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MOVING THE CLERGY.

In an interesting letter to the 'Diocesan Magazine' for the county of Suffolk, comprising the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Rev. Herbert Drake, of Ufford, at the request of the ringers of East Suffolk, very concisely puts forward the claims of change ringing for the consideration of those officially connected with the churches of that part of the county. He points out the ways in which a ringing association helps in Church work, and refers to the difficulties which have to be faced in instructing new hands where change ringing has never been practised, or where bands have been broken up owing to the war. It is a letter which, coming under the notice of responsible and thinking men, is likely to sow seeds which may bear much fruit in the future. It is the kind of propaganda work which promises excellent result among those whom it is of the greatest importance to interest, both in the art of ringing and in the welfare of the ringing organisations.

At their last meeting the Central Council decided upon the issue of a circular, on somewhat similar lines, to Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Deans and Clergy, and it is gratifying to see localised effort made to support the general appeal which is being issued. A good deal of whatever neglect now exists in belfries can be attributed to ignorance and thoughtlessness, and if, throughout the country, after the Council's letter has gone out, the various associations will each get one of their practical ringing clergy to support it by an appeal such as has been made—in anticipation—by the Rev. H. Drake, the effort of the Council may have an even better result than a single general letter can be expected to achieve. But more than this, we hope Canon Baker's suggestion that the subject should be brought up for discussion at Ruridecanal conferences will be seriously taken up, for it is by this means best of all, if the matter be properly handled by men who know what they are talking about, that lasting results may be obtained.

Here is a very definite piece of propaganda work which the associations all over the country can take up. When the Council's circular gets into the hands of the clergy all over the country, as we understand it soon will do, the officials of the various associations should at once take steps to get the subject placed on the Ruridecanal Conference agenda papers throughout their respective areas, by the aid of their clerical members; they should ensure speakers in support of the subject and provide them, if necessary, with information. In this way they would be able to get 'right home' with the clergy, who are at present indifferent to the matter, and would awaken an interest which would probably be stirred less effectually in any other way.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
JOHN WITHERS 2	JOHN SMITH 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 8
JOHN BASS 4	ALFRED DAVIES 9
CHARLES DICKENS 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. SHORT.

This, the annual peal, is the first in the method for the Association and in the county, also by all the band, except Messrs. Dicken, Grove and Short. Messrs. Smith and Woodberry's first peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REDDEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
ALFRED H. FLETCHER 2	SAMUEL BARKER 6
*HARRY CRADDICK 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
WILLIAM BAYLISS 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Rose May, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, of Coseley, to Mr. Walter, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. John Harris, of Wolverhampton, late of Coseley.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE FLETCHER 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
*CHARLES HARE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

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KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble	HARRY FLANDERS 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CHARLES HARE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
*CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVEIT 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAIN. Conducted by KEITH HART.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
SOCIETY.On Wednesday, August 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.

SAM THOMAS Treble	† WILLIAM CHOWN 5
TOM O'HARA 2	† GEORGE M. THORPE 6
* WALTER STUBLEY 3	CHARLES HAYNES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wednesday, August 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDWARD H. KING Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE SPENCER 6
CHARLES S. BIRD 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILBY J. HAZELL 4	* THOMAS G. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the
Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT Treble	DENISON HAYWARD 5
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 2	ALBERT ROUGHT 6
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 3	GEORGE P. BURTON 7
JOHN E. BORRITT 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells, a new and very musical ring by Messrs.
Taylor & Sons

FYLINGDALES YORKS.—On Sunday, August 1st, in celebration
of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of St. Stephen's Church,
after evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire
Triples: M. Cooper 1, A. E. Oxley 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, H. N.
Imeson 4, Miss B. Wellburn 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander
(conductor) 7, A. Coates 8. Messrs. Oxley and Coates hail from
Whitby, and Mr. Imeson from York.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.On Friday, August 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	THOMAS BETTISON 6
CHARLES MASON 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

LUTHER HONESS Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
* JOHN H. EDWARDS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	OWEN HODGES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* Elected a member of the Association previous to starting.
Quickest peal on the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	JOHN SMITH 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 7
JOHN WITHERS 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSDITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
* GLADYS E. BATEMAN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
† ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
WILLIAM BURDEN 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSDITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WALTER LAGO Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
* ROBERT EVANS 2	* DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
WILLIAM D. WASE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
BERT RIXOM 4	ALFRED S. BAYLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The
band are also members of the Hereford Guild. The ringers of the
treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Holy Trinity, Coal-
brookdale, 6th from St. Lawrence's, Ludlow, 7th from St. Chad's,
Shrewsbury.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD Treble	JAMES FLOYD 5
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 2	WILLIAM J. SHEPHERD 6
OWEN W. BAYES 3	B. JARMAN 7
HENRY JARMAN 4	HARRY GOLDING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

Ringers of the Treble and 5th were elected members of the Association.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb.

BERT CHALLEN Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGON 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 4	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWITT.

* First peal as Conductor.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

* WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
* MISS MAY DURRANT 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
* GEORGE COOKE 3	* JAMES RAMPLEY 7
JOHN GODFREY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	CHARLES E. NEWLAND 6
* GEORGE COOKE 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOOTTON COURTNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

* H. J. ARSCOTT Treble	* F. C. ARSCOTT 4
* H. W. ARSCOTT 2	F. G. ARSCOTT 5
H. L. ARSCOTT 3	H. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by F. G. ARSCOTT.

First peal as Conductor. The peal was rung in honour of the election of the first five ringers, who are, brothers, into the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal away from the treble for ringer of 3rd. Their success is mainly due to the kind instruction of Mr. Wm. Hoyle, of Minehead.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES V. HARE Treble	GEORGE WOLFE 4
ERNEST W. DAY 2	GEORGE CROFT 5
HERBERT E. DAY 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

The ringer of the treble has now rung a 5000 on each bell in the tower.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

† HAROLD EASTOE Treble	† GEORGE W. BLANCHARD 4
ARTHUR H. HOODLESS 2	† WILLIAM H. HEYBOE 5
* ANYAN PEART 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods as Conductor. Rung in connection with the pageant commemorating the 1,251st anniversary of the dedication of Old St. Peter's Church. The ringers of 3 and 4 belong to the Bigby company. 5th to Grimsby (S. James'), treble and 2nd to the local band, and the Conductor to Gainsboro' Parish Church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 3 and 4, 1920, in Two Hours and

Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in D flat.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	OLIVE L. LUMLEY 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

This peal finished at 12.50 a.m. on August 4th. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss A. Dale, of Peterborough.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, August 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in G.

† OLIVE L. LUMLEY 1-2	† GERALD MOORHOUSE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	† MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 7-8

* KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 9-10

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Witness: R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 size in F.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS.

The summer meeting of the Yorktown District of the Guild was held in the neighbourhood of Yateley on August Bank Holiday, under slightly damping conditions, but as change ringers enjoy shelter from the storm in pursuit of their calling the downpour did not dim the ardour of those who enjoyed the day out. Mr. G. Miles, the hon. secretary, was enabled to offer the ropes of five belfries in four counties (including a portion of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's area) for operations during the holiday, viz.: Yorktown, Hawley, Sandhurst, Finchampstead and Yateley, and some three dozen ringers joined in the practices representing Chertsey, Oatlands Park, Crawley, Slough, Finchampstead, Guildford, Sandhurst, Stoke Poges, Hawley, Leatherhead, Yateley, Old Windsor, Wokingham, Yorktown and Staines. The trusty cycle was the chief means of transport round the winding lanes of Berks and Hants, except where roads were covered with flood water, when 'fields and pastures new' were trodden. The standard methods were employed at each place, more or less successfully in order that everybody should have his or her spell at the tail end. Cambridge Minor at Sandhurst, and Superlative Surprise Major at Yateley, adding to the repertoire of achievement.

Service was held at Yateley Church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar who gave an address and a welcome to all from the chancel steps. The Guild's form of service was used and the ladies manned half the octave in a touch beforehand. After tea, at the adjoining hotel, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. H. Fussell. The Ringing Master's report for the year was received with thanks as it contained reference to the Central Council meeting at Northampton, comments on the proposed increase of subscriptions for 1921, and the recent seven-method deal, the first in the district. The election of new members found two names to add, Miss Iris J. Fowler, of Oatlands, and Mr. Albert Goodall, of Yateley, and they were received into the fold with joy. Votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy and the foremen of the towers visited, and by a unanimous show of hands it was resolved that the favours shown to the Guild should not be allowed to die out, but that a letter of thanks be sent direct to each parish.

The Chairman closed the meeting by referring to the history of ringing in the Yorktown district, and the generous support given in the past by the Stillwell family. Mr. J. P. Stillwell, now in his 37th year, was too poorly to come out in such 'changeable' weather, but Miss A. E. Stillwell was present to kindly cheer them on in the good work.

Another hour's ringing was indulged in with a decent touch of Stedman Triples to finish with, Miss Stillwell taking part. The ancient Hampshire timbers of the campanile were at last left to their stately

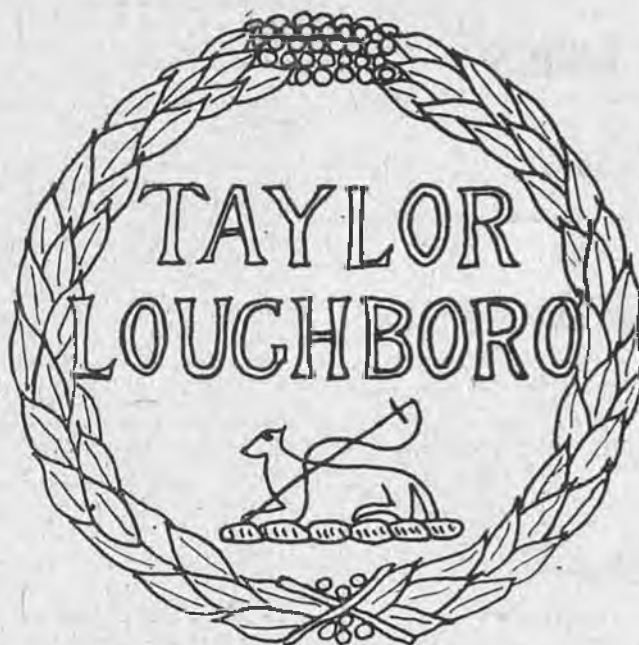
selves wondering who next was coming to try their strength and from where? Some of the visitors present had travelled over 20 miles to attend this 'gathering of the clans,' but the Miles from Owlmoor would be just too much for Bucks men. Everyone felt the district secretary had scored heavily against the clock of the weather. Surely the sound of the church bells must have warmed up some lonely bonneted heart amongst the drooping pines of Surrey on this occasion. Method ringers cannot 'bottle up' their Double Norwich or Treble Bob, and it is well to remember this.

A 'SUMMER' OUTING AT RANMORE.

A gathering of the Guildford District of the Guild had been arranged to take place at Ranmore—a beautiful spot, with beautiful bells on the top of the Surrey hills. The meeting is best described in the following letters. The District Secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) writes: 'After going through a perfect deluge I arrived at Ranmore, only to find Mr. Dobinson the tower keeper, in a disconsolate mood. We tried to cheer each other, but finally decided that no one would turn up, and we parted—he to let the bells down; I to catch the 'bus. I had got down the hill (two miles) when I heard the grand ring in full swing. If I had only known who was there, I should certainly have climbed back again, but the weather decided me to go on. The rest of the story is better told in the enclosed letter—from Greenwich:

Dear Sir.—I had hoped for the pleasure of meeting you yesterday. The notice of the meeting at Ranmore Common was too inviting to resist, but like Mr. E. F. Cole, of Hammersmith, who arrived there about noon a short time ahead of myself, it looked (at 2.30) as if 'no ringing' would have to be added to 'no service,' 'no business,' 'no speeches.' May I just detail the proceedings between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., in case you get no other report? At 3 p.m., Mr. Cole and I were joined by Messrs. T. Beadle (Isleworth) and J. Waghorn (East Ham). A few minutes later up turned one of the Reigate band, and Mr. Thomson, of Ranmore. Then followed two 'brother strings' from Windsor. So we made a start with a well-struck touch of 280 Grandsire Triples. We were then reinforced by Messrs. F. C. Newman (West Ham), and A. Hardy and A. Faulkner (Barking) with two or three other Reigate men, and three lady ringers—two from Aldershot. Three courses of Grandsire with the ladies were rung, conducted by a Reigate man. Then 336 Stedman Triples conducted (as was the 280 Grandsire) by myself. Later, two courses of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by A. Hardy. A plain course of Grandsire concluded the ringing at 5 p.m. Despite the dismal weather, the little gathering was very successful, even though brief and I am gratified that I made the trip, and breasted the two-mile hill for the pleasure of listening to and ringing upon the grand ring at St. Barnabas Church.

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LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT IN PROSPECT.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at St. Nicholas' on Saturday last, and proved a great success. The church contains five bells. It is on the main South Wales Road, between Cardiff and Cowbridge and is almost unique, inasmuch as there is to be seen in the chancel, fixed close to the roof, an old Sanctus bell.

The late running of the train accounted for several members putting in a late appearance, but they arrived just in time to join with the rest at tea, which had been very kindly provided by Miss Cory, a keen supporter of the church.

Afterwards, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. O. Olston), who by the way, has only been recently inducted to the parish, having been formerly in Ireland, and close to the grand peal of bells in Arklow.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Rector of Redwelly, thanking the association for sending the hon. sec. to give advice on the Redwelly bells. Since the visit the order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor to complete the octave by adding two trebles.

Mention was made that the tablet to be placed in the Cathedral to the Association's fallen ringers was nearing completion.

New members were elected from St. Athan, Bonvilstone, and the whole of the St. Nicholas' band, which numbers eleven.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Llangibby on Sept. 25th.—The usual vote of thanks terminated the meeting.

The bells of Bonvilstone were available for ringing, and several took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded. The weather was glorious, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

THE LEICESTER CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My appreciation of your leader on six-bell towers, and subsequent defence of the five and six bell ringers of this district has branched off into a purely local matter, having no bearing on the subject whatever, and I, therefore, ask you kindly to publish my final reply to Mr. Dexter. He says no controversy would have been raised had I kept to my subject, but forgets the fact that he himself caused this by assuming himself an injured party, and taking upon himself the responsibility of the whole eight and ten bell towers when no names were mentioned. (There were four societies at the time stated, now reduced to three.)

Not knowing how to answer directly and to the point, he quibbles about 'my self-glory' and his 'modesty,' while his latest bluster about the troubles of Tom, Dick and Harry are amusing, but not very convincing, and only go to show how he is trying to wriggle out of an awkward position. All through, his letters have cast insulting remarks on my integrity and honour as a ringer, but I leave it to your readers who know me to judge as they think fit, and to the local societies to either condemn or uphold me.

I attended the last two meetings of the M.C.A. in the hope of seeing Mr. Dexter personally, and having this matter over before the members, but his absence from any activities beyond his own society makes this impossible. I reconcile my statement that it is a deliberate lie to say a first-class ringer stood out to allow me a privilege and his remark that they ring Surprise methods for Sunday services, thus: For years his society only rang Grandsire and Stedman, and on many occasions I have been asked to make up their bands for this. (I can give dates if necessary.) It is only during the last twelve months or so they have rung other methods for services, and that owing to the augmentation of their band by 'ready-made' ringers from other churches. My first letter clearly states 'before the war.'

Mr. Dexter still persists in stating (falsely as all local ringers know) his society made me what I am, so evidently I still belong there, not having had notice to the contrary. If his remarks on spiritualism, written with the consent of St. Martin's Society, are the best respect they can pay to those members who have passed away, and the general purport of his remarks, their thanks for services rendered, then I take this opportunity to ask them to erase my name from their records wherein they at one time were pleased to quote me as a member.

Finally, Mr. Dexter's last remark on two kinds of conductors fits his own case very well, for on his own showing he has to find a conductor, and a perusal of St. Martin's records shows he asks himself every time without fail. I prefer to belong to that class of ringer who will join in assisting a local band to score a peal of Doubles or Minor, with the same enthusiasm as in joining a first-class band on a peal of ten or twelve bells. The former is not beneath my dignity, nor the latter above my aspirations.

I refuse to say any more on this subject, either privately or through the press, but leave the matter entirely to the judgment of the local ringers as stated above. Apologising for again trespassing on your valuable space yours sincerely,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY. UNVEILING CEREMONY AT OLDLAND.

The memorial, erected by the ringers of this country, to the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, was unveiled at St. Anne's Church, Oldland, Bristol, on Saturday last. It consists of a tablet placed in the chancel of the church in connection with a handsome reredos recently erected by means of subscriptions from the parishioners, and to which the bell ringers also contributed in recognition of the late Vicar's practical interest in change ringing. The inscription on the tablet reads: 'The Bell Ringers of England contributed to this reredos erected in the memory of the late Herbert Adolphus Cockey, hon. treasurer and past master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.' Prior to the service the following ringers from St. Stephen's, Bristol, rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters on handbells over the grave of the late Vicar, viz.: Messrs. H. T. Howell 1-2, A. Reeves 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, G. Condict, junr., 7-8, and C. Gordon 9-10.

At the service the officiating clergy were the Vicar of Oldland (Rev. S. R. Worters) and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of Deane, Hants, hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Among those also attending were the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, late Master; Mr. W. A. Cave, Master; H. Howell, chairman; F. K. Howell, treasurer; and E. Guise, secretary of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association; and the ringers present included visitors from Wotton-under-Edge, Berkeley, Dursley, Stinchcombe and Thornbury.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies gave an address based on Hebrews xiii. 7 and 8, 'Whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.' He remarked that the late Vicar was one who worked in the parish with faith and zeal for many years, and one who it was a great privilege of his to be friends with ever since Oxford days. He knew how thorough he was, and he had the valuable quality of being very methodical and businesslike. He sat for many years on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and they knew how sound and valuable his advice was. They among whom he lived, particularly those who held offices in the church, must have known how true his (the speaker's) remarks were. The late Vicar also had a sense of humour. What a help it was if they could see the lighter side of things! Taking especially the religious quality, how steadfast he was in his faith! He was steadfast in friendship. They had known each other for forty years, and never once was there the slightest shadow between them. Steadfastness kept him going in faith and friendship until the last, and also kept him going in his work perhaps too long. He worked until his health failed, and he could work no longer. Referring to the form of the memorial, the reredos and beautifying of the altar, the speaker said nothing delighted the heart of the late Vicar more than to make the worship of God in church as beautiful and as reverent as he possibly could. The beautifying of the altar came at an opportune time because one great work the Church of England had before it was to get back the service of Holy Eucharist into its proper place, as it had been put in a secondary position. They could not render any service too beautiful, but at the same time they must not relegate the great and beautiful service to a secondary place.

Following the service about 100 visitors were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, arranged by Mrs. Worters, Mrs. C. Willmott, and Mrs. W. Fudge, with many lady helpers.—The Vicar heartily welcomed the visitors, and read a letter from Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, of Sheffield, a change ringer and a cousin of the late Vicar, apologising for absence and referring to the great esteem in which the late Vicar was held. He was a man of God in the truest sense of the word, and would always be held in kindly remembrance by all change ringers. Canon Papillon, of St. Albans, Herts, also wrote apologising for absence, and referred to his association with the late Vicar as a bell ringer in Essex in 1884.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for attending. At the instance of Mr. Guise, seconded by Mr. F. Howell, the Vicar was thanked for the arrangements for the service and tea, and the Vicar made suitable acknowledgment. Selections on the handbells were given during the proceedings and ringing afterwards took place at Warmley Parish Church and St. Stephen's, Bristol.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Royston on Saturday last, when some 25 members and visiting ringers were present. Touches were rung upon the recently augmented peal of bells, and a service, very kindly arranged by the Vicar (who was unavoidably absent), was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Smith. After tea, at a neighbouring restaurant, the business meeting was held, the Rev. W. H. Smith being unanimously voted to the chair. Three new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Hitchin in November.—Thanks were expressed to the Rev. W. H. Smith for presiding over the meeting and for conducting the service, to which he suitably replied; also to the Vicar for arranging for the service and for the use of the bells. The ringing embraced seven methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Double Norwich Major.

RINGERS' EXCURSIONS. THROUGH DORSET BY MOTOR.

The motor charabanc is now the favourite means of touring the country for a ringers' outing, and the Wyke Regis band made a wide sweep of Dorsetshire, when they had their annual trip recently. The party, numbering 28, including the Rector, organ, churchwardens, and adult members of the choir, visited many of the beauty spots and historic places in the county and rang at no fewer than eight churches. At Sherborne the old city and abbey were inspected, but the first ringing was done at Charlton, Hornethorne, and the next at Milborne Port, where the visitors were met by the Guild Master (Major Hughes D'Aeth). The next call was at Kington Magna, the home of the genial hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), who gave the party a hearty welcome, and rang in the Doubles on the five bells of his church. An illustration of his great love of bell music is the lovely sweet-toned peal of handbells, hung beside the organ (in the same pitch), and he gave the party an exhibition of tapping, accompanied by the organ, which was admired by all. Lunch and ringing at Gillingham was followed by a visit to Shaftesbury or Shaston, the ancient British Palladium. Shaston is in itself the city of a dream—vague imaginings of its castle, its three mints, its magnificent apsidal abbey, the chief glory of South Wessex, its twelve churches, its shrines, chantries, hospitals, mansions—all now ruthlessly swept away. Shaston was the burial-place of a king and a queen, of abbots and abbesses, saints and bishops, knights, squires. The bones of King Edward 'the Martyr,' carefully removed hither for holy preservation, brought Shaston a renown which made it the resort of pilgrims from every part of Europe. It has a unique position on the summit of a hill rising out of the deep alluvial vale of Blackmoor. The view from the top of the tower of Holy Trinity (on the six bells of which the party rang), over three counties of verdant pasture was grand. A Iwerne Minster, which once belonged to Shaftesbury, and which has the distinction of possessing the only stone spire in Dorset, with the exception of Steepleton and Trent, the visitors enjoyed ringing on the six bells before proceeding to Blandford, where tea was partaken of. Advantage was taken of this interval to thank the hon. secretary for the admirable arrangements he, with his committee, had made for the tour. From Blandford, the journey was resumed to Wimborne, and finally to Bere Regis, where ringing for the day was concluded at 9.30 p.m., Wyke Regis being reached at 11.15 p.m. after a most happy and enjoyable day.

NUNEATON RINGERS' OUTING.

A most enjoyable time was spent by the Nuneaton Parish Church Society, when the members, together with their wives and several friends including Mr. A. Roberts, Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. H. Briggs of Stoney Stanton, journeyed to Ashby-de-la-Zouch by motor charabanc. A call was made at Netherseal, and the party were given a hearty welcome by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. Worthington), who had kindly granted permission for the bells to be rung. An hour's ringing was indulged in, and touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise were brought round. After expressing their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells the party proceeded to Overseal, where several touches in various methods were rung. Tea had been arranged in the schools by Mr. A. Jackson and the local ringers, and the wants of the company were attended to by Mrs. Jackson and several other ladies, to whom at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the substantial meal provided.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector for use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the splendid arrangements made and the welcome they had given. After a few more touches on the delightful peal a move was made for the historic town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples with members of the local band, were again brought round concluding with a course of Cambridge Surprise. A pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers, to whom thanks were expressed for meeting the party. The day's enjoyment of the ringers and their friends was made complete by the hearty welcome given by the incumbents at the places visited, and the arrangements and hospitality afforded by the local bands.

A VISIT TO THE ISLAND.

The North Stoneham ringers spent their outing by a visit to the Isle of Wight, travelling by boat from Southampton Pier to Cowes, and en route obtaining a good view of the 'Imperator' and the 'Mauritania,' both of which mammoth ships were in Southampton Docks. Another interesting craft was the large steam yacht lying off Cowes, which the ex-Kaiser had built while the war was in progress at a cost of over £4,000,000 to enable him to cruise round the world after the Germans had won the war. This ship has just returned from a voyage to India for the P. and O. Company. A short journey on the wonderful Isle of Wight Central Railway brought the party to Newport. A visit was first made to Carisbrooke Church, about a mile distant. The eight bells there are unringable at present, several being cracked, but it is satisfactory to know that a fund is being raised for

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the restoration of the peal, and a fete to be held at Carisbrooke Castle shortly, to be opened by H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, is expected to realise a good sum towards the project. The bells have been inspected by the bell hangers, and it is hoped the job will soon be put in hand. The peal boards on the walls of the belfry show that a flourishing ringing society existed at Newport and Carisbrooke about the year 1777.

Mr. Upton, of the Newport band, had kindly made arrangements for dinner, and had also got permission from the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Thompson) for ringing on the eight bells of the Parish Church at Newport, which, however, was limited to one hour, as the church is situated in the business part of the town.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, Messrs. Upton, Calloway Phillips and Scammel, of Newport, taking part. Then followed a visit to Godshill, which is a pretty village about 5½ miles from Newport. The Vicar (the Rev. Bartlett) readily gave permission for ringing and the bells were found to be a musical ring of six. Tea was provided by one of the inhabitants, who acted as guide. As there was no convenient train back to Cowes from Godshill the party had to go on foot to Morston Junction, but the walk was much enjoyed, in spite of the two long Isle of Wight miles, the scenery by the way being much admired. Cowes was reached in time to catch the 7.35 p.m. boat, and another pleasant water trip brought the party safely back to Southampton, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

WYCOMBE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the High Wycombe ringers was held on Wednesday week. The ringers were accompanied by wives and children, and the Vicar, who motored with the party, kindly conveyed a passenger in his sidecar. The remainder journeyed by charabanc. Watlington was the first stop and the bells were soon set going. After several good touches, Wallingford was next visited, and here some good ringing was indulged in. Dinner was partaken of in *al fresco* fashion; and this part of the programme was also enjoyed. Dorchester Abbey and church were next visited. Owing to illness, no ringing could be done here, but a stroll round this famous historic building proved very interesting. Abingdon was the next call, and on arrival the ten bells were soon in motion. After a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters the party adjourned for tea, and ringing was then again resumed. Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Caters being brought round. Dusk beginning to fall, a move was made for home, the party safely reaching Wycombe just before ten o'clock, the party having had a most successful day's outing.

KENT AUGMENTATIONS.

NORTHFLEET WAR BELLS DEDICATED

On Saturday evening last, the two new trebles at Northfleet, Kent, were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Rochester. These two bells have been given as a war memorial by the inhabitants, and the inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Given by the people of Northfleet in memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918.

2nd.—Presented by the people of Northfleet in commemoration of the Declaration of Peace, 1919.

The old six bells have been restored and quarter turned and rehung in the fine old oak frame which was erected in 1757, and now make an excellent peal of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. This work was entrusted to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, this being his 25th restoration in the county of Kent, and the ringers present at the opening were unanimous in the opinion that he had not made a better 'splice,' as the tone and 'go' were all that could be desired. Mr. Bowell was unfortunately unable to be present to receive the ringers' congratulations.

The church was well filled when the service of dedication took place, and during the singing of the opening hymn 'Now at length our bells are mounted,' the choir and archdeacon, who was supported by five clergymen of the district, proceeded to the western door. The dedicatory prayer having been said, a few rounds were rung by the local ringers.—The Archdeacon in his address, congratulated the people of Northfleet on their splendid memorial, and reminded them that the sound of the bells was a call to service. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and a collection in aid of the Bell Fund realised over £4.

The bells were afterwards kept ringing until 9.30 in various methods, and in addition to the local band, Rochester district was represented by the secretary and representatives, and members from Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton and Rochester Towers, Lewisham District was represented by Mr. T. Groombridge, secretary, and Mr. J. Barnett. All were heartily pleased to see Mr. John Cheeseman at the ropes again, and congratulated him on his recovery.

Rochester District ringers are fortunate in the bell restorations taking place in their midst. Hulling and Northfleet have been added to and restored. The 'Victoria' peal at Chatham has been rehung, and visitors will now find the 'go' perfect. Rochester Cathedral are

in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and it is hoped before long the district will have its first peal of ten ready for ringing in the old Cathedral. The five at Frindsbury are to be augmented into a peal of eight, and the five at Stockbury are to be rehung. The order for the two latter rings are in the hands of Mr. A. Bowell.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOOKING FEES.

A fine afternoon brought over 40 members and friends to the quarterly meeting of the Northampton District held at Cogenhoe on Saturday last. The very fine ring of six was kept going in several methods during the afternoon. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Stebbings), after which tea was served in the school-room, ably prepared by the ringers' wives, and enjoyed by everyone. The Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Cogenhoe, and a business meeting which followed was presided over by the vice-president, the Rev. — Friend, of Collingtree (who, by the way, was the previous Vicar of Cogenhoe, and was the means of getting the old three bells made into a peal of six). Seven new members were elected.

Mr. Law brought up the question of the fee for booking peals. He thought the fee should still be collected, and should go towards the cost of printing peals in the Annual report.—The Secretary promised to bring the question up at the next committee meeting.

Afterwards several members cycled to Whiston, about a mile away, and made use of the bells there, which were placed at their disposal during the day.

A KENT VICTORY PEAL.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday morning, July 11th, an interesting ceremony took place at Shorne, Kent, during the morning service, when a board recording a peal of Minor, rung for the peace celebrations at the termination of the war was unveiled and dedicated in the Parish Church by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Marsh, M.A.). The peal recorded on the board was in six methods, and the second to be rung on that day by the Milton-next-Gravesend band. To commemorate the ringing of the peal at his birth-place, Mr. John Avis, one of the ringers, very kindly provided the permanent record, which is a valuable addition to the ringing chamber. Midway through the service, the Vicar proceeded to the ringing chamber, where he was met by the ringers and Mrs. Baker, wife of the churchwarden, who graciously performed the unveiling ceremony. The dedication prayer used was a translation from the Latin of the sixth century. After the prayers and a few rounds on the bells the Vicar took for his sermon the words from Zechariah xiv. 20, 'And there shall be upon the bells on the horses, Holiness unto the Lord.' He likened the horses unto war, and the bells to peace, and in congratulating the ringers upon their 'peace after victory' peal, urged upon them to follow the motto that had enabled them to be victorious in the war—not 'go—but 'come.' Some ringers after ringing thought they had done their part, but he wanted their motto to be 'Come with me'—bring people to church and then go themselves. A very impressive service finished with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God.'

Previous to the service, the Milton ringers rang 720 Cambridge Surprise on the bells: John Avis 1, H. Argent 2, G. A. Jones 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was also rung, in which C. Winsor (Frindsbury) and two of Mr. A. Bowell's employees, together with G. Barden, one of the local ringers (who thus scored his first of Treble Bob), with F. Mitchell (conductor), and G. Morrad, took part.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. J. Avis for providing the board.

Those who were in no hurry spent a pleasant half hour while Mr. Avis piloted the party round some of his old haunts of nearly sixty years ago. The cottage where he was born and the holly tree planted by him as a boy show signs of age. 'The place where I smoked my first pipe' was pointed out, and the consequent result was dramatically told.—In proposing the health of Mr. Avis, the leader of the Milton band expressed the hope that his connection with the Milton tower, which had been upwards of 30 years, would still last on, and that he would enjoy good health for many years to come.

The performance of the Cambridge University Guild on May 19th in ringing on handbells the first peal of spliced Major Methods is worth more than passing notice. This was a composition combining Plain and Little Bob, ingeniously arranged by Mr. E. M. Atkins, the first 117 courses each consisting of a lead of Plain Bob followed by a lead of Little Bob and another lead of Plain Bob. The requisite number of changes was made up of three full courses of Plain Bob the whole peal being 5016 changes. And, when one comes to think about it, the ringing of such a peal is not quite as easy as may at first sight appear.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Scarborough-Pickering Branch.—The next monthly united practice meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, August 21st. Bells from 2 p.m. Ringers visiting the town cordially welcome.—H. Ferguson, Ringing Master.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available at 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Barrett). Tea at 6 at the "Maypole" Inn, followed by the business meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, N., on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3.30 till 7.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on August 21st. Bells available from 3. Meeting at 5.30. Business: Election of Branch Sec. and nomination for President and General Sec.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, August 21st.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hanley Castle on Saturday, August 21st. Service at 4 o'clock, business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on August 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Finchley on Thursday, August 26th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30; short business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. The next meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 28th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A Quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Kingswinford, Staffs, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar). Tea will be provided.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Foxearth on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Short service, with address by Rev. H. S. Carpenter, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Club room, 1s. 3d. per head. Members please notify their intention to be present not later than August 31st to H. F. Cooper, District Master, 'Red Lion,' Stisted, near Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.14, with an address by the Rev. K. G. Rosher, Vicar. Tea will be provided at 6. Please send word by Tuesday, August 31st. Reports will be distributed.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Sept. 4th.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich District.—A meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Saturday, Sept. 4th. By kind permission of Dean Carter,

the bells will be available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome (especially those in the Sudbury Archdeaconry). Arrangements are being made for tea at a reasonable price. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than August 29th?—E. Evans, 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

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