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Very little of the spirit of rivalry exists between ringing associations nowadays, and it is all to the good that it should be so. All associations are working for the same objects and while there is, in some cases, an overlapping of areas, a spirit of mutual understanding and forbearance makes it possible for the societies to promote their own welfare without friction with their neighbours. Among the larger organisations which rub shoulders where diocesan and county status happen to spread partly over the same areas there is, almost everywhere, a noticeably friendly feeling prevailing, while even the existence of district societies within the sphere of operations of larger territorial organisations provides evidence, not merely of toleration, but of a genuine spirit of goodwill. The explanation, of course, is to be found in the good sense of the ringers themselves, exhibited often in the fact that they enjoy a dual membership, and thus have a personal interest in both the major and the minor associations.

There is, however, an interesting exception to the interchange of membership in the rules which forbid a ringer to be a member of both the two old London societies—the College Youths and the Cumberlands—at the same time. This is a relic of the days when the two organisations were jealous rivals and when bell ringing was practised for a totally different reason to that which characterises it to-day. The changed order of things makes this now a totally unnecessary prohibition, but those who set high store on tradition, even when tradition restricts adaptation to modern conceptions of usefulness, would not, we believe, lightly alter the established custom. There is, however, no place in the Exercise for prejudices of past centuries, and those who maintain them are only standing in the light of progress. As a matter of fact there are comparatively few ringers who see any advantage in the mutual barrier between these two old London societies, which in the early days of ringing did so much for the advancement of the art. It is not merely in the matter of peal ringing that one sees the futility of the arrangement; it has its influence in other directions, and there are many members of both, especially in the provinces, where, after all, lie the greatest numerical strength of the societies in these days, who would like to see an end put to this survival of an age when ringing was purely a sport and bands were in as keen rivalry as clubs in many branches of sport now are. It may be that ringers who actually live in London have no desire for dual membership, but often visitors from the provinces would be prepared and, indeed, would esteem it a privilege, to join both societies, if only for the opportunity of

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ringing peals occasionally with some of the well known men on either side. However, while the present attitude exists among the elements in London, any change of policy is quite unlikely.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*EDGAR T. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	*THOMAS HILL	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	8
*HOWARD HOWELL	3	WILLIAM FISHER	9
*BARNABAS G. KEY	4	†GILBERT HARDING	10
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	5	†BERT HORTON	11
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	6	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Kent Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor, and first peal of Kent Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ...*Treble*		*STEPHEN H. WOOD	6
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS ...	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
RICHARD CLARK	3	*HARRY J. SANGER	8
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ...	4	†RONALD G. BECK	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' S. H. Wood's 100th peal.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEORGE SLACK	...*Treble*	MICHAEL G. WHEAT	6
*JOHN BAGNALL	2	†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	7
JAMES E. BURLES	3	WILLIAM LANGHORNE ...	8
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	4	THOMAS METCALFE	9
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ...	5	†ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. JENKINS. Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	5
DEREK M. SHARPE	2	WILLIAM G. GRACE	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	JACK DAFTERS	7
WALTER F. TYLER	4	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by B. W. ALDRIDGE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Bradshaw, who are leaving the parish for Merton.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the Cathedral Campanile for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Stoveld 1, W. Falconer 2, F. S. Wilson 3, T. A. Doick 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, W. E. Ticehurst 7, A. Carver 8. Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, West Lavington, Midhurst. It is 30 years since he last rang at this tower.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY	...*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
*REV. FRANK BONNER	... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY	 6
JAMES FERNLEY	 3	JAMES A. MILNER	 7
THOMAS WALLWORK	 4	JOHN WORTH	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Bristol away from treble. First peal of Bristol rung in Bolton.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

STANLEY ETHERIDGE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	... 2	ERNEST BISHOP	 6
LESLIE JARVIS	 3	JAMES G. POWELL	 7
HARRY BAKER	 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the grandson of the conductor (aged 2 years), and also to the ringer of the treble.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	 5
SAMUEL HUGHES	 2	WILLIAM DOWDING	 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	... 4	JAMES GEORGE	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE	 5
JACK M. CRIPPS	 2	KEITH HART	 6
RAYMOND OVERY	 3	NELSON ELLIOT	 7
KENNETH SNELLING	 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MISS RENE REDPATH	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	 2	HARRY HOVERD	 6
HARRY HOSKINS	 3	DEREK M. SHARP	 7
EDWIN BARNETT	 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS	...*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	 6
ARTHUR PRINCE	 3	*HARRY PYE	 7
JAMES SWINDLEY	 4	PERCY SWINDLEY	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.
* First peal of Kent 'inside.'

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF EDMONTON BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK CONLEY	... ...*Treble*	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	 5
GEORGE M. KILBY	 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	... 3	ALAN R. PINK	 7
GEORGE R. PYE	 4	JAMES H. RIDING	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM MADDOCK	...*Treble*	EDWARD CAUNCE	 5
†JAMES ROBINSON	 2	JOHN ROBINSON	 6
*THOMAS ROBINSON	 3	JAMES GARDNER	 7
HERBERT LUDKIN	 4	JOHN W. GARDNER	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. W. GARDNER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

ERNEST HERBERT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	 2	WILLIAM HENLEY	 6
GEORGE MARTIN	 3	CECIL C. MAYNE	 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	 4	TONY PRICE	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CHARLES H. SHEPHERD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	... 5
FREDERICK W. STEMP	... 2	ALBERT R. WARD	 6
FRANK TAYLOR	 3	LAWRENCE P. COOK	 7
*E. FREDERICK HANCOCK	... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

SYDNEY FLINT	...*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS	... 5
*JACK N. A. PUMPHREY	... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS	 6
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	 7
HANBURY F. CARTER	 4	NOLAN GOLDEN	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH	...*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS	 6
A. STANLEY WOODARD	... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	... 4	ROBERT MALSTER	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.
Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to Frederick Crapnell, captain of the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. BREWER	...*Treble*	G. CROSS, SEN.	4
A. E. BAVERSTOCK	2	S. S. WOODBURN	5
G. CROSS	3	H. ELLIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of G. Cross, sen.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR CROWDER ...	...*Treble*	†H. JAMES CHAPMA	4
JAMES W. GODDARD	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON N	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...	3	WALTER M. GODDARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*RONALD J. SHARP ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
EDMUND WAGSTAFF	3	HERBERT SHERMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Sharp, who retired from the offices of verger and sexton the previous day, after 37 years at this church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

EDWARD BISHOP	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
FRANK H. HICKS	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. Hicks.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ...	2	HARRY D. LISTER	5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ...	3	SHELFORD SPARROW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

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OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, with 10 callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK FLOCK ...	...*Treble*	†ALBERT H. CHESHIRE ...	4
*JOHN BLOUNT	2	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
ARTHUR J. WHEATLEY ...	3	SIDNEY MILES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since their rehanging and tuning by Taylor and Co. last year. Excepting the conductor, all the above are local ringers.

PEAL NOTES.

A NEW PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise in Bolton, Lancs, was rung on August 28th at St. Peter's Church. The composition, by Mr. T. B. Worsley, was rung for the first time. Here are the figures:—

23456	M	B	W	H	23645	M	B	W	H	32546	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2	26435	1	—	2	2	35426	1	—	2	2
36524	1	—	2	2	23564	2		1	1	24536			2	2
54263	2	—	2	2	25634	1	—	2	2	32465	2		2	2
23645	2	—	2	2	32546	2		2	2	34625	1	—	2	2
										23456	2		2	2

In this form it is a 5,056, but it can be reduced to 5,024 by using the alternate calling in the tenth course.

There were some veterans in the peal of Bob Major at Netherton on September 1st, conducted by Mr. D. T. Matkin. James George, who is nearly 84, was, we are told, in great form both on the tenor and afterwards. Mr. Samuel Hughes, who is over 70, stepped into a gap at the last moment, and made his first peal attempt for three years.

It is a pleasure, too, to notice the return to peal ringing of Mr. Matkin. It is over a year since he made a peal attempt, owing to an attack of sciatica. We hope his recovery is permanent.

A farewell peal to the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Bradshaw, who are going to Merton, was rung at Woolwich on August 28th.

Edmonton Bob, a plain Major method in the C.C. Collection, is not often rung, and, if recollection serves us, the peal at Twickenham on Saturday was only the second in the method, the first having been rung at Willesden in 1924.

The tenor at Rolvenden, Kent, was rung to a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday by Mr. Alfred Blackman, who is over 70 years of age.

A Sussex Association peal was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday, and in it five of the six ringers scored their first peal in five Minor methods. The only one of the band who had rung five methods in a peal before was Mr. Albert Relfe, the conductor.

After 37 years as verger and sexton at Maulden, Beds, Mr. Charles Sharp retired on August 31st. The next day a peal of Minor was rung by members of the Bedfordshire Association as a compliment to him.

A peal in the Isle of Wight is not a very frequent occurrence, but one was rung on Saturday at Brading as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert R. Ward.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday. The tenor is 50¾ cwt.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Stedman Triples at Crayford, Derek M. Sharp has now 'circled' the tower. This is always an interesting performance, but not a difficult one at Crayford, where, we should imagine, more peals are now being rung than at any other church.

Two first peals, a first of Major 'inside' and a first as conductor, all at the first attempt, marked the peal of Bob Major at Halewood, rung as a 64th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Caunce, one of Lancashire's stalwarts.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on the bells at Walsall was rung on Saturday, when no fewer than ten distinctions were earned. There were six first peals of Maximus, three first peals of Treble Twelve and the first peal of Maximus by Mr. T. J. Elton as conductor.

Mr. G. E. Large, having been instrumental in getting the Ombersley band to join the Worcestershire Association and having since taken a personal interest in their progress, has been rewarded by getting five of the band through a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Three rang their first peal and one his first peal of Doubles (his only other peal being a peal of Minor on the treble). Useful spadework this.

The peal of Kent rung at Bunbury on Saturday was Mr E. V. Rodenhurst's 350th peal. It was also his 50th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. His performances in this method include peals of 7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (the longest peal rung in Wales) and 17,280 (the Kent record).

The peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Ewerby during the Lincolnshire tour contained 5,000 changes, and not 5,040 as reported.

FOR BEGINNERS.

EXTENTS OF TREBLE BOB.

A correspondent, who says he has just learnt to call Treble Bob Minor and would like to attempt a peal, asks us to give him seven 720's, as he is unable to obtain a copy of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' published by the Central Council.

This 'Collection' is at present out of print, but a revised edition will, it is hoped, be on the market ere long.

There are a number of extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the calling of which keeps the 'tenors' the right way whenever they come behind together, and these are always to be preferred to those which bring them up the wrong way, that is 6-5 at backstroke instead of 5-6.

There are two useful 'standard' callings which keep the tenors right, and those who begin to call Treble Bob on six bells should make these part of their 'stock-in-trade.' One extent is got by calling the tenor In and Out, in one course, and In, in the next, alternately for the six courses. You can be sure of the course in which only one bob has to be called, because the 5th will make the bob and thus come back to its normal position after the 6th.

The other 'standard' extent is obtained by calling the 5th, Out, in one course, and In and Out, in the next, alternately for the six courses. A guide to the course in which only one bob is called—in this case the omission is the In and not the Out—is when the 5th has been coursing the 6th before the bob is called.

It may seem unnecessary even to suggest that guides are necessary in such a thing as this, but the wise conductor always keeps his eye open for 'landmarks' when studying his composition. It saves many a slip when memory—as it has a habit of sometimes doing—lapses for a moment. Therefore, get into the habit of 'tabbing' your guides from the start.

Other extents cannot be memorised quite so simply as these 'standard' 720's. They are 'one part' extents and really necessitate learning all the positions into which either or other bell is called. But if seven 'different' 720's are desired there is no need to memorise five other extents beyond the two 'standard' callings. In each of these the part ends 42356 and 34256 crop up at regular intervals of two courses, with, of course, 23456 at the end.

Now 42356 and 34256 must occur somewhere in the one part 720's, so that if you take an extent of this kind, you can make it serve the purpose of three by beginning the calling of the two additional ones from the 42356 and the 34256.

In the following these leads turn up plain. We give the bobbed leads and show the other two between lines:—

23456			23456	
23564	5		64235	2
52364	1		35264	3
26435	4		23564	1
54263	2		64523	3
25463	1		35642	2
			63542	1
P.L. 42356	1			
		P.L.	42356	3
25634	4			
62534	1		63425	2
45623	2		46325	1
23645	3		53462	2
62345	1		36245	4
45362	3		23645	1
P.L. 34256	1	P.L.	34256	4
23456	1		23456	1

You can start the calling of either of these from 23456, 42356, or 34256—they are equally true, and, as the changes come up in a different order, they are different extents.

Thus by learning the calling of two 720's, and marking your 'part ends,' when 5-6 are together behind, you provide yourself with six different extents. Any other one-part can be treated in the same way.

A 4½ CWT. TENOR.

Ringers from Newbury, Thatcham, Beedon, Chieveley, Compton, Kingsclere, East Ilsley, Peasemore and Woolton Hill, with Mr. D. Cooper, of Croydon, and Mr. T. Lock, of Willesden, had a half-day trip on Saturday, August 21st, and the first place at which they called was Tetsworth, where, having been greeted by the Vicar and Mr. Gibbard, they rang on a new light peal of six, the tenor of which is only 4½ cwt. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung before going on to Haddenham to tea. Mr. D. Chapman welcomed the party, and the bells, a peal of eight (tenor 19¾ cwt.), were soon afterwards going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Thame was reached at 7.30 p.m., and the eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) were rung for an hour in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Newbury was reached via Oxford at 10.45 after a pleasant run over the Downs and a very enjoyable trip.

RINGERS IMPROVISE SERVICE

GUILDFORD GUILD OVERCOME ABSENCE OF CLERGY.

As no clergyman was available to conduct the service at the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Bagshot, hymns and psalms, announced by the district secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and led by the organ, were sung, and the lesson read by Mrs. M. Welton, one of the Bagshot ringers.

A company numbering 35 sat down to a splendid tea generously provided by Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot), hon. treasurer of the Guild. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Corbett on the call of the secretary, seconded by Miss W. Manfield (Ash).

The District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) presided over the business, at which Miss E. Pascoe, of Aldershot, was elected a member and welcomed.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) stressed the importance of ringers purchasing 'The Ringing World' each week, and said it would be a serious thing for the Exercise if for any reason the paper should cease being published. He thought it was a matter for the Central Council to discuss.—Mr. Nye and the secretary also spoke on this matter.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS SUGGESTED.

Another matter brought forward by Mr. Whittington was the holding of ringing meetings on Wednesday afternoons. It was thought that a number of ringers were unable to attend on Saturdays, but could do so if meetings were arranged for Wednesdays. It was suggested that the Farnham and Guildford Districts should combine at some convenient tower for a Wednesday meeting.

A lively discussion followed, and it was finally decided that the secretary write to all district towers enquiring the number of ringers able to attend on Wednesdays; to write to the Guildford District hon. secretary on the matter, and also put the matter on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting, with a view to a resolution being made to the annual general meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the organist, local ringers and caterers, and appreciative remarks paid Mrs. Welton and others concerned with the conducting of the service.

Towers represented at the meeting included Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Farnham, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Chertsey, Uxbridge, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Uckfield, Yorktown, Haslemere and Guildford.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, and those present spent a very pleasant time.

RINGER DIES FROM WASP STINGS.

ATTACKED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY NEST.

Whilst attempting to destroy a wasps' nest on the farm at which he was employed at High Halstow, Kent, on Tuesday, August 3rd, Mr. Lawrence Hales was attacked by the swarm and severely stung behind the ear. He was, at the time, close to his home, which he managed to reach, but within about 20 minutes had succumbed to heart failure.

Mr. Hales had been a member of and instructor to the Hoo, St. Werberg, band of ringers for about three years and applied himself with great diligence, coupled with distinct credit, to this very uphill task of teaching a completely new band. He was also a very enthusiastic member of the Rochester District of the Kent Association, very seldom missing any of the periodical meetings and also bringing along other members of his band.

The interment took place at High Halstow on Saturday, August 7th. The Rector (the Rev. T. W. Longfield) officiated and those present included the Vicar of Hoo (the Rev. L. J. Walters), his workmates from the farm, members of the Hoo band of ringers, and Messrs. Allen and Belsey, representing the Kent County Association. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from the Hoo ringers and also one from the Rochester District.

After the funeral, Hoo bells were rung half-muffled and a 720 of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished by the following members of the association: F. Boorman, A. Bloxham, W. Easter, F. Belsey, H. Springate, E. A. G. Allen (conductor).

The sympathy of the whole of the Exercise will be extended to the bereaved family. The association can ill afford to lose men of Mr. Hales' calibre.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR.

To-morrow another peal ringing tour starts, organised by Mr. C. T. Coles. It is in Cheshire and North Wales:—

Saturday, September 11th: Handbridge, Chester (8).
Sunday, September 12th: Pulford, Cheshire (8).
Monday, September 13th: Eccleston (8), Christleton (8).
Tuesday, September 14th: Northop (8), Wrexham, North Wales (10).
Wednesday, September 15th: Llangollen (8), Barmouth (8).
Thursday, September 16th: Machynlleth (8), Llanbadarn (8).
Friday, September 17th: Portmadoc (8), Bangor (8).
Saturday, September 18th: Llandudno (8), Rhyl (8).

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke for evening service on Sunday, August 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: L. Brown 1, W. Essery 2, E. E. Bish 3, F. Howson 4, A. Newman 5, G. Mayers 6, E. A. Reeve 7, T. Wellbourne 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, A. Williams 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 1, 3, 8 and 10.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

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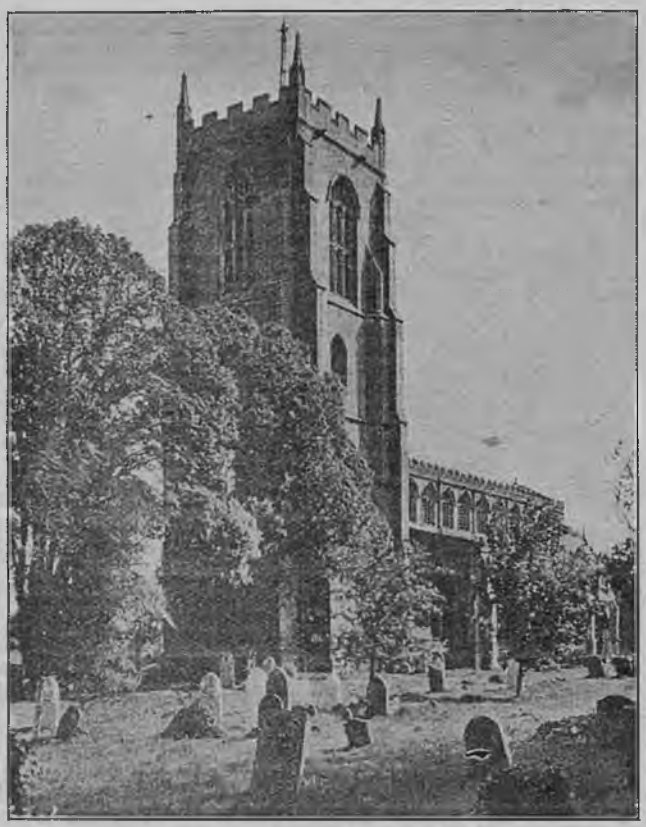
SUNDAY AT SURFLEET AND PINCHBECK.

'Gosberton Church is very high,
Surfleet Church is all awry,
Pinchbeck Church is in a hole,
And Spalding Church is big with foal.'

Local Doggerel.

The morning service on Sunday at St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, was attended by the visitors en bloc, after ringing Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques more or less with success! We received a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark, and heard a homely sermon with due attention. An old tablet over the stair door—the belfry floor is several feet below the nave owing to tower subsidence—records: 'These bells were new hung in the year of our Lord 1809. The Rev. Sam Elsdale, office minister; Henry Smith, Wm. Baxter, churchwardens.' Although not an ordained minister, he must have made a favourable impression upon the inhabitants of Surfleet, because I found his name upon another stone behind the organ with the heading, 'Many are the friends of the rich,' which states he was



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PINCHBECK.

a friend of the poor and died aged 83 years. There is a tradition that on the marriage of William Bird and Ann Rose in October, 1801, a wedding peal was rung here by a team of females. North tells us the third bell of the old ring of five was cracked. All was in a very dirty state and the bells seldom used. They were variously dated from 1607 to 1694. From five to ten these bells were augmented by the Rev. Law James—incumbent for 34 years—and other important work carried out in the church, near which he now rests from his labours. Incidentally about 50 years ago I helped him to ring his first peal at Stroud. The Diocesan Guild added the trebles in 1933 'in memoriam' from ringing friends and members, and they are now claimed to be the lightest twelve-bell peal in the Kingdom. Some of our men found they wanted expert 'tickling.'

At Glyn Garth hot luncheon was served at 12.20, fourteen sitting round the jovial board to test the efficiency of the sprained wrist of the carver. He got through his duty as host, with Mrs. Richardson's help, but some of the guests—if they stayed in Surfleet—would soon emulate his 'Slim Girth.'

London Surprise at 1.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Pinchbeck, was affected by some of the Surfleet 'trifle,' and a third 'go,' or helping, was called before settling down to the real method. During the ringing the dull and rough weather seemed to be leaving us; for the remainder of the week it was very enjoyable.

An altar tomb near the chancel, with richly carved panels, to Sir Thomas de Pinchbeck, 1500, a fine roof with shields and carved oak angels are features of the church. On the porch wall is a panel in memory of John Healey, who died 1850, and 27 children buried near, with seven children surviving him. Mr. George Ladd, captain and churchwarden, in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday, welcomed us, and was as pleased as myself with the success of the peal.

There is a fine ringing room similar to Heckingtou but far more steps up to it. This tower leans to the south-west, but not so much as Surfleet. The belfry walls disclose that Matthew Laxton rang a peal of Doubles on the old five bells in 1816. He and his family were vergers here for 124 years. The old bells had no cannons. They were cast by Tobie Norris at various dates from 1624. The tenor was 48 inches diameter. Now there is a good going octave, upon which some 14 peals have been achieved since their restoration. Here is a local smith's belfry candlestick of four arms, similar to that at Surfleet, preserved with the old weather cock and vane when the tower was struck by lightning in 1893. Amongst the church records is the village carpenter's account, in verse, dated 1769:—

	£	s.	d.
Oil for little and great bell,			
T'other three went very well	0	1	0
To eating and drinking at the Bell,			
For ringing Christmas in so well	0	12	6
To a new pulpit, oak the wood,			
As parson Townshend said it should	5	5	0

Returning to Surfleet, service ringing consisted of Grandsire Cinques and Double Norwich Major. After tea a rest, a smoke, a look at Sunday's newspapers and some to a little tennis finished the day's programme before the Cross Keys, Spalding, locked up for the night.

I love ye chimes of Motherland,
With all this soul of mine,
And bless the Lord that I am sprung
Of good old English line!

W. H. Weiss.

To Wisbech. We left the Cross Keys on Monday morning at 9 o'clock upon a bright and promising day, running our cars on level roads that have no boundary, hedgerow or fence, only the deep fenland dykes, which afford extensive views of the broad acres for miles and lie open to the North Sea breezes. Along these roads I saw here and there quite half a dozen steeples each peeping up above a clump of old trees surrounding the church. The whole landscape is bare in places, only a farmhouse now and then, with a few cottages for the labourers. These steeples, in the morning distance, seemed to offer us an invitation; to ask if we were about to pay them a visit? Amongst our list of 16 there was found the 'Lincolnshire steeple' at 11 of the churches we paid our respects to, and the week's tour could not be extended. At ten of our towers the belfry was on a level with the church, and with a small car one could drive straight into the ringing room, easy going for men who have passed the allotted 'span.' The above verse was selected because I had never visited my mother's native town, so it was a double pleasure to me to ring upon the old church bells she had often listened to about a century ago.

A NOTABLE CHURCH.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church holds a prominent place amongst the notable churches of East Anglia by reason of its large dimensions and extraordinary plan. Beginning with a Norman building of small and obscure origin (some say in the year of 'four ones,' 1111), it has twice been enlarged. Increasing wealth of East Coast woollen trade and a flourishing port on the River Nene created a prosperous market noted for its numerous rich religious guilds.

Controversy arose as to how the various periods of architecture became confused in the construction of the church, which were elucidated by Sir G. Scott I., and the Vicar, Howson, who afterwards became Dean of Chester. The plan of Wisbech Church comprises the following elements: North nave with north aisle, and long north chancel 6ft. wider than the nave; south nave with south aisle, and a short south chancel with a large sacristy beyond it on the east; south porch, west turret and north-west tower.

During Henry VII.'s reign further important alterations and additions were made, the former being necessitated by a partial collapse of the west tower. In 1406 there were ten chantry chaplains serving at Wisbech. There is a large brass, 1401, to the memory of Thomas Brankstone, Constable of Wisbech Castle.

Much of my information is taken from a booklet of the church by P. T. Jones, B.A., in which he also tells us that the present clock was erected in 1866 at a cost of £400 by James Dann as a gift to the town of Wisbech. The belfry of the tower contains a peal of ten fine toned bells cast in 1823 by Dobson, of Downham Market, tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. The most ancient of the old bells was founded in 1566 and another gave its uses in Latin, translated:

'I praise the true God. I summon the people to prayer.
I gather the clergy together. I mourn over the dead.
I drive away pestilence. I add grace to festivities.'

My readers will probably agree that such a valuable instrument ought to have been preserved after centuries of six-fold devotion; without the 'ringer' it may as well have been a lump of lead.

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LONG SUTTON'S WONDERFUL SPIRE.

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Our party surveyed the church and admired a very fine ringing room, easy of access, over the north porch with a useful trap door ventilator in the floor between the two tenor boxes. It has four large windows and old beams across the ceiling which give an impressive air of the 17th century apartments. The tower louvres are fitted with shutters, that save complaints from the professional and business people crowding in the narrow streets around the church. A rare ikon is to be seen, brought from Russia and presented by Mr. Bray.

Mr. Freeman, with the keys, did yeoman service to secure our team a good start, but only one hour of Yorkshire Royal could be accomplished. If I ask the popular question, 'Where's George?' I tell no tales out of school—there were four of them in the attempt. We were pleased to learn that Golden Nolan had paid a successful visit here for a peal the week before, and we found the bells going well, having been rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1934. The present Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, is mastering bellringing.

Rather more than two years ago these bells were rededicated by the Rural Dean, when an address was given by the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken. The restoration was practically the last undertaking he promoted before meeting with that tragic accident in the grounds of his home that robbed the Exercise of a valuable minister, ringer and librarian.

We rested at the ringers' house, The Griffin, and left at low tide after lunch without seeing the museum, with its valuable collection, lately increased by the generosity of Mr. J. L. Kirk, of Maidenhead, who is a native of Wisbech.

Arriving at St. Mary's, Long Sutton, soon after 3, it was nearly 4 o'clock before the Bristol Major began. We were kindly received by the Rector (the Rev. H. Gorse, late of Warrington), the captain (Mr. J. Smith) and Messrs. Hammond and Burridge. The old six bells here were founded by Henricus Penn, of Peterborough, in 1716. The tenor, 39½in. in diameter, was cracked when ringing for the funeral of the Rev. R. Leigh Bennett in November, 1886, the last of three Vicars of that name who covered the century 1784-1886. It was recast as a jubilee bell for Queen Victoria in 1887.

In the belfry is a small miniature model of the old bell (made with metal from it) and presented to the church by Mr. James, of Llewellyn and James, Bristol, and has the original inscription reproduced. Messrs. Taylor and Co. made a good job of the two additional trebles, recasting the old six (tenor 15 cwt.) and rehanging the peal in 1935.

Like many of the steeples in Lincolnshire, this spire has suffered from storms and was struck by lightning in 1934. The old weather cock now rests in the belfry. The church is built of stone containing some good work of all the styles of ecclesiastical architecture—Norman, Early English, Decorated, Early and Late Perpendicular, and consists of a chancel, clerestoried nave of seven bays and aisles, north and south porches, a south-west tower, with angle buttresses, rising in the third storey into octagonal turrets, crowned with tall pinnacles and a lofty octagonal timber spire, sheathed in lead, 162ft. high, was added to the church about the time of King John. This tower and spire constitute one of the most remarkable designs of the Early English or Lancet period in the kingdom. From it Boston 'Stump,' 15 miles away, can be seen, and it is the only one which has survived fire and decay. There are but three similar spires in England, and of these St. Mary's is the best example. As recently as 1820 it was proposed to pull down the spire and replace it with a stone one; fortunately the scheme never came into action. Many years previous to this the four arches of the tower were open. They were built up to strengthen the steeple.

From the Register of Castle Acre Priory, it appears that about 1120 Robert de Haye gave a piece of land to the Priory for the purpose of erecting a church at Sutton. The second step in its history occurs about 1180, when William, son of Erneis, caused a new church to be erected.

Three generations of the Winter family have been organists and choirmasters at the church, serving for 125 years. A large flat stone near the chancel has only three words upon it, 'Alas! Poor Bailey.' He was the doctor of the town, who, while visiting a country patient, was foully murdered on a lonely road at night through an error of identification.

Our party 'baited' at the White Horse, although no wind, no water or petrol was required, and we left for Spalding at 7.40. Query, what was the bait?

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church on Tuesday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss M. I. Goodship (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, C. Dyke 4, H. G. Hart 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. O. Holmes (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 7, F. J. Wilcox 8. All local Sunday service ringers with the exception of C. Dyke, who rings at the neighbouring tower of Stanmore. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Goodship, daughter of the conductor.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Poulson 6, L. Pryke 7, M. T. Symonds (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

News from the front, in Oxfordshire: The first three peals of the 'Bachelors' ' tour have been rung—at Magdalen College, Oxford; Banbury, and Great Tew, while Adderbury also looked like turning up 'trumps.' When our dispatch left, London had been going well for 2½ hours.

The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association at Claybrook on September 18th has been cancelled.

The customary peal attempt on his birthday was denied to Mr. R. T. Woodley, known familiarly as 'Young' Woodley, on his 78th birthday on August 29th. For some years past—six in succession—he has suitably celebrated the event with a peal, but this year he was indisposed. Although he had recovered sufficiently to accompany the Lowestoft ringers on their outing on September 2nd, a peal on August 29th was impossible.

We regret to record the death at Cuckfield, Sussex, on September 1st, of Mr. William Watts, formerly of Stansted, Essex, at the age of 72 years.

SPALDING BELLS.

OUTCOME OF THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY DISPUTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fussell, in his article on the Lincolnshire tour, refers to the dispute between the Priory of Spalding and the parishioners, and says the conclusion is not known. I think I can tell him.

The matter was referred to Rome, and in the Papal archives is a copy of a licence, issued by Pope Boniface IX., by which the parishioners are permitted to ring, whenever they please, the bells in the Chapel of St. Thomas, which the Prior and Convent had converted, at no small expense, into a parish church, notwithstanding the agreement made at the time of its building that the parishioners should not ring the bells while the Convent was in dormitory, except for certain solemn feasts and at divers occasions.

But the monks strongly objected to having their sleep at night disturbed by bellringing. They appealed against this licence and got it revoked (July 2nd, 1401). The Pope ordered that in future, at night, after the ringing of the Priory bell wont to be rung pro ignitegio (i.e., the curfew) until in the morning it is rung for prime, the bells cannot and shall not without evident necessity be rung in the same church.

The Prior and Convent were directed to build a new church for the parish at a distance from the Priory and across the water (i.e., the River Welland). The parish had to erect its own bell tower, but 'the Priery shall give the parishioners two bells price £20. (This was in 1401, not about 1284 as stated by Mr. Fussell). The parishioners shall not ring in their church at such times as the Convent is reposing in dormitory, except on Christmas Day and night, or for fire, flood or other grave misfortune.'

I have notes of one or two other similar disputes.

I do not quite know what to make of this all night ringing. It was strongly objected to by the monasteries as a nuisance, and later by the Reformers, and was forbidden by royal injunction in 1547 as superstitious. It was done by laymen. Martin Bucer, a famous German and theologian living at Cambridge, wrote about 'a custom still kept up by superstitious men and foolish boys that carry the ringers beer and ale to drink, and that it is against reason to ring all the day time and all the night, too, when they please.'

I think we have here the beginnings of our ringing Exercise.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Mr. Fussell should not attribute Milton's well-known lines from 'Il Penseroso' to Maxwell.

THE LATE CANON E. C. CORFE.

FOUNDER OF TRURO CATHEDRAL COMPANY.

His many friends in Truro heard with deep regret of the death on August 28th at Pulborough, Sussex, of Canon E. C. Corfe, M.A. He was 85 years of age.

Canon Corfe was Precentor of Truro Cathedral from 1904 to 1930 and was mainly instrumental in the formation of the Truro Cathedral company of ringers in 1910. During the 20 years prior to his retirement he was the representative of the company on the Dean and Chapter and watched the progress of the company with keen interest. In 1929, after his completion of 25 years as Precentor, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Truro Cathedral in his honour. He was well known and beloved by many Truronians, and his death will be greatly felt by all.

On Tuesday evening, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at the Cathedral as a tribute of respect. The ringers were A. Treganowan (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Southeard 2, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 3, W. E. Minors 4, H. Williams 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. Treloar 8.

A CHANGE OVER.

A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Waltham St. Lawrence for evensong on Sunday. Half-way through the ringer of the third was changed, to give all present the opportunity of a pull: W. Pearson (first 720) 1, A. Pearson (first 720 'inside') 2, J. Cooper, sen., and W. Mortimer 3, V. Darvill 4, J. Darvill 5, T. Tilley (first 720 as conductor) 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION RINGING MASTER ELECTED.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a very successful meeting at Drighlington on Saturday, September 4th, when about 60 members attended from a wide area. This fine old church has contributed more peals for the Yorkshire Association than any other tower. The ringing on Saturday was interrupted for a short time by a wedding which was taking place in the church, and as the happy pair left the ringers suitably honoured the event by a nicely arranged touch of Queen's and Stedman Triples, intermixed with firing.

A splendid tea was served in the schools, at which about 45 members sat down, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) and supported by the association's president, Canon Marshall.

The Chairman intimated that the main business of the meeting was the appointment of a Ringing Master, as this office was still vacant. On the proposition of Mr. T. Kendal, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Ash, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, of Rothwell, was nominated. Mr. Strangeway consented to accept office, and the Chairman, in welcoming him to the position, said his patience would no doubt be sorely tried, but as he was a married man he was sure that it would be equal to the task (laughter).

Canon Marshall proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells and for the welcome which they had accorded to the association.—This was seconded by Mr. Sherwood and carried in the usual cordial manner.

A vote of thanks to the local company for providing tea, and also to the ladies and helpers for so ably assisting, was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse, who said the arrangements were admirable and well deserving of the highest praise.—This was seconded by Mr. Gill and supported by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate.

Mr. Jack Stitson replied for the local company and expressed his pleasure at welcoming the association to Drighlington. As it was 21 years since the last visit, he hoped they would not have to wait so long before the association came again to the tower.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Louis Hollas, Philip Murdoch and Edward Hanson, of Elland; Roy Mann, of Halifax, and Jack Leaver, of Ripponden.

The Chairman reminded the members of the annual Snowdon Dinner, which is to be held at Leeds on October 9th, and hoped that as many as possible would attend. He assured them that a good programme had been arranged, and he was able to say that adequate refreshments would be available at reasonable prices. He also reminded the members that the association's financial year closes this month and that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before then.

After the meeting ringing continued in a large variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise until after 9 o'clock.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Bolton (Bradford), Birstall, Burley, Drighlington, Denholme, Elland, Guiseley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Keighley, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Ripponden, Shipley and Newcastle.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Earlsheaton on December 11th, but an announcement will be made in due course.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TUKE, SHEFFIELD.

A NARROW ESCAPE RECALLED.

The St. Marie's Company, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, regret to announce the loss of one of their members in the person of Mr. John Tuke, who passed away on September 1st at the age of 66 years. Mr. Tuke began his ringing career when a peal of six was installed at Walkley about 45 years ago, being one of the first company.

He later became a member of the Police Force and had to give up his ringing ambitions for some time.

In the course of his duties he was stabbed in the neck, but fortunately recovered. His assailant was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment and was lucky to escape a more serious charge, for Mr. Tuke's jugular vein was missed by only half an inch.

After serving some years in the force he returned to his employment as a bricklayer, during which he had a fall from a scaffold which resulted in serious spinal injuries. From these he never recovered and had gradually got more infirm with advancing years.

He became a member of the belfry at St. Marie's when the company was re-formed after the Armistice, and was a member of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society. Mr. Tuke had two peals to his credit, but his greatest contribution to ringing was his most punctual and regular attendance as a service ringer.

He was interred on Saturday at Walkley Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of relatives, friends and ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of his colleagues, and the muffled bells of St. Marie's were rung during the evening. The large number of beautiful wreaths sent was a proof of the respect in which the deceased was held.

He leaves a widow, son and two daughters to mourn his passing.

COMPETITIVE RINGING.

EXPERIENCES IN DEVON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just come back from my holiday to find three copies of 'The Ringing World' waiting for me, and, much as I had looked forward to reading them, I had no idea that I should find anything so welcome as your leading article, 'Improve the Standard of Ringing.' As my friends know, I am a keen advocate of competitions as a means to this end, and your article sets out an unanswerable case in their favour.

In far too many towers a poor striker is rarely reproved, unless he makes a series of really vicious blows, and scores of ringers have never been trained to listen to their own bell (I have often wondered what possible enjoyment a poor striker can derive from ringing). The contrast between this state of affairs and that in districts where competitions are held is remarkable.

I may, perhaps, here mention that this summer I had the pleasure of introducing to call-change ringing in North Devon a well-known College Youth, who has helped to make history for the Ancient Society, and whose dislike of poor striking is as keen as your own. Apart from the lack of open leads, which sounded strangely to his ears, he was delighted with what he found: the almost mechanical accuracy of the striking, the instant reproof by the captain of the band of the slightest irregularity, and the general air of keenness which filled the belfry. He himself rang the tenor to a 'peal,' and he tells me that he will always be proud of the compliment paid him afterwards by the local captain, who was quite unaware of his visitor's reputation. On his way home from his holiday he fell in with a touring band and rang a course of Surprise Major with them. He could not help comparing the quality of the striking with that which he had experienced in the depths of 'Stoney' Devon. There is no need for me to say which way the verdict went.

That competitions are largely responsible for the keenness with which Devon call-change ringers listen to their striking cannot be doubted. I wish that your correspondent, C. F. J., had been with me at the Barnstaple Deanery Festival, held at Atherington a few weeks ago. Several of the competing bands brought their incumbents with them, and the value of competitions was stressed by the Vicar of the parish in his address. The very friendliest atmosphere prevailed throughout the day, and no one was heard to question the judges' verdict. When this had been delivered, the local band, who were debarred by rule from competing, entered the belfry and gave an exhibition of their skill, which a few weeks previously had won for them the six-bell shield in a competition open to the whole county. C. F. J. will be interested to learn that they have attained this eminence, not by discouraging the youth of the village—a very small one—from learning to ring. There are no less than 17 members of the band, every one of whom is given his turn on practice night. Nor is Atherington unique in this respect. Two and sometimes three bands from one tower frequently enter for these competitions.

I sincerely hope that your article will stimulate the interest it deserves. I am convinced that if once the idea took practical shape it would spread with rapid popularity and result in a great improvement in striking generally.

E. J. TAYLOR.

Torquay.

'A HOPELESS CASE.'

Dear Sir,—'C. F. J.' does not say what competitive country he lives in, but he makes me sigh, for his is a hopeless case. I find more stigma in his article than I have found in or around any competition I have taken part in and I am sure that any other competitor will think the same. His letter makes me wonder if he has heard a really good and inspired ring. I would like him, before he writes another article condemning competition ringing and its effects afterwards (and not temporary), to come within the area of Huddersfield Association and visit a few towers. I am sure he will be given the feeling that we do really care for each other and that no selfishness is created.

I appeal to 'C. F. J.' and all ringers for a better understanding with each other and of the bells.

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK RINGERS MEET.

A joint meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild was held at Bungay and Ditchingham, adjoining parishes on the border line of the two associations' territory, on Saturday. Early in the afternoon the recently restored peal of six at Ditchingham and the eight at Bungay were set going, and ringing continued at both towers in most of the standard methods until late in the evening, except for an interval for tea.

A gathering of about 30 members sat down to an enjoyable meal at Bungay, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Harper) paid a short visit and welcomed the ringers.

The thanks of the ringers are tendered to both incumbents for their permission to ring at their respective towers, to Mr. H. Barrell, of Bungay, for having the bells in readiness and for arranging the tea, and to Mr. C. Woods for having everything ready at Ditchingham.

BOB TRIPLES.

PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE THE SAME METHOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When one begins to teach change ringing, the first step is the 'six'—the changes on three bells. First on paper, then on handbells and then on tower bells—by themselves, and then with a covering bell or bells.

The 'eight' on four bells follows, and the 'picture,' seen by the beginner, is compared, row by row, with that seen on the 'six.'

The 'four and twenty' on four bells follows, and until the beginner has mastered this thoroughly—hunting, place-making and dodging—he should not be allowed to go further. Moreover, he will also learn to strike his bell well. He should be taught striking while learning the 'six,' but he probably will not be able to strike well till he has mastered the 'four and twenty.'

His next step will be the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, and he should notice that this is exactly the same piece of ringing as the four and twenty, except that there are two bells in the hunt instead of one. The coursing order and the order of 'duty' of corresponding bells, will be the same; the 'picture' (or 'ropesight') of corresponding rows in each will be the same; and if he can 'strike' the one well he will be able to 'strike' the other equally. All through Grandsire Doubles he will look on the treble and the bell in the hunt as one indivisible entity, which cannot be separated till a call is made.

The step from this to Plain (usually called Plain Bob) Minor will now be seen to be the same as from the Six to the Four and Twenty. There will be another step when the same changes are rung with two hunts, and the method is now called Grandsire Triples; because the name is changed it does not now mean that the method is changed.

It ought not to be necessary to have any intermediate method between this and Plain Major. If Plain Triples be rung, it should only be a course or so, for the sake of practice, and never for a peal. It should be made clear to beginners that this is only a variation, not a new method, and not a variation to be encouraged.

What is to be emphasised is that all these are one and the same method. HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

PLAIN BOB MORE BENEFICIAL TO BEGINNERS.

Sir,—My thanks to the boys who rang the course of Bob Triples at St. Mary's, Staines, on August 28th. I was amused when I read of the performance, and regret I was not present to hear those wicked four blows coming up at every lead-end. I hope they enjoyed it.

In any case, it was something fresh to those who had never heard it before, and, as my friends were 'experts,' their striking must have been perfect, and it is likely the listeners may have thought the music not so very awful as it has been made out to be.

But I did not intend the subject to go so far as it already has. I have never said Bob Triples is superior to Grandsire. Nor have I stated it should be substituted for Grandsire in service ringing.

There are always those who will *deliberately* misconstrue a fellow's meaning and cause unnecessary argument and waste of space in columns that could be used to better advantage.

In my humble way I said I thought it more beneficial to a learner to begin change ringing by being taught Plain Bob first.

Let it not be thought I wish to 'ram' Bob Triples down anyone's throat. I merely support the method on account of its construction being on the Plain Bob principle.

To be quite candid, I (like a few more) prefer to hear the tenor 'in.' That's all. CECIL W. PIPE.

GRANDSIRE A 'CONVENTION.'

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. C. A. Levett's reply to my letter. He will doubtless agree with me when I say that the purpose of church bells is principally a Sunday one, but if he will agree with me when I say that Sunday service ringing should also be made as interesting as possible, then I will explain why I advocate Plain Bob rather than Grandsire.

If we are going to make ringing as interesting as possible, the sooner a ringer is started on even bell methods the sooner will he become interested. Once a beginner has mastered Plain Bob, it is not a very big step to Treble Bob, Double Norwich and the Surprise methods. But I think I should be correct in saying that to jump from Grandsire to Treble Bob would be rather difficult. What, then, is the intermediate step? Obviously our old friend Plain Bob on six, seven or eight bells. Why, therefore, should a learner waste a considerable time learning Grandsire and Stedman when he can go straight to Plain Bob, the path to those 'illimitable realms,' to use your words in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I think I can prove that, generally speaking, those who commence on an even-bell method are better strikers and quicker to pick up advanced methods than those who start with the conventional Grandsire. I have visited over 30 counties for ringing, and the three best counties for striking, in my opinion, are Yorkshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, and in these counties even-bell ringing is usually the standard fare.

I said previously that I thought Grandsire a 'blind alley method.' I still do, though Mr. Levett mentions the Central Council book on Triple methods. The majority of these are merely Minor methods

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MARRIAGE OF MR. M. A. NORTHOVER.

A WELL-KNOWN SURREY RINGER.

Mr. Maurice A. Northover, a well-known member of the Surrey Association and treasurer of the Reigate Society, was married at Reigate Parish Church on Wednesday of last week to Miss Gladys Mary Frost, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost, of Reigate.

Mr. Northover is a member of a family long connected with business circles in Reigate and has taken an active part in the public and social life of the town, as well as in numerous organisations associated with the Parish Church. The happy event, therefore, aroused much local interest.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by three bridesmaids, and Mr. Douglas A. Northover was best man. The Rev. O. C. McDowell Morgan, Vicar of Billesden, Leicestershire, and formerly curate at Reigate Parish Church, a very old friend of the bride and bridegroom, officiated at the service, which was fully choral and included the hymn, 'Love divine,' and Parry's anthem, 'Jerusalem.'

The bells rang merrily in honour of the occasion, and after the ceremony a reception, attended by a large number of guests, was held at Hillbrow.

BOB TRIPLES

(Continued from previous column.)

with a bell in the hunt added and are much better rung as Major methods. When one is rung it is usually simply to claim 'first in the method'—they never become popular.

Anyway, my whole argument can be put in a single sentence—why waste time learning odd bell methods, when, before any advanced even bell method can be rung, Plain Bob must be learnt? Why not start with Plain Bob right away? The existing convention is like taking a turning off a main road and rejoining the road two miles later. In ringing language it is generally two years later that the beginner finds himself on the path to success.

Balham. A. P. CANNON.

STEPPING STONE TO CHAOS.

Dear Sir,—Having had a few colts through my hands at various times, may I be permitted one little bark up the 'odd-cum-even tree'? I think most instructors will support me when I say that the colt's chief trouble is not hunting up, but getting down to lead again after the whole pull behind. This being so, I have had a fair measure of success in this problem by emphasising the work from behind and easing the burden of counting by taking the bells in pairs (quite as orthodox as counting in whole pulls). Thus—Grandsire Triples 6-7 down, dodge with your first bell: 4-5 down, pass one pair and dodge with the next; Bob Major, 7-8 down, as 6-7 in Grandsire, 5-6 down as 4-5 in Grandsire, 3-4 down pass two pairs, etc. So perhaps Grandsire does lead us somewhere after all, whereas to try and instil into the mind of a colt the unorthodox action of striking one bell for luck before he starts on his hunt proper is going to lead him 'up the garden'—5-6 down after 7th's place is about as helpful as teaching him to dodge 2-3 up, and, besides, it 'isn't done.' Ring Bob Triples by all means, for a change, for a few 'stars,' or even for a lark, but for heaven's sake keep the colt (at least until he has found his feet) off the stepping stone—to chaos. T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

Crayford.

FRANCIS 'COMES A CROPPER.'

MATHEMATICIAN DISPOSES OF SOME OF HIS ARGUMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' is a letter by one Francis Bacon, in which a number of points are raised relative to the knowledge or lack of same on the part of certain members of the Exercise with whom your correspondent is acquainted. It is, however, unfortunate that the writer of the letter does not follow in the footsteps of his more famous deceased namesake and search more diligently after truth, as not all the points which he treats are the fallacies which he apparently believes them to be. Thus if we take them in order :—

I quite agree with him when he says that most ringers would say that the more a bell is tucked up the faster it will swing, but most would, mentally at any rate, qualify the statement so as not to include the case when the bell is so far tucked up as to be balanced in any position, when its motion will obviously be sluggish in the extreme. To go further and say when this slowing down will begin to occur is, I grant, beyond the powers of the majority of the Exercise, not, however, on the grounds of lack of brains or of intelligence, but solely as a result of a lack of a sufficiency of mathematical training which can occur from a variety of causes, few of which reflect on the person affected. The fact that the majority would say that a bell does swing more rapidly when tucked up is, indeed, a proof that the average ringer is not without intellectual powers, as the effect of tucking a bell up is that stated in the majority of cases and the correlation of observations in this manner is true science.

Without going into the matter deeply it will be sufficient to say that the time taken for a bell to swing can be represented by an equation of the form—

$$T = C\sqrt{\frac{h^2 + k^2}{h}}$$

Where C is a constant for any given set of conditions; including size of wheel, strength of pull, angle through which pull is effected (i.e., length of pull), and angle through which the bell is swinging.

h is the distance of the centre of gravity from a line joining the centres of the gudgeons.

k is the radius of gyration of the bell about a line through its centre of gravity parallel with the line joining the gudgeons.

This time will have a minimum value when $(k^2+h^2)/h$ is a minimum, i.e., when

$$\frac{d}{dh}\left[h + \frac{k^2}{h^2}\right] = 0$$

Performing the differentiation, we get

$$1 - k^2/h^2 = 0$$

so that there is a minimum value of the time when $k = h$. Now the value of k is constant for any given bell, so that, as bells are usually hung so that k is less than h, any decrease in h leads to a decrease in the time of swing. Therefore, Francis seems to have been objecting to truth.

In the second case with regard to the purpose of using a box for ringing a tenor or other heavy bell, I have never heard anyone suggest that there is any difference with regard to the pulling of the bell, but there is a reason why one should be used, which I think is quite generally recognised, and it might pay Mr. Bacon to ascertain it.

With regard to the third point, it seems to be merely commonsense which he is attacking, unless he is one of those talented ringers who can set his bell at both strokes when ringing and still strike his bell properly.

When he attacks the Exercise with respect to the time a bell takes to swing when equipped with different sized wheels he again 'comes a cropper' as the following argument will show.

As before, the time of swing is given by equation (1), so that, if we investigate the various points of difference which occur in the two cases, we can say with certainty what will happen on changing the size of the wheel.

Assume first of all that no difference occurs with regard to the pull on the bell, either as to weight or distribution over the angle through which the bell has swung, then, as increasing the diameter of the wheel cannot alter the value of h owing to the mirror symmetry of the wheels, we have

$$T = Ak$$

where A is a new constant involving C and h.

Hence the time will be directly proportional to k, and as the moment of inertia of a large wheel is greater than that of a small wheel, then k, for the system bell+large wheel, is greater than that of the system bell+small wheel, and the times of swing are, therefore, in the same ratio.

With regard to the assumption that has been made with regard to the distribution of pull, it can readily be demonstrated that the effect of any difference is in the same direction. Thus a man ringing his bell properly makes a steady pull from the extent of his easy reach to somewhere in the neighbourhood of his waist. Let this pull be X pounds weight and the distance through which the pull is made be y feet, then the work done is Xy foot pounds. In the case of a bell with a wheel s feet in diameter this work is impressed on the system while the bell moves through an angle of y/s radians, whereas if the wheel is as feet in diameter the angle will be only y/as radians, so that in this case the bell will be accelerated to a greater extent in the early part of its swing with a corresponding decrease in the time of this part of its swing.

Points (e) and (f) of his letter are matters of opinion, and, as Mr. Bacon does not indicate the method of cutting out the slow in Treble Bob Major to which he refers, it is impossible to discuss it.

With regard to the last point of his letter, Francis again has made an unfortunate choice of an example, as *there is* a difference in the two ways of making tea as may be shown experimentally. The purpose of putting milk in tea is usually said to be to remove the 'tannin,' but, whatever the truth of this statement, the fact remains that prior to the addition of the milk the tea is clear, but immediately on the addition of the milk it goes cloudy, owing to the presence of small globules of fat and small particles of solid matter derived from the 'tannin' and the various constituents of the milk. Now, if the tea was the same if prepared by the two methods we should expect to have equal numbers of these suspended particles in a given volume of the tea; whereas it is an experimental fact that the numbers are not the same, so it is possible that some people can detect the difference by means of taste, which, after all, is only another experimental method. Again F. B., after having left school a few more years, might find himself linked to another for life who would probably insist on him putting in the milk first, merely for the sake of preserving her best china, and he would find then that he could not give up matrimony to associate with the intelligentsia, which might cause him to say the word he does not appear to have the moral courage to write.

G. WILFRED SLACK, B.Sc., Ph.D.

The University, Leeds.

P.S.—I wonder if it would be considered impertinent if one asked how fast F. B. progressed with his ringing and suggest that before he casts the mantle of a ringer from him that he does something requiring a little intelligence, a little work and a little originality, and would suggest that he tried composing a peal of Stedman Triples, say, an exact two part with only two singles.

TOO DEVASTATING TO PASS UNCHALLENGED.

Dear Sir,—Writing in this week's 'Ringing World,' Mr. Francis Bacon states that he is giving up ringing because he likes to associate with intelligent people, and gives a number of reasons, from which, I presume, he draws his conclusion that ringers are not intelligent people. This is rather a devastating criticism for us ringers to allow to pass unchallenged. Looking through the reasons given by Mr. Bacon, I fail to see in them—such, no doubt, is my lack of intelligence—any indication of ringers' alleged shortage of brains!

Take one instance only—reason (b), 'That if you stand on a box to ring a tenor, you get a better pull than if you stand on the floor.' Perhaps Mr. Bacon will enlighten me in what way this displays a lack of intelligence on the part of the ringer. The reason, I have always thought, that one stands on a box to ring a tenor is because the larger wheel employed necessarily takes up the rope higher as the bell swings, and consequently the average ringer would not be able to reach the rope at backstroke if he stood on the floor. What that has got to do with a lack of intelligence, I utterly fail to understand!

I will not analyse any of the other reasons given by Mr. Bacon, as none of them will 'hold water.'

The real reason Mr. Bacon is giving up ringing is most probably because he originally approached the art in the wrong frame of mind, and has now ceased to find any interest in it. Or is it, perhaps, that his intelligence is such that he is able to grasp 'Spliced Surprise' at a glance, and, therefore, finds ringing too easy to engage his attention to its full capacity?

ROGER W. DANIELS.

Cheltenham.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

WREXHAM AND CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

A most enjoyable trip was undertaken by the St. Nicholas', Liverpool, ringers on their annual outing. The party of 12 left Birkenhead soon after noon for Wrexham, where they were met by Messrs. Catherall and Jones. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and a course of Cambridge Major were enjoyed on this fine peal of bells, which hang in a magnificent tower, rightly described as one of the glories of Wales. From there bus was taken to Holt, where was found a nice peal of six. Several methods were rung here prior to walking to Farndon on the English side of the River Dee. Messrs. Richards and Mee had made arrangements for the visit to this tower, and the touches on this very pleasant peal of eight were much enjoyed. It was a matter for regret that the party had to leave for Chester immediately after tea owing to the infrequent bus services, for Farndon is a particularly attractive village, the riverside adding to its fascination. Mr. J. Swindley met the visitors on their arrival in Chester, where they were privileged to ring on the Cathedral bells recently augmented to ten. Several touches were rung, in which Messrs. Swindley and Harris took part. The visitors were pleased to meet Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover, who they were glad to see had recovered from a recent injury. They were pleased also to have the company of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson to the station, and regretted he had been unable to accompany them to the various towers The Liverpool men are much indebted to the clergy and local ringers at each place visited for meeting them and making the half-day so very pleasurable.

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Sept. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the George Hotel. Quarterly business meeting after tea. Joint meeting and social at Hillingdon on Oct. 16th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec , Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District). — A joint meeting is to be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 1s. each. All ringers cordially invited.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ladies' Guild; J. H. Ridyard, Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A joint ringing meeting, with the East Grinstead and District Guild, will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please come and help make this meeting a success. Tower open 2.30 p.m. There is a ten minute bus service to St. Peter's Church from Central Station or Opera House. Route No. 82.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stewkley (8 bells), on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 3.30 p.m., Names for tea in good time, and good attendance will be welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — A practice meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Anyone interested in going to the annual dinner please attend. — N. M. Newby, Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — Meeting at St. John's, Leicester, on Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Gentlemen invited. — I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at West Clandon on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Ringing visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — There will be ringing for Sunday service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sept. 12th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 16th and 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 13th. — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marsham (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please send names, or numbers for tea, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk? Bus leaves Norwich at 2.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chipping Campden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6.30. Will those who require tea please let me know not later than the 14th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch, Hants. — On Saturday, Sept. 18th, a practice meeting will be held at Christchurch, when the dedication and unveiling of two peal boards will take place. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by Sept. 16th.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method, London Bob Minor, No. 6, C.C. Coll. Plain Methods. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Finchley, Church End. Cheap day tickets from King's Cross (L. and N.E.). There will be a twelve-bell practice at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The September meeting will be held at Flamstead on Sept. 18th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea *must* notify me by the Thursday previous. A hearty welcome to all, for anything from Rounds to Spliced Minor (Plain and Surprise).—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 15th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mrs. F. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, by Sept. 15th. Nominations for the general secretaryship should be handed in at this meeting. The undersigned will NOT be available for re-election: J. E. Cawser, Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The meeting at Claybrook on Sept. 18th has been cancelled. Next district meeting will be held in October. Details later.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual Crawford Cup Contest will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (8) on Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors and visitors after tea. All welcome.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Long Wittenham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify by the 15th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea in the Church Room after. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. to Mr. W. James, 18, Freelands Road, Cobham, by the 16th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. It is important that I should have names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, so please drop me a p.c.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to all who inform Mr. C. Hooton, Stedman House, Willingham, Gainsborough, by the Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Special invitation to the Burton district ringers. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, not later than Sept. 15th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — Clapton-in-Gordano is our next meeting place on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Please come along and be ready to start at 5 o'clock. The bells will be ready and waiting.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James, Milnrow, Rochdale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Sept. 18th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service will be followed by tea and business. May I hope for a good attendance of both old and new friends?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

THE OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD.—Appealing name? Yes. Well, come *round* and *hunt* out the M.C.A. Loughborough District meeting on Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. The *change* will *surprise* you; *courting* allowed; *now double* up; no *dodging* out. Tea a *minor* (?) detail at St. Joseph's Café.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Please send card for tea to Mr. J. C. Acock, Mill End, Northleach, Cheltenham.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by 16th inst.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury branch.—Meeting at Chaceley on Sat., Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify by Wed., Sept. 15th.—A. G. Pulley, Dumb'edon, nr. Evesham.

EBBW VALE, CHRIST CHURCH.—The new ring of eight bells, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3.15 p.m. The service will be broadcast.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) may be obtained up to Tuesday, Sept. 21st, from branch officers, members of the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Poole.—Dedication of two new trebles in commemoration of Coronation year by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Guildhall at 5. Special services on Sunday, 26th, at 11 and 6.30. Ringing from 10.15 and 5.45.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Friday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers welcome. — W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th (Ashford bells not available, owing to illness). Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Please send numbers for tea by Sept. 21st.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) *must* be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD. — Jubilee Dinner.—To be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Will all who have reserved tickets kindly forward cash (6s.) for same at the earliest possible date, as no ticket can be reserved after Sept. 25th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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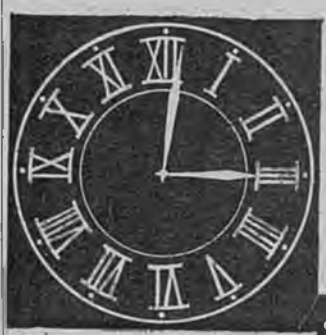

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