upon a small peal of eight, in a small tower, in a small village, Bristol, Superlative and Stedman Triples were the methods rung. The Vicar welcomed the party and said how pleased he was to have the bells rung. He had taught some boys himself several Minor methods, but the usual village tale had to be told; the inevitable had followed, a depleted band and progress stopped.

Haddenham was the last call of the day. Tea was partaken of at an old farm house, and ringing commenced with another touch of Spliced Surprise Major, followed by courses of Bristol and Yorkshire. A pleasant social half-hour was spent in the village, and the homeward journey provided a lovely run through High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Uxbridge, Westminster being reached at 10.30. Thanks are tendered to all the incumbents and towerkeepers for permission to ring and the arrangements made. One more happy day was thus added to the list of 'annuals,' which started in 1925. G. M. K.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH WALES RESTORATIONS AND AUGMENTATIONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association took place at Usk on Saturday last, when a good number attended. The bells, described by those who heard them for the first time as the best they ever heard, are the product of the Loughborough Foundry, were raised at 3 o'clock and rung in various methods.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Davies, and tea was served in the Schoolroom, over 70 sitting down to enjoy the hospitality of the Vicar and churchwardens, the helpers including the ringers' wives.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, by whom a cordial welcome was given to all present.

In connection with restorations and augmentations, it was reported that the rehanging of Bonvilston bells was in the hands of the bellhangers, the order for two bells to complete the octave at Llanfrechfa tower had been given to the bellfounders, and it had been definitely decided to place in Ebbw Vale tower a new ring of eight bells, which meant another octave for Monmouthshire.

Applications for assistance for the schemes at Bonvilston and Llanfrechfa were recommended, and it was decided that these should be dealt with at the next annual meeting.

Mr. David, of Llangnwyd, near Bridgend, then announced that a scheme is in hand to recast the six bells there and to complete the octave, and asked if the same assistance could be given. This, too, was recommended for decision at the next annual meeting.

The report of the Central Council meeting in London was given by the hon. secretary, who pleaded that all possible should be done to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World' by every ringer present in the room and in their respective towers.

The next Glamorgan meeting will be held at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, early in September. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Caerleon.

Several new members were elected from Llanfrechfa, Llandaff, Llanishen and Cardiff, which concluded the business.

Councillor Horsington, of Abergavenny, very ably proposed the heartiest thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, for presiding at the meeting, and to the churchwardens for providing a meat tea, and to the ladies for their kindness in attending on all.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late, bringing to a close a splendid, enthusiastic and pleasant meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT RECEIVES CIVIC WELCOME AT RAMSGATE.

The Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held the summer meeting at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday.

The peal of ten bells were available from 3 p.m., and good use was made of them until 4.30, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper, who also gave a short address.

After tea the company were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate, Alderman and Mrs. Steed, who afforded them a civic welcome. They were introduced by the Vicar, who said 'that under all the dignity of his office, the Mayor was really a good man at heart,' and later in his speech caused much amusement by telling his hearers that the Mayor had been entertaining the 'Daily Mirror Eight,' and that during the following week was due to take the Carnival Queen over to Calais.

The Mayor, in reply, said that he was very pleased to be able to attend their tea, and to give them a civic welcome. He went on to describe the amenities of Ramsgate, and told them that they all ought to live in Ramsgate, as they would then be sure to reach an old age, through the benefits of their sea air.

The district secretary, on behalf of the members, briefly replied.

At the business meeting which followed, with the Vicar in the chair, two new members were elected, the amended rules were agreed to, with one dissentient, and Wingham was chosen as the venue of the next by-meeting.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for the use of the bells and for the service.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

'THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD.'

Mr. W. H. Fussell, 19, Farnburn Avenue, Slough, would be much obliged if some old member of the Exercise could kindly supply him with the following weekly issues of 'The Bells News,' years 1903 and 1904, all the numbers from January to December for each year, and the following odd copies, Nos. 1,218, 1,278 and 1,611. Also volumes No. 9 and 10, for the two years from March, 1890, to March, 1892.

WELL-KNOWN YORKS RINGING FAMILY BEREAVED.

Mr. J. W. Moorhouse and family, who are well known in the ringing world, suffered a sad bereavement by the sudden death of Mrs. Moorhouse on June 25th. She was a lady of very happy disposition and was known to a large number of ringers.

The sympathy of all the members of the Yorkshire Association, as well as those ringers in other parts of the country who knew Mrs. Moorhouse, will go out to those who are left to mourn.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held a meeting at Acle, which was attended by 35 members. Tea, to which 27 members sat down, was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. W. J. Lee, who was supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), Mr. J. Harwood (Eastern Branch secretary) and Mr. F. Nolan Golden (secretary of the Northern and Southern Branches).

At the meeting which followed, Mr. Golden brought to the notice of those present the need for wider circulation for 'The Ringing World,' and asked all ringers to give it their wholehearted support. He pointed out the benefits which ringers could derive from 'The Ringing World,' and said that with a greater circulation a cheaper paper could be provided.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Geoffrey Priest, of the Acle company, for providing the tea and for the excellent arrangements he had made.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and was resumed in the evening up to 10 p.m. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung singly and spliced, Cambridge, York and London Surprise Minor and Double Oxford.

Members were present from Norwich, Yarmouth, Wymondham, Wroxham, Halvergate, Reedham, Gorleston and Norton.

The thanks of the branch are accorded to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Williams) for the use of the bells, which are a good six, and also of the Church Rooms.

BARNSLEY ASSOCIATION'S SHIELD CONTEST.

LIVERSEDGE WIN AGAIN.

A meeting and shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Five bands entered for the competition, and were drawn as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Holmfirth, 3 Wath, 4 Liversedge, 5 Sandal. The test piece was 720 of any method. Liversedge rang Cambridge Surprise; the others rang Oxford Treble Bob. It was about 7.30 when the last band came down from the tower.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. H. Coney) presiding.

Wortley was selected for the next meeting. The judge (Mr. W. Idle) presented his report as follows: Liversedge, 57 faults; Holmfirth, 71; New Mill, 154; Sandal, 175; Wath, 220. Liversedge were thus the winners, and each member of the band received a case of cutlery. Liversedge have won the shield for two successive years.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and hoped to see more of them in future. Afterwards some of the visitors went to the tower for further ringing until 9 p.m., when another pleasant gathering was brought to a close.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The meeting at Moreton Corbet is looked forward to with pleasure, and that of July 4th was favoured with an ideal day and all that is conducive to the enjoyment of both ringers and the ladies who accompanied them.

The Rector, the Rev. E. C. Pigot, who is treasurer of the association, had prepared the warmest of welcomes. The Rectory adjoins the church, and in the intervals between visits to the tower the ringers wandered in the garden or played bowls or putted on the lawn.

About 40 ringers, including visitors from Chester, the Potteries, etc., enjoyed the tea which they found prepared for them in various buildings, the ladies being cared for in the Rectory. A service was held in the beautiful little church, a short address being given by the Rev. E. C. Pigot.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector was carried with acclamation, and the staff and the organist were also included.

A good standard of ringing was maintained, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise. A party who made the short journey to Stanton were rewarded with several touches on a pleasing ring, which, however, needed a little more handling than the almost model peal at Moreton Corbet.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been awarded the contract to instal a heavy chime of bells, with a 2¼ ton hour bell, together with a large chiming clock, with 4ft. 10in. diameter Neon illuminated dials, in the tower of the new Town Hall, now nearing completion, at Luton. The old Town Hall was destroyed by fire, and the new building is being erected in a position commanding the main thoroughfare in the town.

Now that structural alterations are completed, ringing will be carried on as usual at Portsmouth Cathedral.

The outing of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to-morrow promises a pleasant afternoon. A visit will be paid to Thames-side towers in Berks, and the coach will pick up at Hersham (2 p.m.), Walton, Weybridge and Egham (2.30 p.m.). There are two or three vacant seats to be had, and the fare, including tea, is only 4s. 6d.

Press references to bellringing are to be found in strange places in these days. 'The Civil and Military Gazette,' published in India, in its issue of May 8th, reproduced the article from 'The Morning Post' of some months ago containing an interview with the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Although we concluded the publication of our 'Roll of Honour' some weeks ago, this week's mail from New Zealand has brought another name, which must be added: Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Auckland.

The bells of St. John-at-Hackney were rung on Saturday, July 4th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Start, the Ringing Master. Mr. Start is training a band at this church.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry to inform my friends who took part that I have to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Warnham, Sussex, on June 27th, as, through my own fault, it was false.

A. H. PULLING.

THE LATE MR. B. G. LEEDHAM.

FUNERAL AT SUTTON COLDFIELD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Bertram G. Leedham, of Sutton Coldfield, took place on Thursday, July 9th. The deceased was taken into the Parish Church overnight, where the first portion of the service was held. The officiating clergy were the Rev. G. L. H. Harvey (Rector of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield) and the Rev. W. W. Holdcroft (Rector of Armitage), who, prior to entering the ministry, owned the business in which deceased was employed. The Rev. G. L. H. Harvey, in a brief address, spoke of the loyal services Mr. Leedham had given to the church during his ringing career and the very kindly way in which he treated everyone with whom he came in contact. He expressed sympathy with the widow and family.

The cortege then proceeded to the cemetery, where the interment took place, the committal prayers being said by the Rector. There was a large number of floral tributes, including one from the ringers of the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, and one from the St. Martin's Guild, of which the deceased was a member. The bearers were ringers, Messrs. W. G. Anker, H. Hall, N. Burgess, E. Roper, J. W. Reynolds and W. H. Funge, all from the Parish Church. The British Legion was represented by Mr. McGrath, and Messrs. G. F. Swann and J. Preston represented St. Martin's Guild.

In the evening the ringers of the Parish Church, assisted by several members of the Guild, rang touches of Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled to the memory of their late comrade, the ringing concluding with the 'whole pull and stand,' the bells fading out one by one.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Chaddesley Corbett, a very pleasant spot in the country near Kidderminster, where there is quite a nice peal of eight. Unfortunately the weather was anything but settled; in fact, there was a thunderstorm in the afternoon which necessitated tea being taken indoors instead of out in the open.

The weather obviously had its effect on the attendance, as there were only about 35 members present. However, those who attended had a pleasant time.

Owing to the absence of the Vicar, it was not possible to have a service in church, so the afternoon was taken up with ringing.

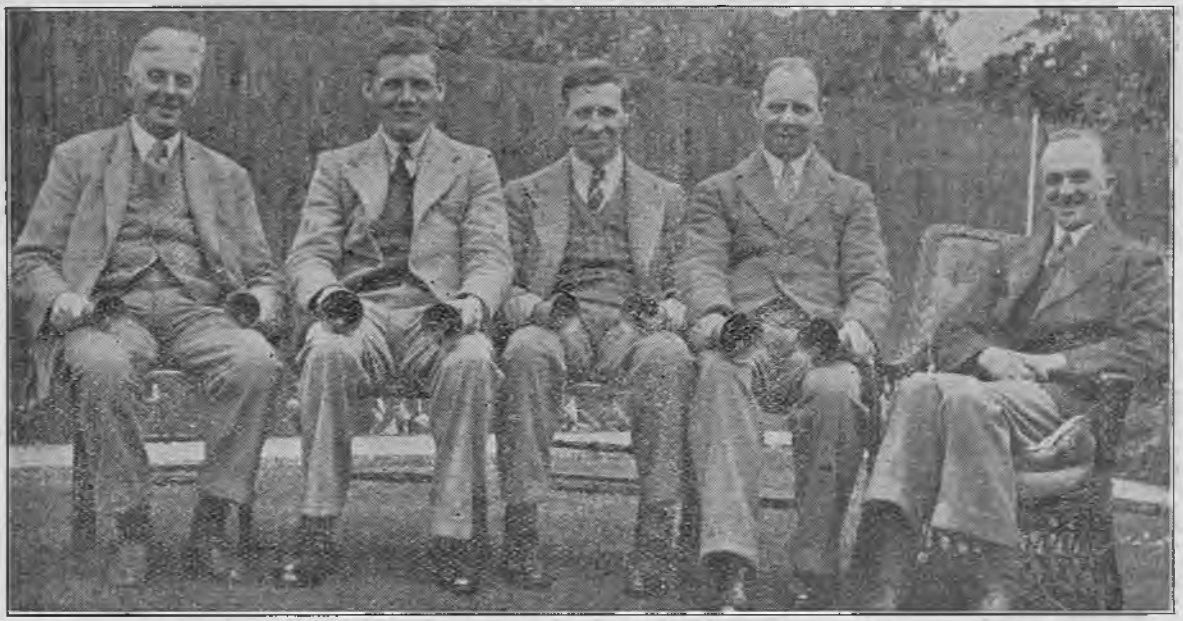
At the business meeting, which was held in the belfry, the Association Ringing Master, Mr. William Short, took the chair, supported by Mr. Thomas Hemming, Branch Master.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in September at Brierley Hill.

The secretary reminded the members that it was at the next meeting that the annual election of officers of the branch took place.

Sympathetic reference was made to the fact that Mr. Robert Matthews had had to go to hospital on account of trouble with his foot, and wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

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THE OXHEY HANDBELL BAND,

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From left to right the ringers are: Henry Hodgetts, Christopher, W. Woolley, Harold G. Cashmore and Frederick W. Brinklow, with S. H. Hoare (umpire).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN ANCIENT SURREY TOWN.

Chertsey, where in 666 Erkenwald founded a monastery, from which centre he evangelised the north-west part of Surrey, was the venue of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's summer festival on Saturday. The Parish Church was probably built in the 13th century, and the western tower is possibly the oldest surviving portion. The chancel may be of a little later date, with a fine 14th century roof, but the nave, rebuilt about a hundred years ago, is rather garishly decorated in a style that, to some tastes at any rate, strike a somewhat jarring note.

There is a ring of eight bells in the tower, a mixed lot, but of considerable interest. The fifth, cast about the year 1310, is called the 'Abbey' bell. It is said to have been brought from the Abbey soon after the church was built, and, according to legend, was the original bell concerned in the incident, about which was written the poem, 'Curfew shall not ring to-night.' In Chertsey the 7th is known as the 'Armada Bell,' because it is dated 1588. It was cast by Robert Mot, of Whitechapel. It bears his circular stamp with his initials as well as the words, 'Robertus mot me fecit, 1588.'

William Eldridge, a Chertsey bellfounder, cast the 6th in 1712, and that fact makes Chertsey interesting from the bell antiquarian's standpoint. Bryan Eldredge was probably the first of the Chertsey founders. He was a descendant of the Wokingham founders of the same name, who subsequently set up in business at Horsham. There are a number of bells in Surrey bearing his name, and dates from 1619 to 1638, and it is surmised that he established his foundry in Chertsey in the former year. At his death the business passed to his son Bryan, the younger, who spelt his name 'Eldridge.' William, who cast the bell in Chertsey tower, was a brother of the younger Bryan. He died at the age of 82 in the year 1716, and with him the Chertsey foundry came to an end.

The Guildford Guild's gathering brought together a large party despite a showery day. The ringing was carried out under the direction of the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), and varied from rounds to Surprise methods.

The customary service was held, and, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Wanstall) through indisposition, was conducted by the Rural Dean (Canon Tringham), who gave an address on 'Worship.'

Afterwards a company of over 60 sat down to tea, the Master presiding. He thanked Canon Tringham for his address, and the Vicar for having permitted the festival to be held in Chertsey, expressing the hope that Mr. Wanstall would quickly recover his health.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary) welcomed the visitors, among them Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT TWINEHAM.

On Saturday, July 11th, a very successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at the five-bell tower of Twineham, an isolated Sussex village of 280 inhabitants. Of the pleasant peal of five, two bells date back to Reformation times, while the tenor was recast and two trebles added by Mears in 1912.

No meeting of the association had previously been held there, and, despite somewhat unpromising weather and the difficulties of transport, 24 ringers were present. The bells were kept going to a variety of methods, including St. Simon's, New Doubles and Stedman's Slow Course, besides the more usual ones of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire with the fifth and third doing treble work.

A break for service was made at 4.30, when the Rector, the Rev. E. Pierce-Scriven, gave an interesting address, in which he took the opportunity of welcoming the visitors and thanking the local ringers for their services to the church, both in the belfry and the choir.

The tea was by kind invitation of Col. McKergow, who has the distinction of having been churchwarden at Twineham for 43 years.

At the business meeting which followed, two new members were elected from Burgess Hill, viz., H. Erricker and A. Powell, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting so successful.

More ringing took place in the evening until 8.30, when the bells were rung down in peal in faultless style by the local band.

QUEEN MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Tuesday, May 26th, to celebrate the 69th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 1, R. V. Fuller 2, J. Read 3, A. Hardiman 4, H. King 5, S. Meadows 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

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Association), Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, Mr. W. Williams, of London, and Mr. F. Corke and others from Uxbridge, and said he was glad to see amongst them once more, after a long absence, Mr. William Shepherd.

A retiring collection for the Guild Benevolent Fund amounted to 12s.

The Leatherhead District contingent, who arrived together by motor-coach, paid a visit earlier in the afternoon to Albury and Aldershot. Altogether the festival proved a very successful gathering.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE RINGING.

Some 70 members, representing 21 towers, as well as visitors from Bristol and Newport, attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Minehead on July 4th. Touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's (Minehead), Dunster and Carhampton Churches, and after the association form of service, conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Rev. W. Armitage (deputising for the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Knapp-Fisher), tea was followed by the annual meeting, at which the chair was occupied for the first items on the agenda by Mr. Th. Grant, of Bath. The report and balance sheets were adopted.

After referring to the deeply-regretted death of the Master (the Rev. E. C. S. Lock, of West Pennard), Mr. J. T. Dyke, the hon. secretary, in his report, recorded that the association continued to grow. The outstanding performances of the past year on tower bells were peals of London, Bristol, Superlative and Surprise Minor, on which bands of ringers at Taunton, Wilton and Chilcompton were to be congratulated. He made particular reference also to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells at Taunton, and pointed out that though handbell ringing required a different technique from ringing on tower bells, there was no doubt handbell ringing led to improved striking on tower bells. The report mentioned that a Jubilee peal at Timsbury was due to the determination of the conductor, who, with a broken leg, sat in the tower and called the peal.

Following a reference to progress made as a result of regular weekly practices organised by Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, the report recorded progress in service ringing—the primary object of the association. Mr. Dyke observed that it was an axiom that keen ringers were the most regular of service ringers. Nothing in the way of practice ringing should be done for service. It should be what a band could do best, even if it were only call changes. Occasionally there were reasons why bells could not be rung twice on Sundays, but he felt there was room for an increase in service ringing. In many towers the bells were rung longer and oftener for practice than for service, and clergy sometimes had a legitimate grievance in this respect. Churchmanship should come first, and then there would be no room for criticism.

INFREQUENT BROADCASTING.

Mr. Dyke commented on the very infrequent broadcasting of Somerset bells, and expressed the hope that should any Somerset ringers be asked to broadcast, they would make careful preparation in selection of the band and the method to be rung, and arrange that the bells came into rounds before the announcer gave details of the service. Somerset ringers did not want aspersions cast on their striking through lack of organisation.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £70 11s., but the report pointed out that owing to a fall in branch returns and increased expenses, the association was unable to transfer any money to the Bell Fund, on which, however, there was a satisfactory balance.

Mr. J. Hunt, Taunton (representative to the Central Council) mentioned that a well-known London ringer, Mr. J. E. Davis, had patented a method to avoid complaints of noisy bells. The system, said Mr. Hunt, consisted of attaching to either side of the ball of the clapper of each bell a piece of leather (thick or thin, as the case might be according to the size of the bells) covered with a thin steel plate. The president of the Central Council had described the method as very effective. Mr. Hunt mentioned that the cost of applying the system to a peal of eight bells would be £2.

Referring to the importance of maintaining 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Hunt said the association would have to consider a suggestion of associations throughout the country subscribing 30s. or £2 to subsidise the journal.

NEW MASTER.

At the instance of Mr. Hunt, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, of Binegar, Bath, who presided, was elected Master in succession to the late Rev. E. C. S. Lock; and also on the proposal of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. George Stacey (Minehead), it was decided that Mr. Dyke should arrange for the erection of an inscribed tablet of bell metal in West Pennard Church in grateful memory of Mr. Lock.

Mr. Dyke was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and thanked for his work.

Curry Rivel, Street, Glastonbury, and Wedmore were selected as the venues for quarterly meetings during the ensuing year, on the proposal of Mr. C. Evans, Bridgwater.

The association was welcomed to Minehead by Mr. Armitage, and grateful thanks were passed to him and also to Mrs. Quinn, who arranged the tea, and to others who helped to make the meeting successful.

SWINDON'S VETERAN.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Tuesday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. H. Shepherd 1, A. Lawrence 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 4, A. G. Wells (first quarter-peal) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. J. Berry 7, W. A. Bullock 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Lawrence and Daniell. Mr. Lawrence is 81 years of age and has been a ringer at this church for upwards of 65 years. He is a pattern to many a younger man. Despite his age, he is noted for his punctuality and regularity

BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

PUBLIC AND RINGERS WOULD APPRECIATE IMPROVEMENT.

Sir,—Mr. Ridyard does not reply to the question asked in the second paragraph of my previous letter, but I am very pleased to note that the matter which was ventilated at the Central Council meeting, viz., the quality of the ringing in some recent broadcasts, may be discussed at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Lancashire Association.

I can well imagine that the officials and members of that association will welcome the opportunity of offering helpful suggestions and guidance to ringers at towers from which bell broadcasts may be arranged in the future, and any improvement that could be effected would most surely be appreciated by the public generally and ringers in particular.

A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

'THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY.'

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re the St. Helens broadcast, I wish to say that if any of my statements at the Central Council meeting were inaccurate, I apologise to the St. Helens ringers.

With regard to my statement regarding the discouraging of the ringing of rounds and call changes for broadcasts, I have no desire to withdraw that. The St. Helens men most certainly did the right thing when they rang rounds and call changes for their broadcast, and that they received congratulations seems to me the only bright spot in connection with recent Lancashire broadcasts.

For my own part, I think that ten to fifteen minutes is far too long to be ringing rounds and call changes for a broadcast. Those who have the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book can read for themselves what used to happen when bands of expert ringers went on tour in Devonshire and Cornwall. When some of the band were engaged in peal ringing, those who stood out were endeavouring to persuade the local ringers to learn 'the much more excellent way' of change ringing as compared to stoney, etc.

In my opinion, the B.B.C. ought now to discontinue the interval broadcast of Bow Bells, and instead of the call changes which we at present get, substitute and have recorded for reproduction through the microphone a touch of change ringing. I feel sure the band who rang the call changes could ring an equally well-struck touch of changes.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

A SUCCESSFUL BROADCAST.

Dear Sir,—I listened to the broadcast of the bells from Wilmslow Parish Church on Sunday afternoon and thought that the Doubles they rang were excellent. Non-ringing friends in the room also remarked how nice they sounded, and, of course, were not a bit concerned about the method. Surely no other method could have sounded better on these bells, because the bells were well struck.

I venture to suggest that the non-ringer listener prefers to hear the tenor behind, however humble the method may be.

Although change ringers probably like to hear the most advanced methods rung, we must not be too selfish and overlook the fact that ringers form a very small percentage of the listeners (probably not more than one per cent.), and it is our object to please and win over the 99 per cent.

W. CYRIL SMITH.

Sutton, Surrey.

ARCHBISHOP DEDICATES JUBILEE BELL

NEW TREBLE ADDED AT WAREHORNE CHURCH, KENT.

A new treble bell, dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury before it was hung, has been added to the ring of five at Warehorne Church, Kent, which stands at the edge of Romney Marsh and the Weald of Kent. The church is in the patronage of H.M. the King, acting through the Lord Chancellor. The old tower contained five bells in 1625, and in 1770 the tower was struck by lightning and the structure fell. The tower was rebuilt, and in 1776 another stage added and the present bell frame put in, with the extra framing for a sixth bell.

In 1913 the 3rd and 4th bells were recast and the old frame strengthened by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, Suffolk. At that time a new bell was wanted, but funds have not allowed it to be added until this year. It was intended, if funds were available, that the new treble bell to make six should be put in as a lasting memorial of the late King George's Silver Jubilee. However, this was not possible last year, but through the efforts of the new Rector (the Rev. W. G. Ivens), the new bell rang out for first time on Monday, July 6th, after dedication by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the preceding day, and before the bell was hoisted into the tower.

The new bell bears the inscription, 'Silver Jubilee, 1935-36. Cast by Alfred Bowell, Ipswich.'

After the service the Archbishop visited the belfry, and the founder and ringers present were introduced to his lordship.

MUFFLED BELLS.

As their mark of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth in the death of their daughter Dora, the Doncaster Parish Church ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on June 30th: E. Stacey 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, H. Champlin 5, A. Stavely 6, F. Newsome (conductor) 7, P. Daw 8. Mr. G. Halksworth is the conductor and secretary of the band.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A FLOURISHING POSITION.

Criticism of Extra-Territorial Peals.

The annual report of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild refers to peals rung for one association in the area of another, and suggests that where ringers ring peals they should do so for the association in whose area the tower is situated.

The report was presented to the annual general meeting, held at Southampton on Saturday, July 4th. The following towers were represented: Alresford, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Curdridge, Eling, Fareham, North Stoneham, Overton, Portsea, Ringwood, Soberton, Southampton (St. Mary's and Holy Rood), Twyford, Upham, Wickham and Winchester. A welcome was extended to Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex County Association) and Messrs. Frank Bennett (Brighton) and visitors from Christow, Poole and Walsall. During the afternoon the towers of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were open for ringing, after which the business meeting was held in the Chantry Hall.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and hon. treasurer (the Rev. Evan Jones). The last named presented the accounts, which showed that the balance on the treasurer's account had increased to £91 17s. 7d. from £79 8s. 2d. in the previous year, the receipts from the districts having amounted to £51 6s 8d. Grants from the General Purposes Fund amounting to £7 7s. had been made, and the balance in this fund was £48 12s. 6d. In addition the districts had in hand an aggregate of £73 16s. 7d.

The Master said he thought this showed the Guild was in a strong financial position.

The accounts were adopted and the treasurer and district secretaries thanked for their contribution to this satisfactory state of affairs.

The report, which was also adopted, said subscriptions from members showed a further increase, and there were now 756 ringing members and 179 honorary members, almost half of the latter being in the Winchester District. There was not much to report in the way of restoration work, although it was hoped during the coming year to have the peals at Alresford and Soberton put in hand. Forty-five peals were recorded in 1935, against 37 in 1934, in 29 different towers, with 14 conductors. It was regretted that only six peals were rung in the Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch and Winchester districts. Of these, three were rung by bands chiefly resident outside these districts. It was hoped that a little more keenness would be displayed during the present year. Regret was expressed that three peals had been rung for the Guild outside the two dioceses and also that adjoining guilds had rung and claimed peals within its territory. The report continued: 'Some ringers are notoriously mean, but it is, to put it mildly, discourteous to ring a peal for one society in another's area unless it be rung for a non-territorial society. If ringers must go into adjoining lands for peals, they might at least pay the small fee necessary to join the appropriate society.'

The officers were re-elected en bloc. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to one of the past presidents (formerly Bishop of Portsmouth) on his preferment to the See of Salisbury.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

The representatives on the Central Council gave a varied report of the proceedings at the recent session in London. It was generally agreed by them that the most important committee at the present seemed to be the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, seeing that it affected the relationship between the Exercise and the public. It was unanimously agreed that the joint efforts of that committee and the B.B.C. should be directed towards ensuring that only the very best of ringing should be broadcast. It was also very pleasing to note that in the report of this committee the recent broadcast from St. Mary's, Portsea, had come in for special mention and commendation.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Petersfield, on the first Saturday in July, 1937.

Mr. G. Pullinger threw out the suggestion that the Guild should approach the Salisbury Diocesan Guild with a view to issuing a joint invitation to the Central Council to hold its next meeting in the south, at Bournemouth.—This was agreed to.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The question of promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World' among ringers was introduced for discussion, and it was agreed that the Exercise without a ringing journal would, in time, be almost at stalemate. Several suggestions were put forward, among which it was suggested that associations might copy their example and insert a free advertisement in their annual reports, urging members to purchase the paper. It was agreed to ask districts to bring to the notice of the members at each quarterly meeting the necessity of maintaining a ringing paper.

After a varied discussion it was proposed by Mr. W. Andrews and seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger that the following suggestion be adopted with a view to increasing support for a larger and cheaper journal:—

'To reprint, with the Editor's permission, the leading article, "Maintaining a Ringers' Journal," in "The Ringing World" of July 3rd, and to circulate to all towers in the Guild, together with a circular inviting them to state how many of their ringers would undertake to become regular purchasers of that journal if reduced to 2d. per copy.'

This was unanimously agreed to, and the secretary hoped to be able to report the result of this effort at the Central Committee's next meeting.

Before the meeting closed, the members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy with the relatives of old members who had died during the year.

At the conclusion of the business votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's and Holy Rood for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. W. Faithfull in making the necessary arrangements.

BELLS AMONG OTHER PUBLIC NOISES.

Afterwards the members attended service in St. Mary's Church, the Guild office being conducted by the Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End and hon. treasurer). The preacher was the Rector (the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly), whose text was 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord' (Zachariah xiv., 20). Referring to present-day noises, he spoke of the public worship of the noises of aeroplanes, wireless and, to them in Southampton, had come the latest, the deep boom of the 'Queen Mary.' He asked the question, on what ground had we, as ringers, to add to all this, by the ringing of our church bells? The people in close proximity to the church wanted to know, more so than those who lived next door to the blatant sounds emerging from a wireless shop. He resented the suggestion of classing our dear old bells with all these modern upstarts. From the earliest days they had been associated with the message of our Lord. First with the early Christians and then, when the ringing of church bells was prohibited, the Cursor went from house to house announcing when and where the services would be held. By the seventh century bells were in common use. The great bell at Whitby Abbey was tolled, bidding the faithful to pray for the passing soul of the Abbess, Hilda. To-day our bells played their part in times of national rejoicing or sorrow, apart from their religious purpose. What could have been more impressive than listening to the boom of Big Ben in the broadcast of the passing of our beloved George V. The message of the bells speaks from youth to age. It had become part of the life of English folk, so dreadfully missed when one was called to distant lands. 'Why do we refer to some of our bells as Big Ben, Great Paul, Big Tom of Lincoln, Great Peter of Exeter, etc.?' asked the speaker. 'Why do we give them these nicknames? We only give people nicknames because they have a personality and are affectionately regarded by us. It is for this reason and this reason only that we give our bells these names. They are part and parcel of our very life. They are entirely different to all the other voices of the world. We, as ringers, should consider it a religious duty and a privilege to ring our bells.' It is a religious act, he continued, associated with the work of God in this land, and he urged them to do as the parson was often told, 'practice what you preach.' Referring again to his opening remarks, he said that the modern world worshipped sounds like the deep boom of the 'Queen Mary'; it stood for something which represented size and speed. He would be the last to belittle the marvels of our national craft and workmanship, but one could not help noticing the unnecessary publicity and hero worship of our modern day. What a difference there was in the tremendous send-off given this huge ship to that given to one that left the shores of Southampton in 1620 with 102 souls on board, with poor machinery and a helmsman to steer them to a land they had never seen before, which took four and a half months and not 4½ days to cross the Atlantic. He referred to the 'Mayflower,' with the Pilgrim Fathers on board, who carried a cargo of ideals with them. In conclusion, he bade his hearers rejoice in the fact that they were called to high service in the Church, to make their voice sound above all noises, and employ their fullest powers in the service of God for the good of His Church here, and for the glory of His Name.

After service the members sat down to tea in the Chantry Hall, after which the Rector expressed his delight at meeting the members and hoped they had had a pleasant time.

Mr. W. Andrews, in reply, thanked Canon Jolly for his wishes and also announced to the gathering the fact that Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had been entrusted with the work of recasting the very indifferent ring of twelve at Winchester Cathedral, so that they soon hoped to have one of the finest rings of twelve in the country (tenor 35 cwt.). This had been made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral and a munificent grant from the Barron Bell Trust, to whom they tendered their warmest appreciation and thanks.

During the evening the towers of St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Holy Rood were opened for ringing, and touches in methods up to Cambridge Royal were brought round.

NEWNHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Empire Day for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: G. Burcher 1, F. Strawford 2, W. Burcher 3, C. W. Newman 4, George Burcher 5, A. J. Hooper 6, W. J. Cole (conductor) 7, W. A. King 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A VISIT TO KNOWLE.

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 4th. The village of Knowle is situated about 12 miles from Birmingham, on the main Birmingham and Warwick road, within the Forest of Arden. It contains many fine half-timbered houses, a particularly good example being the White Swan, which has recently been scheduled as an ancient monument.

The church dates back to the 15th century, having been built on the remains of an old chapel, which is mentioned in 1217. The nave has an exceptionally fine timber roof, and there is also a very good chancel screen with wonderful carving. The tower contains eight bells, which were rehung by Taylor's about four years ago. These were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a very interesting address. He mentioned that, in looking through some old church accounts, he came across an item for a set of ropes, 9s., and 12 months later another item for a set of ropes, costing 8s. 4d. There were three bells in those days, but evidently the value of money was much greater then than now.

Tea was served in the Guild House, adjoining the church, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Vice-President Mr. James George and Vice-President Mr. Councillor A. Paddon Smith.

The secretary referred to the death of Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was the youngest son of Henry Johnson, also to the death of Mr. W. Cooper, of Perry Barr, another old member of the Guild, the company standing for a few moments as a mark of respect. The secretary also welcomed Mr. John Neal, who had not been well for some 15 months. They were pleased to see him at the meeting, he said, although not very well, and wished him a speedy and complete restoration to good health.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Edward Holt, of Selly Oak, John Stanley Mason, of Oldbury, and W. S. Bannocks, of King's Norton, as full ringing members. Messrs. G. R. Goodship, of Wealdstone, and J. F. Milner were elected life members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday, October 3rd, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, August 8th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells concluded the business.

After further ringing a very pleasant hour was spent in the White Swan Hotel, the manager being Mr. Sydney Jessop, who for many years was a ringer at St. Martin's Church. The company were joined here by Mr. Councillor Smith, and many old associations were revived.

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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. 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.

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). 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. 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. 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.—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.

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.

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.

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.—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.

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 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.

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.

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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham to-morrow, Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Good Intent, 5.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Feltham, to-morrow, Saturday, July 18th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, price 1/- each. Bedfont bells from 7 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The following arrangements have been made for combined practices. BALDOCK, Wednesday, July 22nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. GRAVELEY, July 23rd, 7 to 9 p.m. BARKWAY, July 30th, 7 to 9 p.m. KNEBWORTH, August 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. Please cut this out *now* and fix it on your notice board. It will not appear again?—D. Mears.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Wednesday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special practice meeting will be held at Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday, July 22nd. Bells (12) available at 7 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. & Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Mid-week practice at St. Mary-le-Bow on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Will visitors please note that the Association's Sunday ringing at this church is suspended during July, August and September?—J. G. Prior, Sec.

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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.

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.

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.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for general practice at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting with members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be at Rye on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be very welcome. Numbers for tea please notify by July 22nd.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Colmworth on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A new treble has just been added, so come over and try them. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. Mary's Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 25th, from 3 to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—A garden fete is to be held in the beautiful grounds of Helmingham Hall, Saturday, July 25th, in aid of church repair fund. The tower will be open to ringers from 3 till 9 p.m. Teas can be obtained on grounds.—G. Whiting, Tower Keeper.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1/- per head, for those who notify me not later than July 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield Districts.—The quarterly meeting to have been held at Binsted on July 25th, is postponed. The new date will be announced as soon as possible.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Service ringing on Sunday, July 25th, at 5.30 p.m. Practice meeting on Thursday, July 30th, both at Shoreditch. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North and South Norfolk Branches.—The South Norfolk Branch visits Elveden on July 25th as guests of the Suffolk Guild (see notice). The North Norfolk Branch visits Salle on September 19th. Usual arrangements, details later. Please note my forthcoming change of address (as from August 1st).—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welford (8 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Greinton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, in Church School. All ringers who would like tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6) on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- each, inform me by Wednesday previous. A good bus service from the Newarkés. A good attendance hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch hold their half-yearly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Diocesan Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, usual place, 5 p.m. It is hoped to have a good muster of Ely, Norfolk and London friends.—R. C. Sharpe and N. Golden, Dis. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The competition for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church on Saturday, July 25th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Rev. J. Waugh, Clowne Rectory, Clowne, near Chesterfield. Open tower after tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover St., Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Adlington, instead of Westhoughton as previously arranged, on Saturday, 25th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwincle (near Thrapston) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. G. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Marshall's Road, Raunds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, 1s. 3d. per head, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, at once. —G. S. Taylor, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Applications for tea (at 1s. 3d. per head) must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 21st. 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.

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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingly on Saturday, August 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/3 per head. Half rail fare, maximum 1/6. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div, Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrexham on August Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1/-). Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

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