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BELLS,

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At St. Michael's Parish Church,
Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)
was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by
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In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were
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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record
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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

The first peal has been rung in Canada, and Vancouver, British Columbia, can lay claim to the honour. The peal, Holt's Original, was, according to the report, rung on Dominion Day at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Rothsay, where there is a peal with the tenor 18 cwt. Ringers in the old country will join us, we are sure, in congratulating the band upon the performance, and earnestly hope that it is only the first of many. This was but the second peal, we believe, to be rung on the American continent, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung half a century or more ago at Philadelphia, conducted by the great Henry Haley, who was at that time touring in America with a party of handbell ringers, which included, if we mistake not, John Cox, and other well known men of that day. On that occasion the ringers were confronted with almost insuperable obstacles. A good deal of "bell hanging" had to be done before the bells were in any way pealable, and at least one if not more of the band had actually to be taught ringing before the company could be made up.

We do not know with what difficulties the ringers of Vancouver have had to contend, but their success is highly praiseworthy. The Art of ringing is spreading but slowly in the Colonies, despite the fact that in recent years a very large number of ringers have emigrated to all parts of the Empire. Peals have been rung in Australia and New Zealand, but in no sense can the Colonies be said to be advancing in the Art as they are in most other things. The reasons, perhaps, are not far to seek, and the principal one is that there are at present very few peals of bells.

Bells, of course, are to some extent a luxury, and in those new lands there is little opportunity for luxuries. Then, too, ringing is essentially an English practice, and it is only likely to be fostered abroad by those who emigrate from the mother isle, and although a large number of ringers have gone out in the last few years, attracted by the broader and brighter prospects offered by the resources of the Colonies, they are scattered wide apart over these immense countries, where inter-communication is not yet so easy as in England. It is, indeed, a wonder that eight men were to be found in the neighbourhood of the city on the borders of the Pacific to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, and it is interesting to note that their ranks will shortly be swelled by another good ringer in Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, who is about to leave for Vancouver. Just recently Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have sent three peals to Canada, but, owing to the comparative frailty of the towers in which they were to be placed, we believe that the bells were not hung for ringing. If this be so it is a matter of regret, but later on, perhaps, this state of things may be improved.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
Bell and Brassfounders,
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.**THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

On Dominion Day, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF ROTHSAI (R.C.),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. C. SIMPERS Treble	W. R. WARNER 5
G. FOSTER 2	M. BENNETT 6
J. BRESSY 3	J. CARRIER 7
G. PEARCE 4	F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. FOSTER.

This is the first peal rung in the Dominion of Canada. Dominion Day in Canada is July 1st, but as it fell this year on Sunday, the peal was probably rung on Monday, July 2nd.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 5
*CHARLES VARO 2	WILLIAM DENT 6
*THOMAS REED 3	ERNEST BECKWITH ... 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells which have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Day & Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, and go excellently. It is 64 years since a peal was rung upon them. Mr. Reed entertained the band to a splendid breakfast after the peal.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CLARENCE SMITH ... Treble	*SIDNEY FOX 5
*ALFRED BONES 2	EDWARD TRENDALL ... 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 3	HORACE GILBERT 7
CLARENCE HADLOW 4	*ALBERT STACE Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	*HAROLD W. CLARK ... 5
REUBEN SANDERS 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 4	†JAMES D. MILLER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

† First peal. * First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. R. Macdonald who is leaving for Vancouver.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

PARISH CHURCH COMPANY.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD CLAYDON ... Treble	WILLIAM ALLSOPP 5
*ARTHUR ALLSOPP 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHAS. WATHMAN 3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM ... 7
GEO. ROBERTS 4	JAS. REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

* First peal at first attempt. This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Barnard, daughter of Canon Barnard, the esteemed Rector of the Parish Church, the band, who are all service ringers, wishing her many happy returns of her birthday.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

*EDWIN WELLSTEAD ... Treble	JOSIAH HARRISS 5
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL ... 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
WILLIAM G. RYVES 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	*CALEB JOHNSTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. The ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 belong to the local band. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. Kinneir, of Wickham, and Miss Laura Mary Duncan, of Thornleigh, Curdridge.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ... 2	THOMAS KING 6
*FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 3	*WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	*HERBERT PRATT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal in this method.

BOLSOVER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in G.

ALBERT V. MORE ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS 5
WALTER ROBINSON 2	FRED N. KETTLEBORO ... 6
CHARLES MASON 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
JESSE J. MOSS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. W. Moss, who is leaving the district for Eccleshall, Staffs.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
JAS. W. LIVERMORE, Junr. 3	WM. C. HART 7
CHAS. PALMER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Arranged for James Livermore, Junr., of Hastings.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. KELLEY Treble	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
ERNEST PYE... .. 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Bristol. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 3	GEORGE HARDY 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in any method away from the treble.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD ELLIOTT ... Treble	THOMAS WHITE 5
*ALFRED WALLACE 2	WALTER WALLACE 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
HUGH GREGORY 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul's,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL ... Treble	FRANCIS BARKER 5
EDWARD CROWTHER 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
JOHN PALFRAMAN 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
EDWIN WHEATER 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

REGINALD DOBSON ... Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 6
WALTER H. MARSH 3	WILLIAM FORD 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 4	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUDBURY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Grand-sire, and two each of Kent Treble and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
JAMES PAGETT 3	DAVID COTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs., in F sharp.

*H. HAINES ... Treble	T. H. BEAMS 4
*E. POWELL 2	W. S. B. NORTHOVER ... 5
W. J. ZEALLEY 3	*H. WAY Tenor

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. M. Broadley, Churchwarden, and a great benefactor to the church. It was completed at 8.1 a.m. Mr. Broadley, despite his 64 years, wished the band success prior to starting.

WARMINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING ... Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
JAMES HENRY RIDING ... 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr. 5
*WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal of Minor and first peal on the bells.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (the Rev. T. M. M. Griffiths, M.A.), for the kind use of his bells, especially as their own bells at Crewe are silent pending the complete restoration with new frame and fittings, re-casting of some of the bells, and the addition of two new trebles to make a peal of ten, for which funds are urgently needed. There is not a peal of ten bells in the South or West of Cheshire.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HERBERT ROBINSON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 5
PEARL INSKIP ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. CLARKE.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SUPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of College Exercise, two of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Woodbine and Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILES ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of St. Margaret's Day. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all, and on the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

C. CRAPNELL ... Treble	H. BURCH ... 4
*W. BARBER ... 2	H. CUTTING ... 5
W. KING ... 3	C. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KING.

* First peal.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The little village of Iden was the venue for the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association on Saturday, but owing to the inaccessibility of the place, the attendance was small, while owing to the absence of the Rev. G. L. Bates (hon. secretary of the local tower), the usual service had to be omitted. Tea was served at the Bell Hotel, and afterwards two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. L. Bates for arranging the meeting. During the day, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor rung.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

This week I want to give just a brief explanation of Bob Minor, which is the extension of the method, which I have been dealing with, from five bells to six. If the ringing on five has been thoroughly mastered, there ought not to be any great difficulty in grasping the way in which to ring the method on six. The extra bell will, of course, give an extra lead in the plain course, and add two changes to each lead, but there is very little fresh to be learnt in the way of work. The only thing that is actually changed is the work behind, there being a dodge, instead of one bell lying four blows in 5th's place.

Just as on four and five bells one makes 2nd's place when the treble leads, one dodges in 3-4 up and another in 3-4 down, so on six bells this work is carried on without alteration. A fresh dodging place is constituted in 5-6, the bell that passes the treble in 4-5 dodging in 5-6 down, and the bell that passes the treble in 3-4 dodging in 5-6 up. The order of the work occurs in regular sequence, and can be set out as follows:—

Turn the treble from behind, dodge in 3-4 down.

Pass treble in 4-5, dodge in 5-6 down.

Pass treble in 3-4, dodge in 5-6 up.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place and lead again.

At a bob, the same three bells are affected as in Doubles, that is to say, the bell that turns the treble from behind, instead of dodging in 3-4 down, runs straight in to lead, immediately after the treble; the bell that passed the treble in 2-3, instead of dodging in 3-4 up, makes 4th's place and returns to lead, immediately after the bell that has "run in"; while the bell that passed the treble in 1-2, instead of making 2nd's place, runs straight out.

There is one point worth noting in regard to these bob making bells, and it is this: The bells that have run either out or in, being still in the same relative position with the treble, will at the next lead, supposing no further bob is called, do the work which they passed over when the call was made; while the bell that "makes the bob," or the 4th's place, will, when next hunting up, pass the treble in 4-5 and dodge in 5-6 down.

The young conductor can get the simplest short touch by calling a bob each time the 6th comes into 5-6 down, which position in Minor is known as "home" or "right." This will produce three courses, or 180 changes.

There may, perhaps, with some young ringers be a difficulty in striking Minor on account of the fact that they have to lead off different bells. They must learn to look for the last bell each time they come to lead, and not to be in too much hurry. Open leads at hand stroke are the only way to get good striking.

R. C. P.—I have not the space at my disposal to give a series of touches of Treble Bob Major in this column. You will find a very useful selection in Troyte's "Change Ringing," varying in length from 576 to 2080.

CONDUCTOR.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT SPELDHURST.

On Saturday week, for the fifteenth year in succession, the summer meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Speldhurst. That the meeting is as popular as ever was

shown by the fact that over sixty members attended. Besides representatives from the towers in the district there were also present Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and other ringers from London; Messrs. Groombridge, senr. and junr., Davis, Blackwell, Emery, Wheadon and others from the Lewisham district, and about 18 members from Rochester and Chatham. The visitors were welcomed on arrival by Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon, and, as they could not all ring at once, they were invited to the Rectory, where quoits, rounders, golf, etc., were indulged in, the Rector joining heartily in games of quoits. At five o'clock the members attended a special service in church, arranged by the Rector. The choir boys had very kindly volunteered their attendance, and, therefore, the musical part of the service was well rendered. The Rector gave an impressive and appropriate address. Service over, an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon Inn, where an excellent meat tea was kindly provided by Miss Leny, and served in Host Hutson's well-known style.

At the conclusion of the tea Mr. Hughes proposed, and Mr. Cockerill seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon for thus kindly entertaining them again. They recalled the many pleasant gatherings that had been arranged by these ladies, and hoped that they might all meet again in the future.—The motion was supported by Mr. W. Latter (district secretary), and carried unanimously.—Miss Leny, in replying, said that it gave her and her sister the greatest pleasure to meet them all year by year, and hoped they might have more of these pleasant gatherings.

The visitors then went to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung, and the members of the district to the Rectory grounds, for the business meeting. Mr. G. Edwards (of Chiddingstone) was voted to the chair, and five new members were elected. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Edenbridge on Saturday, August 12th, the method to be Treble Bob, and the conductor Mr. Latter.—The District Secretary proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for his excellent address, and to the organist and choir boys for their kind assistance.—This was seconded by Mr. E. May (Shipbourne), and carried, Miss Leny kindly undertaking to convey this expression of thanks to the various parties.

This concluded the meeting, and, after more ringing, a pleasant hour was spent at the George and Dragon Inn in social intercourse, and in listening to some courses of Treble Twelve tapped off on the piano by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr.

The members of the Lewisham district stayed the night, and visited Penshurst, Chiddingstone, and Edenbridge towers on Sunday, ringing for the various services at each of the churches.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Linton on Saturday last, and, although the attendance was not very large, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. After ringing a pleasant surprise was in store for the visitors, who were invited to the Institute, where they found a sumptuous tea awaiting them, provided through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Leverson Gower. At the meeting which followed Mr. E. Gower was voted to the chair, and the district secretary (Mr. G. Moore) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the splendid

reception he had given the ringers, and for the use of the bells and the Institute.—The motion was carried by acclamation.—Four new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Charing, the second week in October.—After thanks had been accorded to the chairman for presiding, Mr. Gower conducted the party round the beautiful gardens of Linton Park, the residence of Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis. The visitors then returned to the tower, and brought a happy and successful day to a close with some good touches.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ROUND ABOUT NORTHAMPTON.

The members of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, had a very enjoyable two-days' outing round about Northampton for their annual excursion. They were accompanied by Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barking, and were met on their arrival in the midland town by that well-known ringer, Mr. F. Wilford, who had made all arrangements, and acted as guide during the pleasant visit. The Plough Hotel was made the headquarters, and after breakfast a drive through seven miles of beautiful country brought the party to Earl's Barton, where, in the old Saxon tower, which for centuries has been a landmark, 720 of Lincoln Surprise was rung, and a touch of Grandsire, for the novices, brought round. The drive through the lovely park to Castle Ashby was much appreciated. The church, which stands near the mansion of the Marquis of Northampton, contains a heavy ring of five bells, with the tenor 23 cwt. These went fairly well, but owing to the extraordinary long draught of rope, were difficult to ring with comfort. However, 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung in fairly good style. While some were ringing, the others were viewing the various items of interest, amongst which was the family vault of the Marquis of Northampton, over which hangs a magnificent Guardian Angel of pure white marble. At Cogenhoe, where there is a light ring of six by Taylor, a 720 of Ipswich Surprise was soon completed, and after a touch of Plain Bob, the party returned to headquarters for dinner. The afternoon drive was in the opposite direction. The first place of call was St. Luke's, Duston, and on the bells, a light ring of six (tenor about 8 cwt.), a capital 720 of Norwich Surprise was rung; then a touch of Grandsire, and the bells were lowered in peal—a somewhat novel experience for London ringers. Making their way to Brington, where at the Parish Church of St. Luke's hang a very melodious ring of six bells (tenor, 18 cwt.), all cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, the visitors rang a 720 of that musical method, York Surprise, followed by 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Next, tea was served, amidst rural surroundings, the ladies intimately connected with the church having the welcome meal ready in a lovely orchard. Driving through Althorpe Park, and past the mansion of Earl Spencer, the ringers arrived in due course at the church of St. Andrew, Harlestone, where the six bells (tenor, 23 cwt.), are in not too good ringing order. However, the bells were raised, and a good 720 of London Surprise was rung, and a short touch of Grandsire brought round. The last place in the day's programme was Dallington, where three courses of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Plain Bob concluded the ringing. On Sunday, four churches in Northampton were visited, Stedman Caters, conducted by W. Doran, being rung in the well-appointed tower of St. Giles'. After dinner, at St. Sepulchre's (one of the very few round churches in England), Superlative and Grandsire were rung, the peal of eight being in good going order, although ringing is not facilitated by the clock which stands in the middle of the ringing room. In this ringing, the visitors were joined by Mr. J. Houghton, of Double Norwich fame, who had cycled from Irthlingborough to meet the party. At St. Edmund's, afterwards, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, and in the evening, on the grand and melodious bells at All Saints' Church, were rung in the same method. A social hour was afterwards spent at the Plough Hotel, and Mr. Black, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. Wilford, and all the local men who had helped to make the outing such a great success. The best thanks of the visitors are also due to the various clergy who so readily granted permission to the St. John's company to ring on their bells. Among those who took part in the various touches were: W. Doran, W. Theobald, H. Torble, G. Dawson, W. Miller, J. Moule, F. Wilford, G. A. Black, T. Faulkner, J. Houghton, F. Hopper, A. Fiddis, etc.

EXCURSION TO FOWEY.

Fowey, Cornwall, was chosen for the annual outing of Charles' Church, Plymouth, ringers, and on Saturday week, twelve members, with the churchwarden (Mr. M. Alton Bazeley) and the Rev. Ker Smythe, who is doing duty for the Vicar, reached Fowey just after one o'clock. Here they rang a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire

Triples, which greatly pleased the local "stoney" ringers.

Boats were hired, and a nice row up the river brought the party to Lanteglos, but time being short they could only ring 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and then off to the boats again and back to Fowey, which was reached about 5 p.m. High tea, which was served at the Temperance Hotel, was done full justice to, and afterwards Mr. W. H. Marsh, the leader of the band, thanked the Vicar and wardens for providing such an enjoyable day's outing. At the same time, he expressed regret that the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Banks were absent through indisposition.—Mr. Bazeley replied, and thanked the ringers for their services during the year.

On the homeward journey, the excursionists stopped at Par and rang 720 Bob Minor, and several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. During the 720, one of the local ringers came into the tower very excited, and wanted to help the tenor man, as he thought he could not keep the bell up. This was the first time he had heard the tenor in, and one wonders what his thoughts were. No one asked him. Plymouth was reached about 10.30 p.m., and all agreed that they had a most enjoyable time. A feature of the journey was the way the company were kept amused by the Rev. Ker Smythe, some of his "yarns" being very humorous.

A VISIT TO SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 15th, the St. James's Society, Bury St Edmunds, had their annual outing, and visited Hitcham, Hadleigh and Lavenham. At the first-named place breakfast was partaken of, and then on the fine peal of six, which are rather in need of the attention of a bell hanger, 720 of Kent and 216 of Bob Minor were rung. At Hadleigh, the next place of call, touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. A quarterly meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was also being held at Hadleigh, and the St. James's Society sat down with the other visitors to the capital meat tea that was provided for all visiting ringers. Lavenham was reached in the evening, and Double Norwich and Stedman rung, and light supper served before the return journey was commenced. The ringers spent a most enjoyable day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, GUILD.

The members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, had their annual outing on Wednesday week, when, accompanied by several ladies, they visited Buxted and Uckfield. At the former place the ringers visited the picturesque church, which lies hidden in the charming park, and then a pleasant walk through shady groves brought the party to Uckfield, where tea was served at the Bell Hotel, Mr. J. T. Rickman presiding, and Mr. Churchwarden Lusted being in the vice-chair. In the evening, joined by the local men, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and subsequently a smoking concert was held at the Bell Hotel. The outing was one of the most enjoyable that the Guild has had.

WALSALL RINGERS AT WARWICK.

The ringers at St. Matthew's Parish Church, Walsall (through the organisation of their conductor, Mr. T. J. Elton), held their first annual outing on Saturday, when they paid a visit to Leamington and Warwick. At St. Mary's, Warwick, they were met by two of the local company, and during the hour's ringing that followed, 615 Stedman Caters and 395 Grandsire Caters were brought round, the two local men assisting in the latter. The tone and "go" of the bells very much pleased the visitors, who wish to thank the tower keeper (Mr. E. H. Adams), through whom they were able to obtain the bells. The party then proceeded to Leamington, but no bells being here available, the ringers spent the remainder of the day in visiting the various places of attraction. A start was made for home at 8.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

A VISIT TO EVESHAM.

The ringers of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited Evesham. Unfortunately at the last minute two of the band were unable to accompany the party, so that ringing looked somewhat "off." However, Mr. Middleton and a few of the local band assisted the visitors, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters. An excellent tea was provided at the Granville Hotel, at which the Vicar presided, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to accompany his ringers. He hoped they would all enjoy themselves. He was sorry to have to leave them, but he had to take evening service.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Carrod) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for entertaining the ringers to tea, and to the Vicar of Evesham for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by Mr. Webb, and acknowledged by the Vicar.—A most enjoyable time was spent, and while ringing was in progress the ladies went for a trip on the river.

A TRIP TO BUCKS.

On Monday week the Reigate ringers had their annual outing, when Hughenden and High Wycombe were visited. The Society wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicars and churchwardens of the churches for the use of the bells, and the ringers of High Wycombe for their attention and kindly welcome; and also to express their appreciation of the excellent catering by the host and hostess of the Swan Hotel. The touches rung during the day included the following:—At Hughenden, 704 Bob Major: H. Reeves 1, H. Ewins 2, G. Croucher 3, G. Walder 4, W. Smith 5, T. Sparks 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 8.—At High Wycombe, 395 Grandsire Caters: H. Reeves 1, H. Ewins 2, H. Bennett 3, H. Jordan 4, G. Croucher 5, G. Walder 6, W. Smith 7, T. Sparks 8, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 9, H. A. Hoad 10.—352 Grandsire Cinques: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, A. Holman 2, H. Reeves 3, H. Ewins 4, W. Phipps 5, G. Croucher 6, G. Walder 7, R. Coles 8, W. Smith 9, H. A. Hoad 10, G. F. Hoad 11, G. Gransbury 12.

THE OLDEST BELLS IN ENGLAND.

The Skirbeck, St. Nicholas', Boston, company, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 15th, when, in delightful weather, they drove to Deeping St. Nicholas'. The first stop on the way was Pinchbeck, where at St. Mary's 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 360 Kent Treble Bob were rung. The party next visited Crowland Abbey, where a touch of Plain Bob was rung on the oldest bells in England. The tenor is 11 cwt., and the draft 90 feet. Arrived at Deeping, the visitors partook of tea, and in the evening there was some good ringing, including 720 Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers were: J. Colman, G. Elsom, B. Smith, H. Palmer, C. W. Newton, H. Palmer, J. Kirk and G. Ladds. Boston Town Bridge was reached again at 11.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

DEVON GUILD AND SIX-BELL PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to "A North Countryman's" letter in your last issue, as a member of the committee, I beg to say the motion he refers to has now been rescinded, and in future all performances on six bells over 5000 changes will be classed as peals, and recorded in a separate peal book to be provided for that purpose. It has never been the intention of the Devon Guild to discourage six-bell peal ringing, but merely to fix a standard for such peals. Hitherto there has been no record of any band in the Guild ringing seven different complete 720's, and it was felt that 42 six-scores of Doubles, with so much repetition, hardly merited the distinction of a peal. Thus, the fixing of a standard was intended rather to raise the level, than to discourage would-be performers. As, however, the attempt to fix a standard at all provoked so much discussion at the committee meeting, and possibility of dissatisfaction, it was deemed wiser to abandon the idea. Any ringer in looking back over the peal book at any future time, would be able to judge for himself as to the merits of the peals recorded.—Yours truly,

T. LAVER.

Exeter.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—By his letter in last week's issue, "A North Countryman" raises a point which is a very interesting and far-reaching one. He speaks first of seven 720's—presumably in one method, for that is the style of thing the Devonshire Guild class as a performance, but finishes his letter with an allusion to seven methods on six bells—a "performance" which I dare say no Guild would be averse to including in its report. I need not point out that between the two sevens there is no comparison. I, for one, consider the Guild Committee have taken a step in the right direction in rejecting any 5040 in one six-bell method, and I hope that all County Associations will do the same. I hope that ringers will give their opinions on this matter, and I trust that ultimately the Central Council will see their way to raise the standard of six-bell ringing by stamping out these so-called peals. I cannot think that the Devonshire Guild will lose either in membership or prestige by their decision.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The New Secretary of the Oxford Guild.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild have just changed their secretary. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who has filled the office so ably for some years, has now taken up the less onerous duties of treasurer, and his secretarial mantle has fallen upon Mr. Albert E. Reeves, of Reading, who has been acting as assistant for some nine years. Mr. Reeves, therefore, comes into the fuller responsibilities after an admirable training, and with an intimate knowledge of the Guild's affairs both in the belfries of the diocese and outside. No more fitting and popular choice could have been made.



MR. ALBERT E. REEVES.

Mr. Reeves, who was born on February 7th, 1864, began ringing in 1884, and rang his maiden peal on December 5th, 1885, at Basingstoke, with Messrs. Harry White and Tom Hibbert, who also scored their first on that occasion. In 1891 Mr. Reeves became instructor at St. Giles', Reading, when the six bells were augmented to eight, and he conducted the first peal on the bells on May 7th of that year. He also called the first peal on the bells of Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, but although his total must now be over 150, of which he has conducted about 40, Mr. Reeves, unfortunately, has not kept account of his peals.

He has done valuable work for the Guild as an instructor. He took the Sonning band in hand when they could ring only a plain course of Grandsire Triples, which they knew by heart. When he left them they had rung a peal of Grandsire and Stedman with their conductor in both methods. In 1903 the band, in recognition of the work

Mr. Reeves had done, presented him with a marble clock. He then gave instruction at Henley-on-Thames, where in appreciation of his services he was presented with an aneroid barometer. He has also given instruction at Hurst, Mapledurham, Pangbourne, etc. In 1902 he was elected assistant secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and, as briefly reported last week, he has now been made honorary secretary of this important association. Formerly Mr. Reeves served for twelve years in the Royal Berks Volunteers, leaving with the rank of corporal. He is now a lieutenant in the Church Lads' Brigade, in which he takes great interest.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to great pressure on our space several letters are unavoidably held over until next week.

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Next week we hope to be able to announce the result of our handbell competition. The work of checking the coupons is in hand, and will, we hope, be completed before our next issue.

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The bells of St. Mary's, Pembroke (8) are placed at the disposal of the ringers attending the Territorial Camp, by the kind permission of the Rev. C. H. Phillips, Vicar, who should be communicated with.

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We desire to impress upon correspondents the importance of all communications reaching us not later than Tuesday first post if insertion in the same week's issue is desired. Attention to this particular will frequently save disappointment.

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Records are not easy to make, although everyone with an ounce of enterprise in him (or her) is generally anxious to go one better than anybody else. Notwithstanding the fact that to put up a record nowadays means doing something pretty big, the dimensions of the task seem not only not to daunt aspirants to fame, but the bigger the job the greater stimulant it is to endeavour.

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As with others so it is with ringers. Although we had to wait over 70 years before the long peal of Maximus, rung at Painswick, was beaten—that was perhaps more from lack of opportunity than want of zeal—the handbell record of 13,440 was no sooner set up than there was a talk of playing skittles with it, and, while the Guildford men, at the first shot, missed the target and intend to have another fling for the 14,000, another band, if one may mix the metaphor, are merely straining at the leash to outdo that.

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But what about this other record that is to be attempted on August Bank Holiday? Four Surprise peals in a day by the same band! Three peals in a day are no mean task, but four, and on August Bank Holiday—which we generally expect to be the hottest of the year, and there is more reason than ever to suppose it will be this year—makes one perspire to think of it, and we tender-handed scribes to have visions of a large and well assorted collection of blisters.

Contemplating a task of this kind, recalls an occasion when this writer took part in five peals rung in a space of less than 31 hours. They were not all Surprise peals, it is true, and a brief night's rest was sandwiched into the performance, but the towers were not all adjacent, in fact to do the round a journey by rail and road of some 70 miles was necessary. At all events the four who shared in this bit of hustled peal ringing felt they had done exceedingly well.

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But the undertaking that has been set for August Bank Holiday is to be carried out on the same peal of bells—there would hardly be time to run about the country. One may wonder what the neighbours will say at a five o'clock start and 16 hours' intermittent ringing, but this sort of thing will not be quite a new experience in the selected spot, at any rate for the older inhabitants.

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Not 20 years ago there was a band in this homely village who thought nothing of ringing a peal before breakfast in the morning, and the bells have also run home as late as a few minutes before midnight. The village was always interested in knowing of the success or failure of a peal, and the Vicar had no trouble with grumblers. Will the position be equally as happy on August Bank Holiday, or has the spirit of these villagers changed? Bell ringing and cricket were once the pride of the place, and, may be, still are. For the safety of the stalwart eight after the fourth peal we hope so.

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Mr. G. W. Moss, of the Bolsover band, is leaving that district for Eccleshall, Staffs. A farewell peal was rung at Bolsover on Thursday week, and afterwards Mr. Moss was presented with a handsome walking stick, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his comrades. One of the best ringers in the company, equally at home in anything from Bob Major to Bristol, his place at Bolsover will be hard to fill.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

A SOUVENIR.

This week we present to our readers an interesting souvenir of the great gathering of ringers at the Festival of Empire last Saturday week. Our picture, in the form of an art supplement, is a reproduction of the photograph taken after tea in the Garden Hall.

In connection with "Ringers' Day" several companies made it the occasion of their annual outing, the band from Bridgend, Glamorgan, travelling 200 miles to attend. Leaving home at midnight on Friday they did not reach Bridgend again until 7 a.m. on Sunday, but were in their places that day to ring for both services.

The Clandon and Woking, Surrey, bands, also made it their outing, as did the company from Stebbing, Essex, and from Ickleton, Cambs. The last-named visited Messrs. Warner and Sons foundry on arriving in London, and, before going on to the Palace, were conducted to Snow Hill, where they rang on the ten at St. Sepulchre's. On their return journey the mail train was especially stopped at Chesterford for them to alight, and they reached home a little after midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

A visitor from Sheffield writes to express pleasure and gratitude at the manner in which the little party from that

distant centre were received. "We revived and cemented some very old friendships, as well as made a host of new ones, thanks to the splendid efforts you made to make us feel at home," writes our correspondent. "Mention should be made of Mr. Arthur Jacob," he adds, "who took us under his care (and a nice handful we were). On Sunday he piloted us up to Old Southgate, and with a few jokes and some 'Jacob's oil' we got along very nicely. We had a ring at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoon. As for the hustle of London, we hustled the whole time we were there, and had some 15 seconds to spare when we got on the train for home. We 'did' a good deal of the Palace, but the tattoo was 'the' thing, the playing of the old hymn tune, 'Abide with me,' by the massed bands, being worth the whole journey."

We regret that we are unable to answer individually the many letters of congratulation we have received upon the success of the gathering, but take this opportunity of assuring our many friends that we fully appreciate the kindness of their communications.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED BY THE BISHOP.

A very pleasant gathering of the members of the Winchester district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday. By the kindness of the Bishop of Southampton, they were invited to his residence, South Hill, Bassett, near Southampton, where they were cordially received by him. Tea was served in a delightfully shady spot in the garden, after which the Bishop spoke some kindly words of welcome, and also expressed his high appreciation of the work done by ringers, and hoped he would have a similar opportunity of meeting them.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), and seconded by the general secretary (the Rev. W. E. Colchester). The district secretary announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held in September, and that he had received an invitation from Mr. Henry White, of Bishopstoke, who was present that afternoon, for the members to have tea with him on that occasion. The Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne) also hoped the committee would arrange a meeting at his parish some time in the summer of next year, when he would be pleased to entertain members of the Guild.

After a most enjoyable stroll in the garden and shady walks of the spacious grounds adjoining, the members journeyed to Southampton, where the bells of St. Michael's had been placed at their disposal. The bells at North Stoneham, as well as those of St. Michael's, had been rung during the afternoon, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob, were brought round. Nearly sixty members from various towers in the district accepted the Bishop's kind hospitality, but it was a great disappointment to them that their chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite) and Master (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) were unable to be present.

SEVEN 720's IN FOURTEEN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Pye's letter, in your issue of July 21st, I have come to the conclusion that his P.S. would have been better omitted. I have not seen it stated by Mr. James that he was the first to get out 720's of minor in more than one method, nor do I think has Mr. James suggested it in any form. I do think that Mr. James has done a kindness to the ringing world by publishing the 720's for the benefit not only shall I say of myself, but many others in the Exercise. Why did not the Leytonstone band publish their 720's?—M.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch had been fixed for Leyland Parish Church on Saturday last. Unfortunately, on the arrival of the visitors, the 7th bell was found to be unringable owing to a local firm having tried to repair the wheel. Several of the strong men tried to manage her, but without success. The suggestion being made that the members should go to Whittle-le-Woods, this was agreed to, and one member, having a motor bicycle, went on in advance, taking another ringer as passenger. They obtained the use of the bells, and had them all up by the time the next contingent reached the tower. Some did the 2½ miles on foot in the burning sun, and arrived dusty, but not disheartened. Some good ringing took place on the splendid peal of eight, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being brought round. At the business meeting, Mr. G. Scholes presided. The Branch Secretary was re-elected, and the various items of business disposed of. A Branch Committee was also formed for the better working of the branch, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Whittle for so readily granting the use of the bells under the circumstances.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as briefly reported in our last issue, was held at High Wycombe, on Wednesday, July 12th, when representatives were present from High Wycombe, Hughenden, Lane End, Marlow, Reading, Southleigh, Hurst, Wooburn, Twyford (Bucks), Chalfont St. Peter, Stone, Hagbourne, Farnham Royal, Abingdon, Freeland, Wokingham, Slough, Finchampstead, Lyminge, Kidlington, Chipping Norton, Twyford (Berks), Newport Pagnell, Middleton Stoney, Shiplake, Linslade, Birmingham, Witney, London, and Bicester. The weather was perfect, the rays of the sun being tempered by a refreshing breeze. The day's proceedings commenced with a service at the Parish Church, a stirring sermon being preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Buckingham (Rev. E. D. Shaw). The singing was led by Mr. G. F. Andrews, A.R.C.O., at the organ. A collection was taken on behalf of the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Fund.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting followed in the Guildhall. The Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), of Caversham, occupied the chair, and among those present were the Revs. A. L. Whitfield (Hughenden), W. U. Wooler (West Wycombe), S. M. Winter (Medmenham), J. L. Challis (Stone), G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), R. H. Hart-Davis (Caversham), H. C. Wilder (Sulham), E. W. Wilson (Sulham), E. M. Thorp (Bucklebury), J. B. Kirby (Witney, and formerly of Wooburn), E. Broome (Hurst), and Mr. Albert E. Reeves (of Reading), festival secretary. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the Rev. C. P. S. Clarke (Vicar of Wycombe, who was unable to come, owing to his recent accident), Revs. Canon Drummond, W. C. Carter, R. P. Newhouse, G. A. Littledale, H. G. Johnson, and Mr. W. Newell.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was described as an absolute worker, was re-elected Master. Rule IV. was altered as follows: "A Master, who shall be a Change Ringer, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and twelve Honorary Members," etc. In consequence of this alteration, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was chosen treasurer, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, hon. secretary. Mr. R. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, was chosen to fill a vacancy on the committee, in place of Mr. Bisley (deceased). The Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. W. Pole Routh and J. Evans (Hughenden) were elected representatives on the Central Council. A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the festival of 1912, it being suggested that it should be held on August Bank Holiday. In the end, Oxford was chosen as the place of meeting, and the date fixed for the second or third Saturday in July.

The committee recommended the following grants: Hurst, £5; Wood Eaton, £3. The meeting approved of the recommendations. The Rev. A. East, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Witney and Woodstock Branch, made application for a grant for Southleigh, and a sum of £2 was voted.

There was a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of omitting the word "Churchwarden" in 2 and 8 of the rules for belfries. These rules read as follows: ii. "Any new member shall be chosen by the ringers themselves, subject to the approval of the incumbent and churchwardens." viii. "The bells shall only be rung at such times as are allowed by the incumbent and churchwardens; and stranger ringers wishing for the use of the bells must make special application to the incumbent, or in his absence, to one of the churchwardens." It was suggested that the last clause of the latter should read: "Or, in his absence, to the person whom he shall appoint as his deputy." The suggested alteration was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis reported upon the position of the Robinson Memorial, which showed that £187 3s. 8d. had been collected. The expenditure came to £5 10s. 7d. He said that the tender for the memorial was £269, and it was estimated that £300 would be required to complete the scheme. Hope was expressed that the required sum would be speedily forthcoming.—The Rev. J. B. Kirby proposed that the committee be authorised to proceed with a suitable memorial at the end of the year.—Mr. R. Coles seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, G. F. Coleridge, and R. H. Hart-Davis were chosen as a sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to arrange a form of service for use at Guild meetings and at dedication and opening ceremonies.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis proposed "That in the opinion of this meeting the 'Ringing World' should receive the same facilities from the Central Council as are accorded the 'Bell News.'"—The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge submitted an interesting report of the Central Council meeting at Leicester, and he was thanked for his account.

The Master reported, under the head of "Confirmation of New Members," that 65 change ringers and 35 probationers had been added.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE LUNCHEON.

The members adjourned to the Swan Hotel, Paul's Row, where the

annual luncheon took place. The Rev. C. P. S. Clarke was to have presided, but in his absence the chair was taken by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A capital repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, who were congratulated and thanked by the members.

After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman submitted "The health of the King," and remarked that he hoped, before long, they would get his Majesty's permission to ring in the Curfew Tower at Windsor.

The Chairman afterwards proposed "The Preacher" (Rev. E. D. Shaw). He said they always knew the Archdeacon as a hard-working, never-tiring man. They rejoiced to see him in the apron and gaiters, and they rejoiced still more to see him in the pulpit that day, delivering manly words (applause). The organist (Mr. G. F. Andrews) and the church officials were also thanked.

The Chairman here observed that as Mr. Andrews had to leave the gathering, they had no one to respond for the Archdeacon, who had another engagement. He might say that that was the first festival they had had without a choir at the church service. He must, therefore, congratulate the men on the hearty manner in which they sang the hymns used at church that morning (applause).

The Rev. E. Broome proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," and referred to the usefulness of the organisation, and expressed the hope that its influence might be considerably extended.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in response, said that at the present time there were about 1,700 members in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He considered that one of the main reasons for the progress of the Guild was the unity and good fellowship that prevailed. Going about as he did, he was delighted to see the good work that was being accomplished. In the Oxford Diocese, they had 149 Towers, and during the past year he had given advice concerning several towers, and had rung in 58. Since he had been in the Guild he had appeared in 87 towers (applause).

Mr. Paice proposed the healths of the treasurer (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) and the newly-appointed secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), and eulogised the splendid work they had accomplished on behalf of the Guild.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in response, said that, financially, they were in a good position. He thought the time had really come when they should get a little fresh blood, and now that they had Mr. Reeves, who was an indefatigable worker, he hoped that some new blood would be introduced (applause).

Mr. Reeves, who also responded, said that had it not been for the nine years' tuition which he received from Mr. Hart-Davis, he did not think it would have been possible for him to aspire to the honourable position of secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (applause).

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis gave "The Chairman," who, in reply, said that he had been a member of the Guild for thirty years.

The luncheon proceedings having ended, the members visited the following towers and rang touches in various methods:—Beaconsfield (8 bells), Hughenden (8), Marlow (8), Wooburn Green (8), West Wycombe (6), and High Wycombe (12).

From every standpoint the festival was a great success, thanks in a great measure to the splendid arrangements made by Mr. Reeves and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, July 15th, the St. Martin's Society, Leicester, with a few other ringing friends, held their annual outing, the place chosen being Nuneaton. On arrival they were met by Messrs. Argyle and Chapman, of Nuneaton, and Mr. Aldham, of Barwell, who conducted the party to Chilvers Coton for a pull on the Shepperton bells, a nice peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwt. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. After tea a move was made to the Parish Church, Nuneaton, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman were brought round. Here, too, the Nuneaton men tried to outnumber the visitors, swelling the total to somewhere round 30, and making an ideal number for the smoking concert, which followed at headquarters. With Mr. John Buttery in the chair, and Mr. Harry Argyle in the vice-chair, a most enjoyable evening was spent, the following singers contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. S. Needham, J. Morris, A. R. Aldham, I. Johnson, G. Pilmore, A. Martin and J. W. Chapman. The following courses were rung in hand: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Royal and Cinques, in which Mr. Argyle, junr., aged 15, proved himself to be following in his father's footsteps. The above touches were rung on the cups, a nice toned peal, the owner, a local veteran, popularly known as "Old Jack," informing the visitors that four or five of them were about 250 years old. Several of the party had the pleasure of seeing a clock arrangement constructed by him with great ingenuity, which plays various tunes and strikes the Westminster chimes. The thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. Argyle for getting permission for the use of the bells, and making all the necessary arrangements, which went a great way towards making the outing such an enjoyable one, and to Mr. Chapman and the Nuneaton friends, who gave the visitors such a hearty welcome.

THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT EIGHT BELL CONTEST.

We give on this page the photograph of the Earlsheaton St. Peter's Society, who, as recorded last week, won the annual eight bell contest organised by the Halifax and District Association, and held at Low Moor. Six teams

entered the contest, and each had to ring 672 Treble Bob. Earlsheaton won the cup with 225 faults, the next best being Halifax with 363.



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GARFORTH TAYLOR.

WALTER BYRAM.

GEORGE H. HARDY.
(Conductor.)

JOHN GARFORTH.

ARTHUR GOODALL.

JOHN W. DEWS.

WALTER IDLE.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MEETING.

WARM TIMES AT ERDINGTON.

A very successful meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Erdington, on Saturday last, in glorious weather. I say glorious, writes our correspondent, but, perhaps, it was a little too hot to be so described—one of those hot, stuffy days, when overmuch ringing is not to be thought of, and even a short touch produces an irritating feeling of dryness inside the neck, and an equally irritating dampness outside, in the region of the collar. The two belfries of Erdington are not particularly airy places, and when they contain more men than are actually necessary to the ringing—well, the best place is certainly outside. I have in my mind's eye the picture of one very portly member of this ancient Guild standing at the bottom of the almost perpendicular steps leading to the Parish Church belfry, filling the doorway as a picture fills the frame, and asking in plaintive voice whether they could not oblige him by bringing the belfry down to him, as it would not be much more trouble than for him to climb to the belfry. However, he had perforce to mount, nobody would carry him, and he did it, exclaiming as he reached the floor something about "— speed the plough."

At 5 o'clock the Guild's form of service was taken in the church, and a very helpful address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Swindell. Our ringing parson, the Rev. E. V. Cox was spotted by the Vicar taking his seat in the church like any ordinary man, and he was promptly hauled out and made to don the surplice and take his place in the chancel.

Tea was partaken of at the Acorn Hotel at six o'clock, followed by the business meeting, Mr. Godden being in the chair. Two new members were elected, and Harborne was decided upon as the place for the

next meeting, to be held in October. An exceedingly interesting discussion took place in regard to the Guild's rule 4, and notice was given that at the next meeting a proposal would be made that the same be altered and brought up-to-date. (I do not quote the rule here, as it is only interesting to members.)

The bells of the Parish Church and the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. The members desire to thank the Vicar for the use of his bells, for taking the service, and for his address. Also the ringers for their hearty welcome, and for having everything in readiness, and Mr. B. W. Witchell for placing the Abbey bells at their disposal. On dispersing after a very enjoyable outing, it so happened that six of us got on a car bound for home, and five had to change at a certain place, leaving one to continue the journey alone. I feel almost inclined to offer £50 to the ringer who can't guess his name—he was bound for Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Only a small number of members of the Ely Archdeaconry attended the district meeting at Over, but a pleasant time was spent.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Beckett) kindly provided tea for all the visitors, the meal being very much enjoyed under the shady trees on the Vicarage lawn. Afterwards the Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. R. L. Twells (general secretary) and Miss Twells, Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), and Messrs. J. Taylor, W. Kempton, F. Kempton (Cambridge), B. D. Buttress, H. Hails (Fulbourn), L. G. Mallion, E. G. Hibbins (Fenditton), and the local men. The place of the next meeting was discussed, and Newmarket suggested, but as it is not in the dis-

strict, the other districts have to be consulted before a meeting can be arranged there.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding; and, last but not least, for his kindness in providing tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Over, and he hoped the next time they had a meeting more members would come.—During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on the six bells, the tenor being just under 16 cwt.

PRESENTATION AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

MR. T. METCALFE'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

An interesting gathering of ringers, representing the Durham and Newcastle, and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations, was held at St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, on Saturday week, when, in recognition of his services, as instructor to the St. Oswald's ringers, given ungrudgingly over a long period, Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, was presented with a handsome marble clock and bronzes. During the afternoon ringing was indulged in, and the company then adjourned to the Vicarage garden, where an excellent tea was partaken of, the Misses Stephenson, Mrs. Wornum, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Pickersgill presiding at the tables.—Mr. R. Stevenson welcomed the visitors on behalf of the St. Oswald's ringers, and, commenting upon the object of the gathering, spoke in high terms of the services of Mr. Metcalfe, and voiced the esteem in which that gentleman was held by his former pupils.

Mr. Wright, the captain of St. Oswald's ringers, also spoke, remarking on the rapid progress made under the tuition of Mr. Metcalfe, and then called upon the Vicar (the Rev. H. Robinson) to make the presentation. The Vicar referred in very appreciative terms to the work done by Mr. Metcalfe, and on behalf of the ringers and many other friends who had willingly subscribed, he asked Mr. Metcalfe to accept the clock and bronzes, which bore a suitable inscription.

Mr. Metcalfe very feelingly responded. It afforded him, he said, very great pleasure to receive such a handsome gift from his ringing friends. He expressed his deep appreciation of their kindness, and also of the generosity of the other friends who had contributed.

Mr. Neal, secretary of the St. Oswald's ringers, moved a vote of thanks to the visitors who had assisted in making the day such a success.—Mr. Todd (secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association) responded, and Mr. Burnett then proposed the health of the visitors and success to the two Associations, Mr. Potter, ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, replying. Mr. H. T. James voiced the gratitude of the company to the ladies who had presided so ably over the arrangements for the tea, and the Vicar acknowledged the compliment. In turn Mr. Robinson was also thanked for the use of the Vicarage garden for the occasion. — Subsequently the ringers visited Stranton, and in the ancient tower the bells were rung to many excellent touches.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held on Saturday last at the ancient city of Caerleon of Roman and King Arthur fame. There were present representatives from nearly the whole of the Monmouthshire towers affiliated to the Association, and also representatives from Glamorganshire. The use of the bells having been sanctioned by the Vicar, were raised soon after three o'clock, everything having been got in readiness by the steeple keeper, Mr. Evan Davies, to whose efforts, it may be mentioned, the present ring of eight bells were brought about. Thirty years ago, when Mr. Davies came to Caerleon, the then existing five bells were in a most dilapidated state, but he got to work immediately, and soon were hung a new ring of six, to be followed later with two trebles completing the octave. Touches in various methods were rung, and afterwards the meeting was held in the schoolroom.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the first Master of the Association, Mr. Davies, was invited to the chair, and he welcomed the Association to Caerleon, and explained the absence of the Vicar.—The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, next read his report of the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester, for which a vote of thanks was accorded him. Following this, instructors' reports were presented, good progress being reported at Caerphilly and Llanbradach, and, in the absence of the instructor to the Radyr tower, mention was made that good work was being done there. It is also interesting to know that through the persistent efforts of the Association, the authorities at Radyr have seen their way to have the ropes lowered to the proper ringing chamber, instead of the ringing having to be done on the floor immediately under the bells. The tower is now an ideal place for peal ringing.

Whilst the meeting was in progress, a contingent from Chepstow, including the Rev. F. G. Fairhurst, arrived on cycles.—New members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed band at Llanbradach.—The next quarterly meeting is fixed to take place at Aberdare. — A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

An invitation to all to tea, which had been provided in the adjoining room, was then given, and at the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, and special mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Davies, to whom all present were greatly indebted for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea. The bells were afterwards brought into use again, and several members visited King Arthur's round table field, and saw the excavations which brought to light the old walls of the amphitheatre. The weather was delightfully fine, and the meeting was a very pleasant and enjoyable one. A service, conducted by the Vicar of the parish, took place at 6.30, and was well attended.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LAST SATURDAY'S MEETINGS.

A meeting of the north and east district of the Middlesex Association was held at All Hallow's, Tottenham, on Saturday last, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Denton Jones). Ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by Stedman and Superlative. A sumptuous tea was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. Afterwards touches on handbells, kindly provided by the members from St. Ann's, South Tottenham, were rung, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower, where ringing was kept up until nearly nine o'clock, with some capital touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major, and London Surprise, and 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by Miss E. K. Parker. A party of ringers also visited St. Ann's after tea, and kept the bells going to Doubles and Minor until late in the evening. A 720 Bob Minor was attempted, but came to grief when very near the end.—Thanks are due to the Rector of All Hallow's, and to the Vicar of St. Ann's (the Rev. H. de G. Rayner), for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the steeple keepers for having everything in readiness. The meeting was a most satisfactory one, and, in spite of the intense heat, the ringers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The usual monthly meeting of the south and west district was held at Norwood Green, on Saturday last, in gloriously fine weather, about twenty members being present from Hillingdon East, Old Windsor, Sunbury, Feltham, Isleworth, Heston, Eccleston Chester, Bermondsey, Norwood Green, Acton, Wandsworth and Ealing. The bells, a musical ring of six, were kept going in Doubles and various Minor methods in the afternoon. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) kindly provided tea for the visitors on the lawn where, afterwards, the business meeting was held. The Rector, himself an hon. member of the Association, was voted to the chair, being supported by the District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. C. Chandler).

The Chairman cordially welcomed the members, assuring them of the great pleasure it gave him that the Association should hold a meeting at his church, and inviting them to make the meeting an annual one.—Mr. T. Beadle suitably responded, thanking the chairman for his hospitality, and for the use of the bells. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Sunbury at the end of August.

Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, who is leaving England, was elected a life member of the Association, and it was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that the secretary write him, thanking him for the good work he had done for the Association in the past, and also wishing him health and prosperity in the future.—The meeting over, the tower was again visited, and some good touches were brought round, some of the members afterwards visiting Heston, where they indulged in touches of Stedman and Major methods.

SOUVENIRS FROM OLD BELLS.

In connection with the re-opening of the bells at Burnham-on-Crouch, reported in our last issue, it may be added that the original idea was to have the old five bells rehung, to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen. The advice of Messrs. John Warner and Sons was sought, and it was found that the tone and the condition of the bells were so bad that it was decided to instal a new ring of six, with a tenor weighing 10½ cwt., in a flat. In order to help raise the necessary funds to carry out this work souvenirs in the form of medallions, miniature bells and tobacco jars were made out of the metal of the old bells. The new bells are fitted with iron headstocks and fittings of the most modern description, and are hung in an iron and steel frame. On Friday, July 14th, the Vicar held a short service, and the bells were rung for the first time, and were listened to with interest by the inhabitants, who were loud in their praise of the perfect tone of the new peal. Ringing was kept up until a late hour, the following taking part: J. Walsock, T. C. Ringrose (London), F. E. Ringrose (London), W. Radclyffe (London), W. Sains, J. Searle, Robt. Warner (London).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

THE BISHOP AND BELL RINGING.

Wells, with its celebrated peal of ten bells, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association this year, a large and representative gathering being present. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided at the luncheon, and after proposing the toast of "The King," congratulated the Association on the great increase in its members, who now numbered 1,300 (applause). They were not all of one sex, because they had the honour of having in their ranks the first lady to conduct a peal in the diocese. He was quite sure that the influence ladies brought to bear on their association would in many ways be useful to them. He did not think there was a single church in the diocese at which he had not heard the bells (applause). Their ringing stood at a high level (applause), but what he was still more pleased to say was that the characters of their ringers, as a whole, stood equally high. Those characters had been much influenced by the principles laid down in the rules of the association. After alluding to the duty of teaching and training the younger ringers, his Lordship said the church bell ringers must never forget they had to live as Churchmen should; they must not forget that their Art was carried on in the most sacred building, and that their lives should correspond with the office they had to fulfil. In their diocese they had splendid bells, and there were certainly no bell towers like those in Somerset. If the bells were worthy of their towers, and the ringers worthy of the bells, and both worthy of the Church, then they had got a particularly high standard to live for. If the Bell Ringing Association was to progress satisfactorily in that diocese it must be through the members being animated by a principle that was well inculcated by the Master of Association (applause). He felt that in the Rev. C. C. Parker they had made a choice of one who thoroughly understood his business and the technicalities of his Art, and he hoped he would long remain as Master of the Association (applause).

Dr. Kenyon having to leave at this point, the Rev. Preb. Beresford took the chair.

Mr. Dobell proposed the toast of "The Church," to which the Rev. Preb. Beresford responded. He said the clergy looked on the ringers of that and other associations as integral parts of the great body to which they belonged, and their services came into operation, and were valuable on different occasions.

The Rev. C. H. Stewart proposed the toast of "All other Associations," and said the Bath ringers were the target of the Association. They had been fighting a battle which they meant to win (applause). Bath had been rising against the bell ringing, but they intended that the bells should ring, except when there was a case of sickness in the neighbourhood of the churches. So long as people lay in their beds, and grumbled to their physician, and not to the ringers, they did not take the complaints into account, but simply did their duty (laughter and applause). He hoped all bell ringing associations would flourish, because by banding together in an association they came to realise the brotherhood of the Church.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master presented his report, in which he welcomed the Bishop as President, and expressed appreciation of his lordship's sympathy and good wishes. After referring to the changes among the vice-presidents, and remarking upon the debt which they owed to the Dean and Chapter for the loan of the bells that day, the report added that at one of the quarterly meetings a handsome clock, subscribed for by the ringers of the Association, was presented to Miss Gillingham, the first lady to conduct a peal in the diocese. Another lady in the same band—Miss Juke—the daughter of the Rector of Portishead, had also accomplished a similar feat this year, and they tendered to her their heartiest congratulations. The affairs of the Association were exceedingly prosperous, and they had increased their membership during the last year by about 100 ringing and 20 honorary members. Their total membership was now about 1,300. The finances were also in a satisfactory state, and they had slightly increased their balance. All this prosperity was in no small degree due to the energy and ability of their secretary, who devoted himself with such painstaking care to the affairs of the Association. The peals this year reached a higher total than they had ever done before in the history of the Association, being 40 in number. He hoped they would not consider it invidious of him to select Bath for congratulation, but the Bath ringers had had special difficulties to contend with at the hands of the municipal authorities, so that six peals completed were a triumph.—Mr. Burgess read the treasurer's statement, which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £62 17s. 6d., and closed with a credit balance of £74 4s. 11d.—On the motion of Mr. Prescott (Bath), seconded by Mr. Coles (Bridgwater), it was agreed to grant an honorarium of £10 to the secretary, and Mr. Burgess briefly returned thanks.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Suffragan Bishop of Taunton and the Dean of Wells.—The re-election of the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) was carried by acclamation, and the secretary and treasurer, and the auditor were also re-elected. The

Master, and Messrs. Mattick, Coles and Burgess, were appointed representatives on the Central Council, and 40 new members were elected, while Congresbury was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the following, on the proposition of the Master:—The Dean and Chapter of Wells, the Rev. Preb. Beresford, Preb. Walker (Dinder), Preb. Barnwell (Glastonbury), the Rev. Gordon Cumming (Street), and Mrs. A. F. Somerville.

SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The members afterwards attended Divine service in the choir of the Cathedral, the lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Church, and the Rev. J. W. Plaxton intoning the service. The choir nicely rendered the anthem, "I waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn).

The Lord Bishop, from his throne, gave an address, taking as his text Psalm xlii., 4. In the course of his remarks he said he was in South Australia when the first peal of bells was dedicated to the service of God, and he was not likely to forget the tears that he saw on the faces of many people who, since they had left England, had never heard a peal of church bells. It brought back to them so many memories. They must have thought, as the Psalmist did when he poured out his heart whilst in exile, and recalled how in the old land he had gone with the multitude and brought them unto the House of God. They in ringing the bells of their churches had done much to help people to go to the House of God. It was for them to avail themselves of the privilege of joining in the worship of God to which they had helped in summoning others. The chief object of the Association was to inculcate a greater reverence for God's House and worship.

Touches of Stedman Caters were afterwards rung on the Cathedral bells, and various touches in other methods on the bells at St. Cuthbert's Church, Glastonbury, Street, Dinder, and Shepton Mallet. A number of ringers took advantage of the kind invitation of Mrs. A. F. Somerville to tea at Dinder House.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. C. Wade 1, W. J. Rice 2, A. Speller 3, W. Newman 4, H. R. Dawson 5, A. Whight 6, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 7, R. H. Rolfe 8.

NOTICES.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held in St. May's Hall, Warwick, on Saturday, July 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Unveiling at 4.20 p.m. (prompt) by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the peal board of the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters. Evensong at St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, followed by tea and the annual meeting.—Arthur L. Colman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 5th. Church of St. Giles. Six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

NOTICES (continued).

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ashover on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that all ringers will take this opportunity of visiting Ashover, an ideal place for summer meeting.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary, 30, Alexander Road, Chesterfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (ten) at 2.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at a charge of 6d. to members. The Vicar will preside. For special reasons it is particularly desired that members should turn up in good numbers.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Portsmouth District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsea on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Bells available from 2.30; short service 5.30; tea at Institute 6 o'clock; meeting after. Members who will require tea kindly inform me by August 2nd.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, to-morrow (Saturday), July 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the London Apprentice at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Little Comberton, on Saturday, August 12th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) at 5.30 p.m. By the kind invitation of the Vicar tea and business meeting will take place at the Rectory after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than August 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Cathedral (5), St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) bells available during the day. Meat tea 9d. each, Fitzwilliam Cafe, 4.30, to those who let the secretary know early.—J. Jutson, Secretary pro. tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley (by request) on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 7. A walk through the private drives has been arranged.—W. H. Shuker.

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