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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

In our article on this page last week we directed special attention to the necessity which exists for efforts on the part of local secretaries to do all in their power to secure, for their associations, the support of honorary members. The matter was suggested by the question that arose at the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, but its importance was emphasised at the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild at Wokingham last Saturday, when the financial position of the Guild was discussed. The Guild found it necessary to draw upon the reserve to meet its current expenses, and when occasion arises for a step of this kind it is as well to grapple as quickly as possible with the causes that lead to it. Thus the meeting was well advised to instruct the committee to investigate the whole question.

The Master pointed out quite plainly that the Guild could not go on doing as it had done in the past, particularly in regard to giving grants towards works of restoration, unless there is in the immediate future a considerable accretion of funds by means of hon. members' subscriptions. The Oxford Guild only charge their ordinary members a shilling per annum, and there is no doubt that those who avail themselves of all the facilities get a very considerable return for their money.

The appeal from the Master that efforts should be made to add to the funds by increasing the list of hon. members is not likely to fall upon deaf ears, and our object in returning to the matter this week is to emphasise the fact that this work lays with the secretaries or the companies at the individual towers, who are most closely in touch with those who have, or should have, an interest in the bells and the ringers. There are many, we believe, even outside the "authorities," who could be induced to give their financial support to the ringing associations if they were properly approached. As the Deputy Mayor of Wokingham put it on Saturday, the church loving public owe a debt of gratitude to the ringers for their services, and many would be happy to show it in a practical way. Let the local men, then, show what they can do by way of getting that financial support for their associations, which is so essential to success.

In all respects—except, perhaps, the financial—the Oxford Guild had a most successful year, and progress is recorded in many directions. Indeed it is difficult to imagine any organisation failing to go ahead where the members get such an inspiring lead as the Oxford Guild ringers receive from their Master. The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn is no mere figurehead. It is safe to say he works harder for the Guild than any other member, and he has added lustre to his office by the high ideals which he has set before him in regard to the discharge of his duties.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 7
ALFRED B. PECK 2	JAMES MOTTS 8
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3	JOHN N. OXBORROW ... 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 10
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11
ERNEST G. FENN 6	JOHN W. GOLDING ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Society, Mr. T. Faulkner, and Miss Mary Bacey, with all good wishes for a long and happy life.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... 6
FREDERICK W. WADE 2	HENRY BURT 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	JAMES RICHMOND 8
HENRY HOWELL 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung to commemorate the replacing of the quarter jacks, together with a new clock, in Christ Church tower. Reference has already been made in this paper with regard to the opening ceremony on July 5th. The whole of the work was completed on July 14th, the date of the peal.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 6
THOMAS J. BRATTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JAMES L. WELLS 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JOHN NEAL 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

This composition is No. 8 on Carter's Broadsheet.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
WALTER WISE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*JOHN H. WILKINS 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4	*FRED C. MAYNARD 9
*DANIEL F. GIBBONS 5	*ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Society, Mr. Thomas Faulkner, to Miss Mary Bacey, at Barking, on the above date. A peal was also attempted on the previous Saturday, unfortunately without success, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Bertram Prewett.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LECKHAMPTON.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt., in A.

JOHN F. BALLINGER Treble	WILLIAM BRINKWORTH ... 5
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... 2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 6
ARTHUR CAUDLE 3	THOMAS DYER 7
GEORGE WALTERS 4	WILLIAM HARLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

Rung as a welcome to F. W. Townsend, of Poole, Dorset, and late of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, who is spending his holiday in the district.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 6
HENRY T. GOWLETT... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 4	*FREDERICK V. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal; age 15 years.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

These bells, except the tenor, are now being rehung.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN MENDAY Treble	HARRY TUCKER 5
HUBERT HATTO 2	GEORGE ESSEX 6
REV. CYRIL JENKYN 3	HARRY SMITH 7
ALBERT CULLUM 4	ERNEST MENDAY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

Rung on St. Swithin's Day. First peal in the method ever rung.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY Treble	JOHN M. DAVENPORT ... 5
ARTHUR BURGESS 2	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD ... 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD ... 7
WILFRED MATTHEW 4	JOSEPH NORBURY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by W. WALMSLEY.

H. Davenport was elected a member previous to starting.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY... .. Treble	ALBERT P. WAKLEY... .. 5
FRANK SHEPHERD 2	JOHN HOUGH 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	*GEORGE BULL 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	*ALGERNON P. G. STONE... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of Dr. Kempthorne as Bishop of Lichfield, which took place the previous day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
JOHN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	*THOMAS BEATBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS JENNION... .. Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER 7
JOHN GARDNER 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 6th and 7th were elected members of the Liverpool Guild previous to starting.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK... .. Treble	EDWARD C. MERRITT ... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN CAPP... .. 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr. 7
*THOMAS DICKENS 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	*WILLIAM THEOBALD... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	ERNEST PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CALEB FENN Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
FRANK C. NEWMAN 2	REGINALD BLAKE 6
ROWLAND FENN 3	HENRY TORBLE... .. 7
HENRY E. PARKER 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Faulkner, Master of the above Society, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Mary E. Bacey, which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

*JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	JOHN SANDERS 5
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	GEORGE GARRISON 6
*MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 3	*WILLIAM J. MEERS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Major, and first peal in the method on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, July 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. Treble	ALFRED E. FULICK 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
JOSEPH HARLEY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS... .. 7
WALTER LAGO 4	JACK GARBETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Dr. F. W. T. Greenwood, who leaves Market Drayton to take up the duties of Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Lilley, Taylor and Fullick hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; Hanley, Lago, Garbett and Saunders from Coalbrookdale. Weatherby belongs to the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and College Single.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN LAMBERT... .. Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL... .. 4
JIM BEACH 2	HARRY PRICE 5
GEORGE FULLER... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Price.

LLANDEFAEOLOGFACH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Maelog,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
5040 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	†C. BEECH 4
G. GIBLIN 2	*W. A. FLETCHER 5
C. POWELL 3	*J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. Messrs. C. Beech and J. Williams were proposed members of the Guild before starting for the peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. A. Francis.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	CHARLES JEFFS... .. 4
*WALTER S. INWOOD 2	RICHARD H. CHALKLEY 5
JOHN W. MALYAN 3	FREDERICK JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in two Treble Bob methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Jeffs.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. AUSTIN HEAD Treble	JOHN SPENCER 4
HERBERT G. PRATT 2	THOMAS CRANE... .. 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of Mr. Thomas Crane. The ringers were kindly entertained to supper by him after the peal.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM COMPTON Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN... .. 2	*GEORGE W. INSKIP... .. 5
ALFRED C. BAILEY 3	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN

* First peal in five methods, including Treble Bob.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST THORNTON Treble	TOM LATIMER 4
SAM HELLIWELL 2	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ... 5
JOHN W. CHADWICK 3	EDWARD REDSHAW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church and bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

(CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. RICHARDS,
26, STANTON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

*BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 1-2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3-4	*ROBERT RICHARDS... 7-8

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Umpire: ALFRED F. HILLIER.

* First peal on handbells. B. C. Dixon's first peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	ARTHUR HAGUE 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpires: GEORGE WILSON and ALLEN F. BAILEY.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 1-2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ... 5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 7-8

Composed by J. BARKER, and

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

MARRIAGE OF MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, have been rung to many methods, complex and simple, but never better struck or more happy in effect than the touch of Superlative Surprise which was rung on Saturday afternoon last, and told of the completion of the service which made Mr. Thomas Faulkner (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Miss Mary E. Bacey, man and wife. In spite of the inclement weather (Churchwarden Davies said the heavens were "shedding tears of joy"), the ceremony was attended by a large number of friends, relatives and ringing friends, and was performed by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of the parish. Mr. Geo. Faulkner gave the bride away, and she was attended by Miss Eva and Miss Phoebe Bacey (sisters) and Miss K. Faulkner and Miss Jessie Thatcher (sister and cousin of the bridegroom), as bridesmaids, whilst Mr. Fred G. Gill acted as best man. The organist, as a compliment to a brother churchworker, played previous to and during the service an appropriate selection of music on the new organ, recently restored and enlarged, and whilst the registers were being signed, the hymn, "How welcome was the call," was sung.

A reception was afterwards held at "Superlative," St. Awdrys Road, and "Health, happiness and prosperity" to the happy couple was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. E. A. Davies. Shortly afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner left for Gorleston-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent.

In honour of the happy event, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark; a peal of Treble Ten at Walthamstow, and a peal of Treble Bob Major at Barking, by the College Youths, and their Master would like, through these columns, to thank them for the compliment, and also the others who sent him the congratulatory letters and telegrams. He adds that he had no idea he had so many friends.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, a good meeting of the North and East District was held at Hadley on Saturday last, some 30 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening from Barnet, Northaw, Finchley, Hadley, South Tottenham, Hatfield, Southgate, Clapton, Willesden, Hornsey and Highgate. The grand peal at Barnet were placed at the disposal of the members from four till five, the privilege of having a pull at this tower on a Sunday afternoon was much appreciated, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major being successfully brought round.

Mr. W. Daniels having kindly made arrangements for tea to be partaken of at a picturesque spot on the border of Hadley Woods, a move was made for this venue, but, owing to the unsettled condition of the weather, it had been thought wise to serve the meal in a cage close by. However, four of the members did not intend to be deprived of fresh air as a digestive, and had theirs on "the lawn!" The example of those who had defied the weather was taken by the rest for the business meeting, which was held al fresco.—Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president) presided.—Six new members were elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hadley and Barnet for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to Mr. Daniels and other ringers for making all arrangements, and to Mr. F. A. Milne for presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edgware on September 13th, if this could be arranged.

Hadley tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Farningham on Saturday last, and, considering the amount of rain that fell during the morning, was a successful one. During the afternoon various touches of Minor and 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Snaith) had kindly arranged for the Association form of service to be said in the church, and gave a very instructive address. He had also provided tea at a neighbouring hostelry, and told the members he was sorry he could not invite them to the Vicarage, as his family were not in residence just now, but he hoped to do so at their next visit. A company of 46 sat down to tea.

The business meeting was held in the school, the Vicar presiding. The election of Mr. L. Attwater in Erith Tower was confirmed, and the Vicar's announcement that he would be pleased to become an hon. member was greeted with applause.—The District Representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) then read his report of the Central Committee meeting, which was adopted, with a hearty vote of thanks. Crayford was selected as the place of the annual meeting, on Saturday, October 25th.

The District Secretary stated that he had received an application from the Rev. E. Ball (St. Mary Cray), asking for a grant towards the recasting and rehanging of their bells, but as this was a matter for the Central Committee, he suggested a collection, which was agreed to, and 15s. was received.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried with applause to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and the tea.—This having been acknowledged, the tower was again visited, while some of the visitors went over to Eynsford, where the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone had kindly placed the bells at their disposal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT WOKINGHAM.

THE GUILD'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild's annual festival is, geographically, a movable feast, and is held successively in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. This year was the turn of Berkshire, and, after a lapse of 18 years, the Guild returned to Wokingham, a town, which, however, is not the most convenient spot for a general gathering of the Guild. It lies away in the south-easternmost corner of the vast diocese, and in order to attend it from North Bucks, as some of the Bletchley ringers did, something like 175 miles was involved in the double journey. Incidentally, is it to be wondered at that steps are being taken for a division of the diocese? But despite the fact that Wokingham was not readily accessible to many of the members, there was an attendance of nearly 150, from a great many parts of the area covered by the Guild's operations. The proceedings began with service at the Parish Church of All Saints', at which, for the first time, the form drawn up for the Guild's special use, was utilised.

C.U.G. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild, who took for his text, "I will give praise with the best members that I have," Psalm cviii, 1. The preacher specially called attention to the word "best," and pointed out that it was the aim and object of Diocesan Associations to bring everything to the best. Their watchword was "improvement," and that was the aim and spirit of their Guild. In the course of the past generation, say, thirty or forty years, what a change, and a change for the better had come over the bells and towers of this England, which they loved. How many beautiful bells had been added in towers where they were not before, and what care had been taken of the old ones. Bells were a part—a noble part—of God's house and God's services, and so, too, not only with the bells, but with the use of them in the art and exercise of ringing. Great progress, the speaker continued, had been made in ringing itself, and new and beautiful methods had been added to the famous old ones.

Only that week a peal had been rung in a new method of wonderful intricacy, and composed by a celebrated ringer of the Oxford Guild, who described it as a method more difficult than London Surprise, and more beautiful than Superlative. In any tower that had bells, they should do all that was possible to have good and beautiful ringing. Let them have the best, not only because the best delighted the ringers, and those who listened outside, but because the whole art and exercise was directed to the praise and glory of God, and because it was a fitting thing that they should spare no pains and no labour until they were able to give the very best that was in them to His praise and His honour. The ringers of old deserved their deepest thanks and honour. They preserved what had been peculiar to England—the art of change ringing. In some places customs crept in which were not good, and one of the aims of Guilds and Associations was to remove these and improve ringers to the utmost of their power. The spirit of giving the best to God should not only appear in ringing, but in their whole life. What should they say if ringers called people to church and did not attend themselves? Their praise to God was not to finish with that outer part of the service they rendered, it meant going on to His Church, and through His Church to home and work, with that same spirit in their hearts that they would give their best to Him. It was that which made life beautiful and happy. Their aim should be that all their life should ring true.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the genial and popular Master (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) presiding.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; hon. treasurer, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; auditor, Mr. E. Francis. The Rev. Ackworth (Twyford) was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee, caused by the death of Mr. J. E. Hern; the other members of the committee were re-elected.

A member asked if the committee would take into consideration the making of a rule to limit the number of members which might be elected to the committee from any one branch. It seemed a perfect farce to re-elect them en bloc. They ought to retire by rotation, and so give others a chance of serving.

The Master said the committee were elected from year to year, and if any man showed that he ought to be on the committee, he was usually put on from a branch. If the meeting desired it, the committee would take the whole question of the election of committee into consideration. They did not elect each person individually, simply to save time.

The Member: My idea is that some should retire every year by rotation.

The Master: If we did that we should lose some whose help it would be very hard to spare. There are some who we should not mind if they retired oftener than each year (laughter). There are some we should not like to retire at all.

It was understood that the committee would take the whole question into consideration.

REFERENDUM ON PLACE OF MEETING.

On behalf of Mr. F. Hayes, of High Wycombe, who was unable to be present, Mr. A. W. Osborne formally moved "that the Guild hold its annual festival at High Wycombe on a Saturday once in every three years, commencing in 1914."

Mr. Wright moved as an amendment that the whole question of the place for the annual meetings of the Guild be referred to a special meeting of the committee, and that the Master be requested to arrange such meeting at a place at which and a time when all branches could be represented, the committee to report to the next annual festival. He thought Mr. Hayes' resolution as it stood was far too drastic. Moreover, he did not think the annual meeting was the place to discuss the matter until the committee had considered it, because it was practically impossible to get each branch properly represented. A much more satisfactory solution of the difficult question would be to get the committee to report; especially in view of the fact that possibly before they met again the diocese might be divided.—Mr. Sear seconded.

The Master thought there was great sense in the amendment. He started a firebrand at the committee meeting in April at Oxford, by moving that the annual meeting should be held there each year. It set people thinking hard, but they had not thought quite hard or long enough. They wanted to think a bit more before expressing an opinion. If the amendment were carried, he thought it would be a good thing to send out a slip to each tower asking, "Are you in favour of going on as we are going, or meeting at Oxford every year; or meeting once in three years at either Reading, Oxford or High Wycombe?" If those slips were sent out and returned before the committee meeting, the representatives attending that meeting would know something of what their constituents felt.

Various speakers having advocated that the questions to be submitted to the towers should be settled by the committee, instead of by that meeting, the Master's rider was withdrawn, and the amendment moved by Mr. Wright was carried. The committee will, therefore, have to consider the question both before and after the referendum.

It was then resolved to meet at Slough in 1914.

RESERVE FUND REDUCED.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was afraid he could not report very favourably on the Guild's finances. They began the year with a balance of £28 15s. 8d., and according to his estimate that sum would be reduced to £18 5s. at the end of the year not allowing for any grants which might be made. In four out of the five years, from 1908-12, their expenditure had exceeded their income to the extent of £21 10s. At that moment they owed £23 0s. 7d. to their printers, whose account, really due in March, he had never been able to pay until December, which was very unsatisfactory. It was quite true they had some money in the reserve fund, which stood at £32 2s. 7d., and he proposed that they should withdraw from that fund a sum not exceeding £15 for general purposes: in order that they might pay the printer, and have a balance of £33, out of which they could make what grants they desired that day. He thought this was the only thing to do in the emergency. What they must all try to do in the branches was to get a larger number of hon. members. Their ringing members were only paying 1s. a year, and he thought they were getting exceedingly good worth for their money. There were many other associations who paid 2s. per member. He did not suggest that the 1s. should be raised, but he did urge that they should try to get more hon. members.

The motion was agreed to, and grants of £2 2s. each were made towards the restoration of the bells at Milton-next-Steventon and Penny Stratford. A grant to Leicester was referred to the committee for consideration.

The Master pointed out that the Guild could not go on making grants on the same scale, unless they got a vast increase in their hon. members. They would have to cut them down by a half.—At the suggestion of Mr. W. P. Routh, it was decided that the committee should inquire into the financial position of the Guild.

Reporting for the Robinson Memorial Committee, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said the sum received was £205 3s. 8d. They had erected the screen and tablet at Drayton, and had put up a tablet at Oxford. With the balance that remained they proposed to put up a bronze at Appleton, where Mr. Robinson learned his ringing, and where he increased the peal from eight to ten.

The Master reported that the special committee appointed to draw up a form of service for the Guild had completed its labours, and they had used it for the first time that day. They were now considering the issue of a little book for ringers, which should contain this service, and some other suggestions which were being made by the Rev. Ackworth, of Twyford.

GUILD'S SUPPORT FOR LADIES.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported upon the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, which was attended by the Master, Mr. Hopgood and himself as representatives of the Oxford Guild. He mentioned that the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn was appointed hon. librarian, and now had charge of the Central Council's publications. He had also had another office thrust upon him, and that was that of Ambassador of Commerce, or, to use another term, he had become commercial traveller to the Exercise at large (laughter). He took his pack to Winchester, and at the Winchester Guild meeting sold more than the late publishers sold in a year. Coming to the question of the attitude of the

public towards ringing, he said he thought if there was any change it was in the populous towns. In the country he did not think there was much objection to bell ringing; in fact, people looked forward to it. Where there was objection he thought it was largely due to the stupidity of the architect who, although he was told how to do it, made the tower so that the sound was thrown downward instead of out of the top. They had got to convert the architects, and a committee was going to meet the Society of British Architects to see what could be done. They hoped to be able to get the architects to look at the matter, from the ringers' and public's point of view, and not from their own point of view, because they knew absolutely nothing about it (laughter). He had a case under his notice recently of a fine old tower centuries old, where the bells had been restored, and the Vicar wrote him that the architect had said the bells might only be chimed and not rung until October; would he, therefore, get eight men to chime the bells for the opening service, as if ringing were allowed the disintegration of the tower might take place. He (Mr. Coleridge) replied that the ringing of the bells would make no more difference than the organ playing in the chancel.

Mr. Coleridge next touched upon the representation of the Ladies' Guild, and said the only line he could take up was that if they had an association of their own they were bound to grant them representation when they were strong enough. He, therefore, moved that women should be represented on the Oxford Guild Committee, and on the Central Council, when eligible.—Mr. F. Hopgood seconded, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis added that he hoped the resolution would take effect, and that their branches would return in some instances lady members to the Guild Committee (The Master: Hear, hear).—The motion was carried unanimously.

A GUILD BADGE.

The Secretary introduced the subject of the adoption of a Guild badge, and the matter was referred to the committee to choose a design, the only dissentient voice being that of the Rev. E. W. Wilson (Freeland), who saw no necessity for a badge. They were, he said, already well united without any badge, and his experience of other societies was that a badge was only a nuisance.—Other members spoke in favour of a badge, one remarking that the majority of members would be only too proud to wear one.

The election of 81 change ringing members and 40 probationers was confirmed, and this concluded the business.

THE DINNER.

At the dinner, which followed, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. H. C. Mylne) presided, supported by the Master, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, the Rev. H. M. Wilder, Dr. Nash, Mr. A. E. Reeves, etc. Several toasts were honoured, and the Chairman welcomed the Guild to Wokingham. He contrasted its position when last it met in the borough, 18 years ago, with that of to-day. In 1895 they had 811 change ringers, now they had 1,413; in 1895 they rang 52 peals, last year they rang 122. He referred to the association between the late master, in the last days of his life, and the town of Wokingham, and went on to say that the Guild laid the whole community under a debt of gratitude for the services rendered by its members. He wished it success and continued prosperity.

The Master, who responded, was warmly greeted, and referred to some of the evidences which marked the progress of the Guild, but he added that although they sometimes spoke as if all their belfries were in perfectly good order, they occasionally got a rude shock. There was still something to do even in the way of the education of incumbents. The start of the new branch in the Valley of the White Horse, which was absolutely foreign to change ringing, the provision of a voluntary band to ring for the diocesan missionary festival at the Cathedral—the ringers' offering to the grand work which was laid upon every churchman—the accomplishment of the first peal in a new and intricate method at Caversham, were, he pointed out, all evidences of progress. In conclusion, the Master asked those incumbents who desired him to take Guild bands to the dedication of new bells or the service of blessing on the work of restoration, to be kind enough to consult him as to the date, because it was sometimes difficult to make the arrangements when dates were already fixed. He did not want to attend these dedications only because he loved to be at such services; but because he felt the Guild as a Guild ought to be represented, and if ringers were required he ought to have the opportunity of getting the best he could for the occasion.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in a happy speech, proposed "The Authorities," who, he said, included the Rector of All Saints', who had arranged the service, the choir, the organist, the two organ blowers, and the ladies (Mrs. Long and Miss Cooper), who had arranged the altar flowers.

The Rev. Long responded, and the Master then proposed the health of the preacher (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey), which was cordially drunk, the President of the Cambridge University Guild making a facetious reply.

"The Chairman," submitted by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, and acknowledged by Mr. Mylne, concluded the speech-making.

The company then dispersed to the various towers which had been opened, including the eight at All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham; Twyford and Hurst, and the sixes at Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead and Sandhurst. A great variety of methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Major, and a good many visitors heard with interest a touch of Washbrook's musical Surprise Principle.

JUDGE AND BELLS.

A BRISTOL ASSIZE INCIDENT.

In view of all that has been said recently about bells and the public, the following extract from a Bristol newspaper is interesting:—

"The Bristol Assize, at which the civil business was unusually heavy and interesting, concluded late on Saturday, Mr. Justice Ridley and visiting members of the Bar having to hurry to catch the early evening train for London. A noteworthy incident occurred between four and five o'clock, when the Judge was summing up in the libel action from Bruton. Most of the windows of the Civil Court being open, the sound of a peal (sic) of bells which commenced at a neighbouring church, penetrated with such force that the Judge's voice could scarcely be heard, and he asked if the bells could not be stopped for a little while. Inspector Adey left the Court, and a few minutes later his appearance startled the occupants of Christ Church belfry, who were much relieved when the object of his visit proved to be nothing more serious than a request to cease ringing for half an hour to oblige the Court. Meanwhile, the Judge, who was speaking against time as well as the sound of the bells, continued his summing up, and in a surprisingly short space the cessation of the peal of bells enabled his Lordship to finish his address with more comfort to himself and greater clearness to the occupants of the jury box. There was some speculation amongst the people in Court as to what the Judge would have done, or had the power to do, if the bell ringers had been impolite enough to turn a deaf ear to his appeal. One, more curious than the rest, actually expressed the hope that the men in the belfry would decline to break off their peal, so that he might see what action, if any, would be taken by the Judge."

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The summer meeting was held at Whitechurch Canonorum, a pleasant village miles from any railway. But in these days of motor vehicles, even isolated places are made more accessible, and so by means of motors, brake and cycle, between thirty and forty members spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening. The towers represented were: Beamister, Bradpole, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Lyme Regis, Wyke Regis, and the local band. In addition, the Revs. E. V. and C. C. Cox also put in a brief appearance. Service was held in the historic church, conducted by the Rev. E. H. H. Lee, the Vicar, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. F. Urquhart.—Tea, very pleasantly arranged on the Vicarage lawn, followed. A band of ladies presided at the urns, and the peaceful surroundings caused many to linger round the well-laden tables enjoying the conversation which took place over the tea cups.—At the subsequent business meeting, a letter of apology was read from the chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford), and in his absence the Rev. E. H. H. Lee was voted to the chair. The place for the next meeting was fixed, new members elected, and a donation to a local restoration voted.—With votes of thanks to the genial host and hostess for all their kindness and hospitality the meeting terminated. While, however, some returned to the tower, others enjoyed the fragrant weed and a stroll round the well-kept Vicarage lawn.

In ringing, a lot of good spade work was done, many men successfully ringing their first courses of Triples or their first six-score of Doubles. Slowly, but let us hope surely, change ringing is advancing in this branch, and meetings such as this one cannot but forward it still more.

ENCOURAGING MEETING OF THE MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

The Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild held a successful meeting at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday week. The five heavy bells were kept going in the afternoon, and a service was held in the church, after which the ringers adjourned to the Parish Room, where seventeen sat down to an excellent tea. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, branch president, supported by the Rev. A. H. Smith, Vicar of Ogbourne St. George; Mr. J. Butler, branch secretary, and ringers from Ogbourne St. George, Ramsbury, Chilton Fobat, Savernake St. Katharine, Chiseldon, and Marlborough St. Mary. It was decided that, if possible, the next three meetings should be held at Savernake, Marlborough and Bremhill. One ringer from Chiseldon was made a member of the Guild. A discussion followed as to the possibility of lowering the subscription under certain circumstances. It was decided that the branch could do nothing by itself, and it was thought very improbable that a Guild could be run on a smaller subscription. It was suggested that the parish might in some way help the ringers.—After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock. The Guild owes many thanks to the Rev. A. H. Smith for allowing the meeting to be held at Ogbourne, and for arranging the service and tea.

IF THIS SHOULD MEET THE EYE!

The Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts.) will be glad to receive the addresses of Tom King, who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Enfield on May 27th, 1912; and William Palmer, who took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston Manor, on November 30th, 1912.

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A CLEVER LADY RINGER.

Last week we recorded no fewer than three peals, rung on three successive days, in the Midlands, by Miss Margery F. Sampson. One of these peals was Stedman Cinques, and Miss Sampson is heartily to be congratulated upon having accomplished such a performance. Only one lady (Miss Parker) had previously rung a peal of Stedman



Cinques, and it is worth noting that in each instance it was rung at Birmingham under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild.

Miss Sampson is rapidly coming to the fore among the lady ringers, and she has now rung quite a number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman. This week we record her first peal of Major, and although she has not yet essayed conducting, we hope it will not be long before she adds that capacity to her accomplishments as a ringer.

ODD CHANGES.

On Thursday, July 31st, the bells of St. Mary Cray, Kent, which have been recast and a treble added to make six, will be dedicated by the Archbishop of Rochester at 7.30 p.m., and, after the service, they will be available for any ringers who care to be present.

We know what a "peal" of bells is; but what is a "peel" of bells, mentioned by a newspaper, in connection with the Assize incident at Bristol?

Any ringers attending the Foresters' conference at Manchester during Bank Holiday week, and desiring a "pull," should write to Mr. H. Chapman (a member of the Order), 11, Beech Grove; or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, who will make what arrangements are possible. Representatives will also be welcome at Pendleton on the Sunday at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

It is not everybody, apparently, who appreciates the beauties of handbell ringing. During the course of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-on-Tyne, recorded in this issue, there was a demonstration in front of a house, where the ringing was taking place, and on two occasions a handful of gravel was flung at the window, much to the consternation of the ringers. At one time also there was a bicycle bell accompaniment, which did not fit in at all well with the method or the rhythm. However, all opposition was worn down, and the ringers scored a peal.

There is a very curious fact about the situation of the parish church of All Saints' Wokingham, where the Oxford Guild's festival service was held on Saturday. The ancient borough itself stands many miles within the boundary of Berkshire, yet the parish church and a few

acres of land surrounding it, are in the county of Wiltshire. Moreover, of the three churchwardens, one is elected as the representative of the county of Wiltshire.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA.

CHANGE RINGING DELIGHTS BOSTON PEOPLE.

Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., writes: July Fourth commemorates the formal rupture between the Colonies and England, and hence forms our principal national holiday. By the local officials having charge of the celebration, it was deemed an especially gracious act that the English Guild should consent to contribute toward the festivities by attempting a peal of Grandsire on the eight old Rudhall bells of Christ (North) Church, whose silvery notes are projected over a wider area than any other peal in this vicinity.

It was the wish of the Mayor that the band should have the honour of opening the programme by starting their work at early morn; but ultimately the late afternoon was chosen as more convenient to English friends coming from distant towns, attracted by the prospect of hearing once again the musical changes with which they had been familiar in early life. The ringers broke into changes, confident of success, and the striking was almost without a hitch for three hours and three minutes, when, to our discomfiture, the bells came prematurely into rounds. It transpired that when within ten minutes of a successful finish, seven leads were omitted as the result of two bells shifting their course, though no clashing occurred to direct the attention of the outside audience to this unfortunate slip.

The ringers were: P. J. Allfrey 1, Frank Bugar (conductor) 2, Wm. Bashford 3, Geo. Moore 4, Jas. F. Laker 5, Gordon Mackman 6, S. J. Perkins 7, Richard Newton 8.

The newspapers were unanimous in their commendatory notices of the performance, of which the following will serve as an example:—

ENGLISH BELL RINGERS AT OLD NORTH CHURCH.

For the first time in America in sixty years a set of church bells were rung in full form by the English Guild of Bell Ringers at the Old North Church in Salem Street yesterday afternoon and evening.

Operated by skilled hands the historic old bells gave forth a wonderful medley of rhythmic and mellow music. The bell ringers grouped in the belfry put zest into their work.

The tones which emanated from the belfry early last evening, when the bell ringers were giving an interpretation of the old English style of ringing, were exquisite.

Salem Street, in front of the church, and the nearby thoroughfares were thronged with eager listeners. Many were old residents of the North End, but never before had they heard such a unique musical treat.

The resonance of the old bells was brought out in full force at times. People all over the district stopped on the street to listen. Boatmen and members of pleasure parties in the harbour were attracted by the unusual pealing of the North Church bells.

The comely steeple of Christ Church is an ancient landmark of the city. Commanding a bird's eye view of Bunker Hill across a narrow stream, the site of the earliest considerable combat of the Revolution, it was thronged with spectators upon that occasion. A marble tablet has recently been unveiled in memory of Major Pitcairn, of the British force, who received a fatal wound while leading a charge upon the earthworks, traces of which are still visible. His remains were buried temporarily in the crypt.

Our Guild has been increased by the arrival of Ernest E. Randall, of St. Albans, who landed on July 6th, and within four hours was taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church. This touch was rung in forty minutes, the striking being excellent throughout. The circle was formed by: P. J. Allfrey 1, Wm. Bashford 2, E. E. Randall 3, Geo. Moore 4, Frank Bugar (composer and conductor) 5, Gordon Mackman 6, S. J. Perkins 7, Richard Newton 8.

We learn, also, from Dr. Nichols that efforts are being made to secure rings of bells in two additional towers.

In view of the attempt for the peal, and the reference in the newspaper to the fact that "for the first time in America in sixty years, a set of church bells were rung in full form," it is interesting to recall that the only peal that has been accomplished in the United States, was rung on Sunday, June 9th, 1850, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, by a band of English ringers. It was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire, and occupied 3 hrs. 15 mins., the tenor being 18 cwt. The band was: T. H. Lesage 1, C. Rahill 2, F. G. Wade 3, H. W. Haley (conductor) 4, J. Hewett 5, W. Lobbs 6, E. Sawyer 7, R. Dodd and J. Davey 8. Two men rang the tenor because the one who started on it was lame, and had to give up after 2 hrs. 15 mins.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 15th, the first half of Holt's Ten-part (2520 changes): J. Butler 1, T. East (conductor) 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, W. E. Napper 5, R. James 6, R. G. Rice 7, J. S. Napper 8.—On May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. East, junr., 1, W. Newell 2, T. East 3, W. E. Napper 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

Some two years ago, in the course of correspondence with Mr. J. W. Washbrook on other matters, he wrote as follows: "Would the Caversham men care to learn a Surprise Principle? I have a method which is far more difficult than London and far more musical than Superlative—as good as bell music can be—and it is, I think, the first Surprise Principle you would have seen."

I accepted the offer, but the Caversham band was not able to get properly to work at it until the spring of this year. The first touch for service was rung on Whit-Sunday evening, and a few weeks later 1008 was rung for a wedding.

Recently two unsuccessful attempts were made at a peal, in each of which over one-third of the peal was rung. At the third attempt the peal was well and truly rung. The only matter for regret was that Mr. R. T. Hibbert could not take part. On the first occasion he was prevented by illness, and subsequently he insisted that the band which had acquitted itself so creditably on the previous occasion should be allowed one more good try.

With regard to the method itself, its musical qualities will, I think, not be denied, and in the course of ringing it we have found it to

possess attractions even for those who understand little or nothing of Major ringing. As bell music, then it must take a high place among methods. As to its difficulty, those who have rung the method are rather divided in their opinions; there are some who decidedly agree with Mr. Washbrook, and others who equally decidedly place it below London and Bristol. All, however, agree in calling it very intricate and tricky to ring and possessing a great fascination. It will be found, too, I think, by those who take it up, that the accomplishment of a peal depends perhaps more than in any other method upon each man being well up to his work and sticking to it. As to its name and classification, I am trying to get into communication with Mr. Washbrook, and perhaps this notice in your columns may aid me, but until I hear further from him, the peal had better appear under the title of Surprise Principle.

If for any reason a new title must be bestowed upon it, it might be called instead, "Washbrook's Caversham Enterprise." C.W.O.J.

We append the figures of the first section or block of the plain course, which, it will be noted, runs to the same length as Bob Major. All the bells do the same work, and the absence of a guiding bell, like the treble in Surprise methods, will, we think, be found its chief difficulty. We give here also the composition of the peal that was rung at Caversham and a diagram of the method.

The Method.	5040 by J. W. WASHBROOK
12345678	12345 W M H
21354687	23145 — —
23145867	31245 — —
32148576	43152 — —
23415867	31452 — —
32418576	14352 — —
23148567	41253 — —
32415876	12453 — —
23418567	24153 — —
32145876	52431 — —
31254786	24531 — —
13527468	45231 — —
31524786	32541 — —
13254768	25341 — —
31527486	53241 — —
Bob	42351 — —
13527468	Twice repeated.
15324786	6th undisturbed
51234768	throughout.
15327486	

1st Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



2

8th Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



7

2nd Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



4

7th Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



8

4th Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



6

5th Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



3

6th Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



8

3rd Place Bell Work.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at East Meon, ringers being present from Fareham, Wickham, Curdridge, Swanmore, North Stoneham, Gosport, Portsea, and Portsmouth. The bells of East Meon, which are a beautiful ring, with tenor 19 cwt., were kept going by mixed bands to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, many young bands ringing their first touch. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Heywood Masters, assisted by his curate, the Rev. Basil D. Reed) officiated. The Guild form of service was used, and the Rector, in an address, referred to the inscriptions on bells, which he said were almost invariably "to the Glory of God," and he suggested to the ringers that their work, not only of ringing the bells for His service, but their daily duty, should be for the "Glory of God." The clergy, he said, owed much to the ringers for giving up their time and energy in ringing the bells for church services.

Tea was served in the Institute, a party of 30 sitting down.—Subsequently the business meeting was held, Mr. A. T. King being voted to the chair, supported by Mr. J. W. Whiting (hon. district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), and Messrs. Harding and Chappell (representatives).—Five full members of St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and one from Swanmore, were elected.—Further ringing on the tower bells afterwards took place, and the party then travelled to West Meon, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire brought a successful meeting to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Rayleigh, on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 4 p.m., and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Fryer). Owing to the inclement weather, tea, which was to have been on the Rectory lawn, was served in the Parish Room.—At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. A. C. Cork, of Baddingtons, Rayleigh, was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. G. Freeman, W. Jay, C. Jay, E. Jay and F. Jay, of Rettendon, were elected ringing members. Ingatestone was selected as the place for the annual meeting.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. Howard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G. Fryer for arranging for the service and his kindness in providing tea; to the organist and choir who had so ably led the singing, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.—Ringing was again indulged in, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells, good striking was out of the question, nothing above the ordinary being rung. During the evening, several members visited Rettendon, where the newly-formed company took part in Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

GARGRAVE.—At St Andrew's Church, on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, C. Langstroth 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Lofthouse.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted
with the following rings of 12 bells:**

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

FROM WORCESTER TO GLOUCESTER.

On July 4th, the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, together with a few friends, had an outing by motor coach. The party, numbering 27, first proceeded to Eckington. After a short stay, they had a pleasant ride to Cheltenham, which was reached at 11 a.m. After an hour and a half to look round the town, they made their way through beautiful scenery to the pretty village of Painswick, where dinner was provided by Mr. Goddard, of the Falcon Hotel. Proceeding to St. Mary's Church, they were met by Mr. Hale, Mr. F. Cole and Mr. C. West, who conducted them to the tower, and soon this lovely peal were set in motion. A touch of Grandsire Caters and one of Grandsire Cinques were all that time would allow, and a pleasant little run soon brought the party to Stroud. Here the ringing members wended their way to the Church of St. Lawrence, where Mr. Scrivens and other ringers met them, and a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal were successfully got through. Gloucester was the next stopping place, and at St. Michael's Church the ringers were met by Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Davis, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. G. Condict. Several touches were rung to the enjoyment of the visitors, and after a look round the ancient city, the journey home was commenced, and a call being made at Tewkesbury en route, the "Faithful City" was safely reached at 10 o'clock. The Guild wish to thank the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Rector of Painswick, the Rev. Cannon Proctor, of Stroud, and the Rev. Braithwaite, of Gloucester, for the use of the bells, and those ringers who met them and did all they could to make the outing a most pleasant one.

A MOTOR SPIN.

St. Peter's Society, Bournemouth, had a motor trip for their annual outing, a large party of the ringers and friends spending an enjoyable day. Wareham was the first stop, and at the tower of St. Mary's Church the bells were set going to Stedman and Bob Major. At Dorchester, Mr. Bengier, of the local band, was ready to welcome the party, who, after viewing the historic town hall, attempted a quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Peter's Church, but without success. However, if the touch was lost, full justice was accorded to the excellent lunch which was served at the Dorchester Arms. Subsequently the petrol steed brought the company to Milton Abbas, where Mr. Perkins, of the Milton Abbey band, was in waiting, and conducted the visitors through the lovely gardens and glasshouses of Milton Abbey Park, the seat of Sir Edward Hambro, and also over the grand old Abbey, and last, but not least, to its tower, where the bells, a light ring of eight, were set going to Stedman and Grandsire. Tea was served at the Hambro Arms, after which the homeward journey to Bournemouth was made by the way of Bryanstone, Blandford, Sturminster Marshall, and Wimborne. The nice rings of six at St. Nicholas', Bryanstone, and Sturminster Marshall, were utilised for Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles. A fine day made the trip most enjoyable, and the "Evergreen Valley" was reached in quite respectable hours.

EDMONTON RINGERS' WEEK-END.

The Edmonton ringers had their annual outing on July 12th and 13th, when they visited Twyford and Reading. Reaching Twyford at 2.30 on Saturday, they were met by the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness. A few touches in Surprise methods were rung, and the ringers expressed themselves delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells, which are a new peal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Soon ringers from neighbouring churches began to arrive, including Misses White, Belcher and Chillingworth, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Messrs. H. White and A. E. Reeves. After touches in various methods, an adjournment was made to the Vicarage garden, where the Vicar (the Rev. — Acworth) entertained all the ringers, numbering about 30, to tea. A very enjoyable time was spent, and Mr. J. Parker, on behalf of the Edmonton ringers and friends, thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality and the cordial welcome he had given them.—The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome ringers to his church, and expressed pleasure at the complimentary remarks which had been passed regarding his bells.

A move was then made to Caversham, where, as usual, there was a warm welcome from the local men, who took part with the visitors in some London and Bristol Surprise. Later in the evening, touches were rung on handbells.

On Sunday morning the party visited St. Giles', Reading, and took part with the local ringers, including Miss Goodship, in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, London, and Bristol Surprise. Some of the band also visited St. Mary's Church and rang Superlative. The day passed all too quickly, and after ringing at St. Mary's for evening service, the party left Reading for home, which was reached at 10.30.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, who made all the arrangements for the accommodation of the party, and the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various churches for the use of the bells.

ROUND IPSWICH

The annual excursion of the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, is

always an enjoyable event, and this year's outing was no exception to the rule, when Ipswich was made the headquarters. There is nothing like getting off the mark early, and the party met at Liverpool Street Station at 4.50 a.m. Ipswich was reached before seven o'clock, and at the Suffolk capital they were greeted by the brothers J. and W. Motts. After breakfast, brakes conveyed the party to Coddensham, where London and Bristol were successfully accomplished. The next stop was Stonham Aspell, boasting a fine old peal of ten, upon which, after lunch, a splendid course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round. At Debenham Church, the next call, and where is to be found one of the best eights in the county, the visitors were met by Mr. W. Grimes, who took part in a touch of Superlative, which was followed by London and Bristol. At the Cherry Tree Inn dinner was waiting. The carvers saw to it that they should not be troubled too often, and after creature comforts had been fully discussed, Framsdon was visited, and courses of Cambridge and Bristol brought round. The next stop was at Helmingham, a pretty little village, whose church was reached through a lovely park. London and Double Norwich were rung, and the church, one of the prettiest that could be found, was inspected.

After calls had been made upon several of the secretary's friends, the party made for Henley, where they were received by the Rev. W. Pearson, one of the best known of the "ringing parsons," who invited them to tea in the Vicarage. This invitation was gratefully accepted, and after tea the grounds were inspected. A course of Stedman Caters was tapped off on the lawn, and then, in the tower, a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung, the Vicar taking part. After thanking the Vicar for his hospitality, tracks were made for headquarters, and at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, the party were met by most of the Ipswich ringers. A splendid course of Superlative was rung, and after a touch of London, the "Halberd," the St. Mary-le-Tower Society's "house," was visited, and with a splendid gathering of ringers a pleasant hour was spent. Here, too, the visitors found another of their party, who should have joined them at Henley, but, owing to the accident on the G.E.R., took seven hours to reach Ipswich.

On Sunday, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques were rung for service at the Tower Church. A stroll in the park preceded dinner, which was splendidly served. The river was the attraction in the afternoon, and then, in the evening, about 30 ringers turned up at the Tower Church to ring for service. A splendid course of Cambridge Maximus was tapped off, and a touch of Stedman Cinques finished the ringing; then, after a pleasant hour, it was time to bid adieu to friends, and London was reached about 10.45 p.m., after a very successful meeting. The Society wish to thank all the clergy who gave permission to ring, and the ringers who met and welcomed them so heartily, especially the guides (Messrs. J. and W. Motts), who, besides making the necessary arrangements, were a great help in the tower.—A.W.G.

UP THE THAMES.

The ringers of Christ Church, Eastbourne, joined the choirs of that and the other churches of the parish for the annual excursion on Wednesday week, when, reaching Hampton Court by train at 11 a.m., they had a trip up the Thames by steam launch. The weather was on its best behaviour, and the charm and interest of the river were greatly enjoyed. The party landed at Windsor, and made a rapid raid on the sights of the royal and ancient borough, and afterwards the return trip was made. Luncheon and tea were both served on board, and at the conclusion of the former, the Vicar (Canon Allen) thanked the organists, choirs and ringers for their services.—The Vicar was thanked for the splendid outing.—During the journey there was plenty of excellent vocal and instrumental music, which added to the enjoyment of a delightful day.

ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.

The outing of the St. Clement's company took place on Saturday week, when the party started at 6 a.m., by brake, for Stratford St. Mary, where a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round. After breakfast, at the Anchor Inn, provided by Hostess South, a move was made to Great Bromley, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. Bowell. After a short touch of Oxford they proceeded to Wivenhoe, where the bells were also set going to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob. Thorington was the next tower, and Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. At Great Bentley dinner was served at the Lion Inn by Host Lunnis, and subsequently the party wended their way to the church, where a touch of Bob Major and a short touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major were brought round. A course of Cambridge Surprise was also rung on the back six, Mr. Bowell taking part after having cycled over from Great Bromley. The return journey was then made to Tendring, where was found a nice little ring of six. The final call was at Mistley, where a well-struck 360 of Double Court was brought round. The party having visited the old church, of which only the two steeples remain, a start was made for home at 8.30, after a most enjoyable day. The members wish to thank the clergy of the respective churches for permission to use the bells, and also to Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, for arranging the dinner and helping to make the outing a complete success.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER HONOURED.

In St. Giles' Schools, Northampton, on Monday week, a presentation was made to Mr. Fred Hopper, who has retired from the belfry, after being associated with St. Giles' for 12 years. The gift consisted of a handsome silver albert and medal, with gold-mounted bell in the centre, and an address, which was as follows:—"Mr. F. Hopper.—We ask your kind acceptance of this small present, as a token of the highest esteem from the ringers and friends of St. Giles' belfry (on your retirement from the office of foreman), to show our appreciation of the good work you have rendered." Then follows the list of subscribers.—Mr. Walter Cave (churchwarden) presided over the proceedings, and Councillor John Woods, in making the presentation, said he was sorry it was necessary to make it. Mr. Hopper had been a very active bell ringer at St. Giles' for many years. He was secretary for some time, and then foreman. All appreciated the work, not only of Mr. Hopper, but of all the bell ringers—they were doing a very important part of church work—and he was not sure they were always appreciated as they ought to be. Friends at St. Giles' felt that even if Mr. Hopper was only leaving them for a short time, they could not allow him to go without some appreciation of his efforts. He hoped that when Mr. Hopper looked upon the address he would be proud to think that he had left behind many friends.—Mr. Hopper, in reply, said the gift came as a very pleasant surprise to him. What little he had done had been a work of pleasure. He should value the present very much and ever regard it as a token of the good fellowship that existed.—After eulogistic references to the good work of Mr. Hopper had been made by the Chairman, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. Sharman, the proceedings terminated with thanks to the chairman for presiding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the committee of the Lancashire Association was held at Lytham, on Saturday, when the bells at three churches were placed at the disposal of the members. Owing to the business meeting, little ringing was done, but time was found for touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Kent Major and Minor. Lytham being in the Fylde district, and close to Blackpool, it was decided not to have a branch meeting, as this is the height of the season, but several members of the branch and other friends put in an appearance. Thanks are due to the different clergy for use of bells and room for meeting, and also to Mr. Maries for arranging everything for the comfort of the visitors. It is hoped that ringers who are likely to be in the vicinity of Liverpool will make a note in their diary against October 4th, as it is hoped to have a record meeting to hear the Bishop.

LONG PEAL CELEBRATED.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the 9,600 of Grandsire Major, rung on June 30th, 1883, at Glodwick, Oldham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, by: J. Priestley 1, F. Crossland 2, I. Schofield 3, E. B. Shaw 4, Sam Stott (conductor) 5, A. Clegg 6, L. Hampson 7, J. Hilton 8. It was intended to have as many of the original ringers as possible, but there were only five available out of the eight who took part in the peal, which was rung in 5 hrs. 29 mins., by: John Hilton treble, George H. Beever 2, Albert Clegg 3, Jas. Platt 4, Fred Crossland 5, C. Dronsfield 6, Sam Stott (conductor) 7, Jas. Priestley tenor. Of the absentees on the anniversary one is dead, one has given up ringing, and the other was unable to attend. All the ringers in the quarter-peal, it is worthy of note, were over 50 years old, and the aggregate of their ages was 436 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held in the Church of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, about thirty ringers attending from Willesden, Islington, Holloway, Highgate, Clerkenwell, Southwark, Chelsea, Hackney, Hammersmith, Deptford, etc. Standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung during the evening.

The business meeting was held in the church vestry, two new members being duly elected, and various financial items, including 38s. for writing last year's peals, and £6 12s. 11d. for a set of handbells.

The Secretary reported that the sale of the old handbells realised £3 17s. 6d., but it was necessary to draw £3 10s. from the bank, to meet current expenditure, a portion of which would no doubt be returned at the end of the year. The meeting regretted the loss of one of the old members of the society, Mr. Coomb, who for a great number of years was actively connected with the Association.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the vestry, and to Mr. Boxall for having everything in readiness, the Master remarking on the clean state of the belfry and the improved state of things generally, compared with a few years ago. The new handbells, a set of sixteen (size 19, in F), supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were then tried, several courses of Stedman Caters being tapped off. The tone and quality of the bells proved exceptionally fine, those that heard them being highly pleased. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their fine production.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Sudbury district branch of this Association held their summer meeting at Sudbury, on Saturday, when a successful time was spent, both in ringing the bells of the Churches of St. Peter and All Saints', and also at the tea and business meeting held at the Bull Hotel. There were 27 members present at tea, while several more arrived later in the afternoon.—Mr. T. R. Dennis, the general secretary of the Association, very kindly took the chair, in the absence of the Rector of St. Peter's.

The report of the progress of this Archdeaconry is encouraging, for the membership is steadily increasing, and the peal record is higher than it has been for many years.—Mr. Turner, of Bury St. Edmunds, made the good suggestion that every member who goes to practice on the bells during the week should make it a rule to be present to ring for at least one service on the Sunday; and reminded members that their chief duty to their church was to ring for services.—This was endorsed by the secretary, who pointed out that they would certainly enlist the sympathy of those clergy in the district who at present are not in favour of ringers, when they found that peal ringing was not the only thing that ringers practised for.

The usual votes of thanks were passed; and the autumn meeting was fixed for Monk's Eleigh, if arrangements could be made. Touches of Kent, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Burstow on Saturday week, 25 members being present from Godstone, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, and the local band. Service was held in the church, and a capital address was given by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Teesdale).—Tea was provided by the Rector in the Church Room, and the business meeting followed.—Eighteen ringing and four hon. members were elected to the district. Bletchingley was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. E. J. Teesdale, in reply, said it was a pleasure to meet the members of the southern district, and he hoped he would again have the pleasure of seeing them at Burstow.—The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Bob and Woodbine Minor.

A report of the meeting of the Association at Egham on Saturday will appear in our next issue.

GIFT ACKNOWLEDGED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to make use of your columns to thank all those members of the Hertford County Association who so kindly subscribed to the beautiful clock and ornaments which have been presented to me on the occasion of my marriage. My wife and I deeply appreciate those tokens of esteem from my fellow members, and we shall always treasure them as mementoes of my connection with the Association.—Yours faithfully, BERTRAM PREWETT.

DEPARTURE OF MR. A. M. C. FIELD, NEWCASTLE.

It will doubtless be news to many that Mr. A. M. C. Field is leaving England to take up an important appointment in San Paulo, South America. A few years ago, Mr. Field occupied the position of secretary to the Durham and Newcastle Association; but business matters necessitated his leaving the district, and it was only some few months ago that he again took up his residence in Gosforth. A very wide circle of ringing friends regret the loss of so enthusiastic a ringer to the Association, and extend to him their heartiest wishes for success in his new undertaking.—On Sunday, July 13th, as a farewell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service, by: J. Anderson (first quarter-peal) 1, R. W. Falconer 2, J. F. Bird 3, N. Fleck 4, J. E. R. Keen 5, A. M. C. Field 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, J. S. Richardson 8.

THE LATE MR. F. A. NUNN. AN URGENT APPEAL.

The tragic death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, of Tottenham, who was drowned at Boreham, Essex, has left his widow and three young children totally unprovided for, and an urgent appeal is made for help in a very distressing case. A subscription list has been started, and already the following sums have been received: From his fellow workers, per Mr. Howell, £2 10s.; Anonymous, £2 2s.; Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, per Mr. H. F. Cooper, £1 5s.; total £5 17s. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged in this paper by "F.R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, The Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham, N.

FARNHAM.—On Monday, May 26th, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Elkins 1, E. J. King 2, H. Chaffey 3, Alf. Croucher 4, Corpl. Gilbert, R.E., 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall 8. First quarter-peal on the method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this church are being rehung in a new iron frame, the old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 26th annual festival will be held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next South and West District meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a small charge, 5.45. All ringing friends welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Calverley for practice, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells will be ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Thornhill Arms at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at six o'clock. — George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The bells at Hatfield will be available for ringing from 4 to 9.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26th. Tea can be had in the Park for 7d. per head.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (6) and Haughton (5) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells at Church Eaton available from 3 o'clock.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. The bells of St. Mary will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock.—R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m., meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday next, July 26th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following, bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 31st, August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 5th; Southwark Cathedral on August 12th; St. Paul's, Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at Beighton. Church of St. Mary (6 bells, tenor 9 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A free tea will be provided, and members who intend being present are particularly requested to notify Mr. G. Parkin, 30, Manvers Road, Beighton, not later than July 28th. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Henfield Branch.—The bells of the above tower (which have recently been recast and rehung) have kindly been placed at the disposal of the association on August Bank Holiday, and all members of the association will be heartily welcome. Tower open from 3 till 9. Short service at 6. Tea in Parish Room at 5, as guests of the Vicar, to all who send word by July 31st to Mr. E. Lish, 2, North Cottages, Henfield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. Mary's (6), St. John's (8). Service at St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction to those notifying secretary early.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual all day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Hersham 10 a.m., Walton 12 a.m., Oatlands Park 2.30 p.m., Chertsey 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall, Chertsey, at 6 p.m. Supporters requiring dinner must notify me not later than the

31st inst. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, 1913. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hilda will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at Bucks (Clifton Hotel). Members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than Friday, August 1st. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting. — T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. Woburn bells (8) will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husborne Crawley bells (6) after the service.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

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