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OXFORD GUILD AFFAIRS.

There was a very businesslike air about the transaction of the affairs of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting on Saturday. There were several matters of considerable importance on the agenda, the most contentious being, in view of past discord on the subject, the venue of next year's festival. The claims of Buckinghamshire were put forward, and, having regard to the ultimate voting, it is by no means certain that that county would not have secured a majority had it been possible to go to High Wycombe, but, as we pointed out when the secession of this tower was threatened, the mere fact of its withdrawal from the Guild made it impossible that this Bucks centre should be chosen. High Wycombe, therefore, robbed itself of very probable selection by its action, for the little town of Beaconsfield, proposed as an alternative, was only defeated by four votes out of the 72 cast between it and Oxford. A referendum motion was defeated, for the view was taken that with those who attended the meeting should rest the fixing of the next venue—and that is a difficult argument to contest.

Although several other matters of importance to the Guild were decided, they were passed without dissent, showing that there is behind the Guild a strong body of united opinion. Even a motion that the branches shall be charged in future for the copies of the report required by their respective members was unchallenged. In some other associations this would hardly have been the case, despite the reasonableness of the claim that branch balances should be called to the aid of the central fund. In the Oxford Guild the branches may retain up to one half of the subscriptions of members, and the consequence has been that, while the printing of a report on the present lines would soon have swallowed up the reserves of the general fund, the branches have accumulated substantial amounts for which they have no pressing use. The proposal which was adopted on Saturday is one which other associations may be tempted to try, where their branches have funds that will enable them to do so.

The appointment of a paid secretary was another matter which met with no opposition. We were not quite correct when we said last week that this proposal was a new departure. We wrote from recollection, but the Master pointed out that the principle was in operation in the Oxford Guild before the war, and was only suspended when the claims of those dark days put a temporary end, or nearly so, to the work of the association. However, in their present secretary the Guild has

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a man who, whether paid or unpaid, would put more than twenty pounds' value into the work, and since the Guild are ready to pay for the services rendered we do not hesitate to say they could not invest their money upon anyone who will give them a better return than Mr. Tom Hibbert.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT	7
WILLIAM J. NODDS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8	
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 9	
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	WILLIAM PYE 10	
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5	*REUBEN SANDERS 11	
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6	WALTER AYRE Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. ADSTIN Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	PERCY WEBB 6
* HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
WILFRED C. IBBETT 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The hand wish to thank Mr. G. Bridge, the local captain, for having the bells ready.

Reports of peals rung on August Bank Holiday should be posted the same night, so as to reach this office on Tuesday morning and ensure publication in our next issue.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM KINSEY Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
CHARLES WOODCOCK 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	JAMES ROSE 7
LESLIE WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTERILL Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER 7	
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the above church.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	LEWIS J. EVANS... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 7
JOHN HAYES 4	†GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † 150th peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the Kent Treble Bob record length. Rung after meeting short on account of weather.

TADCASTER.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	JOHN HARRISON 5
ALFRED BARKER 2	ERNEST LINDLEY 6
ALLEN DENNISON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal away from the tenor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Ursula Grosvenor and Capt. Filmer Sankey, who were married in London on this date.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTERILL ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JOHN E. PYWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the Parish Church, which was consecrated on July 23rd, 1824. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Rishworth.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WM. J. ALDRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	C. S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5
*ORD-ART. A. GROVE, R.N. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
*ALFRED CONNELLY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
GEORGE TREW 4	†FRANK PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

† First peal. * 200th peal. Mr. George Trew was elected a member of the association previous to starting. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN WATSON 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bt. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Arranged for Messrs. Watson and Tomlinson, who were on a visit from Blackburn.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 6
WILLIAM WATTS... .. 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	FREDERICK BAILEY 7
ALLAN R. HICKTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Violet Glover, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Glover, of Millfield Road, Ilkeston, and Mr. Bernard Skelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Skelton, of West Hallam.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM E. BANKS ... Treble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ... 5
GILBERT GUEST... .. 2	HORACE DOWELL... .. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM MEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were re-hung. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ERIC G. LOCKE Treble	GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3 ^d
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
HARRY DYAS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	HARRY A. FOLKARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

F. LAWTON Treble	V. HOWORTH 5
H. BARLOW 2	J. KAY 6
F. DUNKERLEY 3	B. THORP 7
C. PLATT 4	T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by B. THORP.

First peal by all the band except B. Thorp. The ringers of 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor are only 18 years of age.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*RUSSELL CURSON 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by the late SAM THOMAS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal. For composition see 'Ringing World,' July 25th, 1924.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except the conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb.

WILFRED C. IBBETT Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 5
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	FRANK ROWLINGSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROWLINGSON.

First peal as conductor.

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR RIGGALL Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
JOHN G. AMES 2	JOHN CURRY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ladd.

CHURCHILL, OXON.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, July 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 21 different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G

ALFRED HILL Treble	JOHN KEYTE 4
ERNEST WITHERS 2	HORACE TERRY 5
WALTER LARGE 3	HENRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

BARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

†ARTHUR PEAKE 1	*WALTER N. ASHEY 3
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	†WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 4

JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

† First peal on five bells. * First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the preferment of the Vicar of Stoke to the Deanery of Carlisle. First peal of Stedman Doubles by the Association.

HANDBELL BELLS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5176 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 7—8
*ERNEST MORRIS 9—10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Stedman as conductor 'in hand,' and his 300th peal.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 1—2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5—6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3—4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8
JAMES E. GOFTON 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

This peal was arranged for R. D. Marshall, of London, and is his first peal on handbells.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. SUBSCRIPTION TO BE INCREASED.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton, on Saturday week, was one of the most successful in the history of the society. Ringing commenced at St. Nicholas' Church about 3 p.m., and at 4.30 the Guild's special service was taken in church by the Vicar, assisted by Canon Dodds. The Archdeacon gave the address. Upwards of 60 ringers were present from various parts of the county, including a number of ladies.

At the conclusion of the service tea was provided on the Vicarage Lawn, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, with the assistance of several ladies, including the wives of the Nuneaton ringers.

The business meeting took place immediately after tea, presided over by the Archdeacon, at which the hon. general secretary, Mr. A. Wilkerson, read a report of the Guild's activities during the past year and presented the balance sheet, both of which were duly passed.

The Hon. General Secretary, in his report, stated that quarterly meetings were held at Stoke-in-Coventry, Chilvers Coton and Southam. Meetings had also been held at Monks Kirby, Exhall, Bulkington, Whitnash and Coleshill. Two special meetings were held, at Coleshill in January, and Bulkington in March. At Coleshill the members were specially invited to hear the two new trebles installed there by the generosity of Mr. Fifield, making the peal into one of eight. At Bulkington the four original bells had been overhauled, two of them recast, and the peal augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The Guild was specially invited to open them on March 15th, when the dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. Upwards of fifty ringers were present, and it was a red-letter day for the village. All the meetings had been very well attended with the exception of Southam. At the meeting at Chilvers Coton a collection was taken on behalf of the Bulkington Bell Fund, and resulted in £2 being sent to that object. It was also resolved at this meeting to alter the date of the annual meeting from July to April. During the year sixteen new members had been elected—three honorary members, four non-resident, and nine ordinary ringing members. The honorary members were the Archdeacon of Aston and Vicar of Coleshill, the Rev. J. H. Richards, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monks Kirby; and the Rev. Frank Melville, Vicar of Exhall. Twenty-five peals had been rung, against nineteen last year, twenty-one on tower bells and four on handbells, and including the first peal of Bristol for the Guild, rung by the Stoke band, the first peal of Bob Major 'in hand,' and the first peal of Cambridge Minor, with seven different callings. The first peal of New Cambridge Surprise for the Guild had also been rung. The peals comprised: Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Double Norwich, 1; Superlative, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 5; London Surprise, 1; Minor in five methods, 2; Minor in seven methods, 1; Stedman Caters in hand, 2; Bob Major in hand, 2; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 2; and New Cambridge Surprise, 1. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 5d., as compared with £10 4s. 5d. a year ago.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL INNOVATION.

The innovation of asking members to contribute 6d. towards the cost of printing the report had not been successful. Out of 200 printed less than 100 had been sold. In view of this, the only alternative when another report was issued would be to raise the subscription to 2s.

The secretary added that he very much regretted the president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick) had been compelled to resign the office after a period of nine years, but he was pleased to announce that, if it be the members' pleasure, the Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. J. L. White) would accept the office.

The new arrangement for monthly meetings had not been a success, and the secretary suggested a return to the original arrangement. Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts, the representatives on the Central Council, both attended the Council meeting on Whit Tuesday in London, and to them their thanks were due. Thanks were also due to the hon. district secretaries, Messrs. F. G. Ashbourne, T. W. Chapman, J. B. Fenton, F. E. Perrin and B. W. Mitchell for their work in that direction.

It remained to thank all other officers and members for their support and work during the past year, also the clergy who had placed their towers and bells at the disposal of the association, both for peals and meetings, particularly the incumbents and friends at Bulkington, Coleshill, Stoke, Chilvers Coton, and Whitnash, for their kind hospitality when the meetings were held in these respective places, and last, but not least, to the Vicar of Nuneaton for his kind invitation to tea that day.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 5d., as compared with £10 4s. 5d. a year ago.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. The Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. J. L. White) was unanimously elected president, in place of the Archdeacon of Warwick.

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. A. Roberts, Coventry, resigned, and the rest of the

officers were re-elected. The Archdeacon was unanimously elected a vice-president, and Mr. A. Roberts' name was added to the committee, in place of Mr. James George, Birmingham.

A discussion took place respecting the printed report, and eventually the Vicar of Monks Kirby moved a resolution that a report be printed yearly, and the subscription be increased to 2s., commencing January, 1925, this being seconded and carried by a large majority.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING PRESIDENT.

Following the election of officers, a very pleasing little ceremony took place, when Mr. H. Argyle, the senior member of the committee present, asked the Archdeacon's acceptance of a suit case, suitably engraved, from the ringing members of the Guild, as a small token of their respect, appreciation of his services, and many acts of kindness during his nine years of office.

Mr. A. Wilkerson endorsed Mr. Argyle's remarks, and said the amount for the suit case was over-subscribed, and the committee decided to purchase a pair of silver candlesticks, which he asked Miss Gladys Dodds to present to Mrs. Back.

Both the Archdeacon and Mrs. Back were taken by surprise, and both very heartily thanked the ringers for the kindly thought which prompted their action, and for the beautiful and useful presents.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for arranging with the organist and choir boys to assist at the service; also for his generosity in providing tea to the clergy who assisted at the service; the Archdeacon for his address, and to the ladies who kindly gave their assistance at the tea tables.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8 p.m., during which time the touches included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, London, Bristol, Cambridge and New Cambridge Surprise, after which a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells.

Permission had been obtained to use Chilvers Coton bells, but owing to illness near the church this had to be reluctantly withdrawn.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS'S 300 PEALS.

With a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester, Mr. Ernest Morris reached his 300th peal, the following being the list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles, 1 method	13	13
Doubles, 2 methods	6	5
Doubles, 3 methods	4	4
Doubles, 4 methods	4	4
Doubles, 5 methods	2	2
Doubles, 6 methods	1	1
Minor, 1 method	17	16
Minor, 2 methods	4	4
Minor, 3 methods	6	6
Minor, 4 methods	5	5 (a)
Minor, 5 methods	2	2 (b)
Minor, 7 methods	3	3
Triples, Grandsire	47	30
Triples, Stedman	17	1
Major, Plain Bob	22	15 (c, d)
Major, Little Bob	1	1
Major, Kent Treble Bob	14	7 (e)
Major, Spliced Bob	3	1 (f)
Major, Double Norwich	26	7
Major, Forward	1	1
Major, Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Major, Superlative Surprise	13	2
Major, Cambridge Surprise	15 (g)	3
Major, New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Major, Bristol Surprise	14	
Major, London Surprise	8	
Caters, Grandsire	7	5
Caters, Stedman	18	2
Royal, Plain Bob	2	2
Royal, Kent Treble Bob	3	
Royal, Cambridge Surprise	6	
Royal, New Cambridge Surprise	1	
Royal, Princess Mary Surprise	1	
Royal, Leicester Surprise	1	
Cinques, Grandsire	2	1
Cinques, Stedman	7	
Maximus, Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Totals	300	145

(a) 10.080 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200; (c) 7,488 Northants record; (d) 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (f) 9,120 record; (g) 7,008 and 12,896 record.

Rung in 16 counties, 104 towers, for 29 associations.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. W. WASHBROOK. SUGGESTED BELLS FOR AN OXFORD CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on Saturday last, Canon G. F. Coleridge brought forward a motion, which had previously been before the Guild Committee, and recommended for adoption, 'That the Oxford Guild take the necessary steps to erect a memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook in Oxford, and that subscriptions be invited from all Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.' Canon Coleridge said there were probably very few who knew Mr. Washbrook better than he did, but he did not think it was necessary for him, on that occasion, to dilate on Mr. Washbrook's activities, his personal character, or anything else in his career as a ringer, because the preacher that morning had dwelt at length upon it. Everything they had heard from him, he (the speaker) could re-echo. They all knew what a great man Mr. Washbrook was, and they all knew it was a desire of a great many ringers that a suitable memorial should be erected to him in Oxford. He said 'in Oxford,' because originally it was suggested by him that it should be at St. Thomas', where Mr. Washbrook lived in the earlier part of his life, and where he was a boy at school. Afterwards they found out that it might be possible to erect the memorial in the cloisters at Oxford, close to the memorial to the late Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Since then they heard that there was no proper space in the tower of St. Thomas's, and that the only place there for it was in the belfry. That would be most unsatisfactory, as it would not be seen by anybody except the local ringers. They had also been told that it would not be possible to get permission from the Dean and Chapter to place the memorial in the cloisters of the Cathedral. There was now a proposal that two further bells should be added to the peal at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, and inquiries had been made as to whether the Guild would take that up as a memorial to Mr. Washbrook. He had thought it over, and had come to the conclusion that if sufficient money was forthcoming and the necessary permission could be obtained, no fitter memorial could be placed to the memory of Mr. Washbrook than by adding two treble bells to St. Ebbe's. He therefore moved: 'That a memorial be erected to the late Mr. Washbrook in Oxford, and that subscriptions be invited from all Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.'

Mr. Hibbert seconded the resolution, that a memorial should be erected to one who was 'one of the dearest men in the world.' He was a man, said Mr. Hibbert, whose company you never left without knowing more than when you met him. He was a man without an atom of conceit, and he could do anything it was possible to do with a church bell or a pair of handbells. As to his moral character it was above suspicion in all ways, and if he (Mr. Hibbert) could help on the completion of this peal of eight at Oxford in any way, they Oxford was the place, because Mr. Washbrook was not associated with summated (applause).

Mr. T. Trollope suggested that if the memorial was placed at St. Ebbe's it would be rather buried, and he suggested the possibility of having the memorial placed in the Carfax tower. If it were recorded on the wall outside it would call the attention of thousands of people, not only to the fact that there were two memorial bells there, but that they had such a splendid man who had done such splendid work for bell ringing. As an amendment, he would like to propose that the memorial, if feasible, should be placed in Carfax tower.

The Master said the whole ringing world was looking at Oxford as the place where the memorial should be set up. Was the Guild in favour of that? The Lancashire Association, among whose members Mr. Washbrook spent the later years of his life, had said they felt Oxford was the place, because Mr. Washbrook was not associated with any particular church in Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SUPPORT.

The Secretary read a letter from the Lancashire Association, in which it was stated that the Association had considered the question of erecting a memorial to Mr. Washbrook, and that they desired to know whether the Oxford Guild was doing anything in the matter. Their first suggestion had been that something should be placed on the grave, and that was favoured by the family, but the cemetery where Mr. Washbrook was buried was twenty minutes' walk from the nearest peal of bells, and the members were afraid that a memorial there would soon be forgotten. Mr. Washbrook was never a member of a tower in Manchester, and Pendleton and Miles Platting were the belfries with which he was chiefly associated. There were no bells at his own parish church. It was, therefore, suggested that the Oxford Guild and the Central Council should be written to to see if they would make the memorial a national one. Whatever the Oxford Guild did, they could depend upon the Lancashire Association giving them their fullest support.

The resolution that the memorial should be in Oxford was then put to the meeting, and carried.

It was decided that the scheme be left in the hands of a committee, consisting of the Master, the hon. treasurer, the secretary,

Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Cullum, H. Miles and W. H. Wilkins (St. Ebbe's).

In asking for suggestions which the committee might consider, the Master said he was quite sure that a scheme to increase to eight one of the many rings of six bells in the city of Oxford would find favour with other ringers throughout the country. The cost of adding the two bells at St. Ebbe's would be approximately £100. Out of this about £14 had already been subscribed in the parish, and if this scheme were adopted the Church Authorities would see about getting more.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said that for a good many years there had been a demand for two more bells at St. Giles', Oxford, and he was under the impression the pits were already there. With all due respect to St. Ebbe's, they were tiny little bells, the tenor being only about 5 cwt., and it was a place which was very much buried. He, therefore, thought it would be very much better if they could put the memorial at St. Giles', where, it might be, the bells would form a more worthy memorial.

The Secretary said he thought Mr. Edwards had forgotten his Oxford. St. Ebbe's was described as being buried, but the ringers there could ring when they liked, and this church had been a school for ringers. St. Giles' was at the gates of the Radcliffe Infirmary, and if they put the bells there the clappers would have to be tied, and spikes put through the wheels. St. Ebbe's was a far more appropriate place, and if Mr. Washbrook knew what the Guild was doing, he (Mr. Hibbert) was sure he would like to know that the bells were being put where they could be rung.

This concluded the discussion on the matter, and the scheme is now in the hands of the special committee.

THE HEREFORD GUILD.

A MEETING AT COALBROOKDALE.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth district of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, held at Coalbrookdale on July 19th, was a great success, between forty and fifty ringers attending from Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's and St. Mary's), Broseley, Wellington, Little Wenlock, Walsall, Willey and Malinslee. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to the tower. The Rector of Little Wenlock and the Vicar of Wellington were present. Everybody was pleased to see Mr. Charles Edwards, the Ringing Master of the Guild, at Coalbrookdale, this being his first trip to the north section of the diocese. He spoke very highly of the very fine ring of eight bells by Messrs. Mears (tenor 20 cwt. in E, and cast in 1852), and said Coalbrookdale ought to feel proud to possess such a ring of bells. He also congratulated the ringers on the striking throughout. He added that he had often been chaffed and told that that end of the Guild could hold its own, and he admitted that he found it to be quite correct. Mr. Edwards stayed the night at Coalbrookdale, and took part in some very good ringing for Sunday morning service, leaving for Hereford on his motor-cycle in the afternoon. Unfortunately the weather was none too good for his 50 miles' journey. One thing is quite certain, he is very careful with his 'New Departure.' His greatest adventure on Saturday was to get 'fish-hooked' in a dogrose bush overhanging the Corredale Road, 'and it was an old one at that.' He could not hide the fact, as the bush had branded his cheek. But, perhaps, this was not so bad as the experience of two members returning from the annual meeting on the '8-horse Twin Enfield.' In the Corredale, the pillion rider performed an acrobatic feat, and some of the bags, top coats, pants, etc., have not been seen since. Accidents will, however, happen to the most careful. But to resume, it was also a pleasure to have Mr. John Overton at the meeting. It was only natural that he should appeal to the ringers to listen to the striking, also to show them how to ring the treble. He has always been an advocate and ringer of the highest standard.

A very nice service was held in church, the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe officiating, and giving a fine address. The Rev. A. C. Howell, Rector of Little Wenlock, read the lesson; Mr. William D. Wase, one of the local ringers, played at the organ, in fine style for the hymns, psalms, chants, etc. 'Billy,' as he is best known, is very modest and too shy sometimes even to let you know that he is the first 'local' to ring a peal of Double Norwich. But that has given the local men a longing to get another move on.

After the service, tracks were made for Trinity Hall for tea, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Preb. Crowe. Mr. Herbert Hughes and Mr. Fred Johnson (churchwardens) were also present. One new member was elected, and the chairman again said how delighted he was to welcome the Guild to Coalbrookdale, knowing full well that with his loyal and clever local ringers they would be sure of a really good time.

The Rev. A. C. Howell moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar. The meeting over a return was made to the tower for further ringing. Several of the Broseley men had their first pull on eight, ringing Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. They gave a good account of themselves, and are on the right track. They also enjoyed watching the higher methods being rung.

W. S.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. VISIT TO THE 'OLD HOME.'

An enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th, when some 36 members and friends braved the elements to visit the home of the old Middlesex Association, the forerunner in this district of the present organisation. For many years the bells have been almost silent, it having been far from a pleasure to ring them, but they have recently been rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry with excellent results, and it is to be hoped that the Hendon band will soon be, as in the old days, amongst the leading six-bell ringers in the county. Owing to the unfortunate circumstance that the Vicar (the Rev. S. Chettoe) is seriously ill in a nursing home, the usual service had to be dispensed with.

Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, president. Amongst the business transacted was a vote of congratulation to the band of ladies who 'made history' at Old Windsor on May 10th by ringing the first peal of Stedman Triples in which mere man did not take part. This the hon. secretary was instructed to forward to Miss Parker, who so ably conducted the peal.

The next meeting of the district was arranged to be held at Stanmore on September 20th, whilst the hon. secretary announced that a joint meeting with the Essex Association was being held at Waltham Abbey on August 23rd. This, the hon. secretary stated, was not a meeting for business purposes, but for united practice with a neighbouring association, and he hoped it would be the forerunner of many such gatherings.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, coupled with the sincere regrets of the members at his serious illness, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thanks were also given to Mr. C. H. Martin and the local ringers for arranging everything to the satisfaction of the visitors. A large variety of methods were rung during the afternoon, there being opportunity given to all present to indulge in their fancy, whether it was Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, or Bob Minor, or something more advanced, such as Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, or Beverley, York, Cambridge, Wells, or London Surprise.

WIGTOFT LINGS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 49 mins.: W. Young 1, W. E. Clarke 2, F. Dewey 3, G. Coleman 4, J. Young (conductor) 5.

THE LATE COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are two matters about which I should be glad if I may say a word.

The request that the Council should pay for the advertisement of their publications in our report, was an unauthorised one made in error by the printer. The matter was never discussed by the Suffolk Guild, and personally I think every association ought to freely advertise these publications whenever they can: it is one of the things that we exist for.

If I gave the impression that my Archdeacon is opposed to iron frames, I ought not to have done so. I think he told me that he has an open mind in the matter. But it was in consequence of some remarks of his, that I gathered that there is a movement in the Church Assembly, and in the Committee for the Preservation of Churches, to oppose the use of iron for bell frames in churches.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
July 24th, 1924.

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGER'S WEDDING.

A marriage was celebrated at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Thursday, July 24th, between Miss May Young and Mr. Walter Scott, junr., both of Newport. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of St. John's, and during the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was rung upon tower bells by comrades of the bridegroom, who is one of the local band.

A reception at the Masonic Hall followed, the wedding guests making a large gathering, which enjoyed hospitality with the usual wedding festivities, including handbells and dancing till 10 p.m. Wedges of wedding cake and bumpers of port enabled the company heartily to wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness. The happy pair left at six o'clock for Southsea for the honeymoon.

CANON BAKER'S DEPARTURE.

At Dunstable, Beds, on Tuesday, July 22nd, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 48 mins.: B. F. Calcott (longest touch of Major) 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. This touch was rung on Canon Baker's last practice night as Rector of Dunstable.

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The Ringers' Roll of Honour, compiled by the Central Council, which is a most beautifully executed volume, has now been deposited in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral.

At a meeting of the College Youths, a resolution was unanimously adopted congratulating the band who rang the peal at Exeter Cathedral recently.

The Birmingham twelve-bell week has been fixed for September 22nd to 27th inclusive, and four towers have so far been secured.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent, took place on August 4th, 1819. There was a great fête in connection with the event, and London Societies provided the men to do the opening ringing, Wm. Shipway being among those who took part.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815. There had previously been a peal rung at Aston by St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, but this turned out to be false.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton on August 7th, 1899.

THE TAUNTON PEAL TABLET SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of those who spoke against this suggestion, I did so for several reasons. When the peal was arranged it was intended to ring it for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, see footnote to peal. My little experience has been, if you are fortunate enough to secure a coveted tower and bag a peal, you go away satisfied. Mr. Walker and I took part on October 3rd, 1896, in the first peal on ten bells by the association (Grandsire Caters) at St. Mary's, Taunton, and all the band were Sunday Service ringers at this church. This, in my humble opinion, was progress from a ringing point of view inside any association. The association did not provide a tablet; neither have they been asked to erect one for the firsts of Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent Major, and some notable performances on six bells by the Norton band in years gone by. All the above were accomplished by local hands. Some may not agree with me, but from a progressive standpoint, a peal of Stedman Cinques by a band of experts from outside cannot be compared with a West Country (local) peal of Stedman Triples, or even Caters. One cannot expect to get an annual report full of peals, seeing that transport facilities are so poor. If anyone gets out to an outlying tower in the evening he cannot get back by train after about 7 p.m. So, if by any chance visiting ringers come along and satisfy a certain desire, it gives the annual report a little more dignity sometimes, which we locals cannot supply.—Yours truly,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT DUNSTABLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the peal of Stedman Triples at Dunstable on June 3rd last, and published in your issue of June 13th, the footnote of which states 'First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.' As one of the ringers, Mr. C. Rollings, was then and is still a member of the Luton band, the remark is incorrect, and the conductor has been notified to this effect, and requested to withdraw same through the columns of your valuable paper. As he has not done so the members of the Luton band wish me to point this error out.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

REQUEST FOR A GENERAL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th, when members from twelve towers attended. The ringing included touches in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) gave a brief and much appreciated address on the use of church bells. After the service an adjournment was made to the Junior Council Schools, where the ladies had prepared a sumptuous repast. After the removal of the cloth, smokes were handed round, and a short business meeting was held.

Two honorary members and four performing members were elected. A discussion took place as to a general meeting of the Guild, and it was decided that a recommendation be sent to the general secretary that a meeting be held at Woodbridge at as early a date as can be arranged.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. Button, for over fifty years Master of the Leiston company, and the members stood in silence, as a mark of respect.

Mr. F. Watling (Saxmundham) and Mr. C. F. Bailey (Leiston) thanked the Rector and the ladies for their untiring efforts to make the meeting a success.

Afterwards other touches on the tower bells brought to a conclusion one of the most successful meetings held in the district.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There was a large gathering of ringers at Reading on Saturday on the occasion of the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The venue had been changed from Oxford on account of the clashing of a visit of a large number of Americans to the University city. The day's proceedings began with a service at St. Lawrence's Church, which was well attended, and was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Special hymns were used, and the singing was most hearty. The preacher was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), who based his sermon on St. Paul's words to the Corinthians, 'Ever follow that which is good.' This text, he said, applied in a special degree to those who happened to hold any office in the service of the church, and as ringers they should have a high standard of churchmanship, a high standard of conduct, and a high standard of ringing. As Christians they owed a general duty of obedience to their Christian profession, and to the rules laid down by the Church for their guidance. Part of that duty was regular worship. It was their privilege as ringers to call God's people to the House of Prayer, and it obviously should be the regular habit of ringers to take part in that worship. It was their duty to join in worship not merely because they were ringers, but because they were Churchmen, and, therefore, when they were away from home on Sunday, as on occasion they might be, in order to ring at other belfries, they should make a point of joining in the act of worship in at least one of the churches where they were privileged to ring the bells. In maintaining a high standard of conduct, the first essential was a high standard of obedience to the moral law. There could be found no class of the community which could show a better record of morality than the ringers of this country, and they should be careful to maintain that record. As church officers they should take a lead among their fellow-men in maintaining temperance, fidelity and truth in all things; they should take a strong stand on the old-fashioned simple virtues that had made our nation great, and by which alone that greatness could be preserved. They should, as ringers, maintain a high sense of truth and honour, and such a standard in their own specific activities as they were proud and thankful to say were the well established traditions of the fraternity. It would be fresh in the minds of many of them how a point on this subject was discussed at the recent meeting of the Central Council in connection with umpires for handbell peals, and the Council almost unanimously decided that the best safeguard they could have against any fraudulent attempt to set up claims to unworthy performances, was to trust to the sense of honour prevailing among ringers. Another way of maintaining this standard was in keeping faith with their colleagues, and being always in their place, and punctual. They wanted these principles carried out in their dealings with their fellow-men so that ringers could be looked upon as men to be always trusted, and whose word was in very truth their bond.

THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

Then, continued the preacher, they wanted in a special sense a high standard of ringing. The Oxford Guild was rich in examples of ringing of a high standard. He could not pass over that occasion without paying a tribute to the memory of one whose sudden passing sent a shock to the hearts of very many ringers throughout the length and breadth of the land. To those who knew Oxford thirty years ago the name which would be most closely linked with it was that of one of the most eminent ringers of all time—James William Washbrook. Although his activities as a ringer were distributed over a wide field in the British Isles, it was in the period of his association with the Oxford Guild and during his residence at Oxford that those great achievements of his were performed, and that he won his title to undying fame as a very prince among ringers. For long years he was instructor and conductor to his Guild, and carried on a magnificent work in promoting the art of ringing. He was a man of splendid physical development, and quite exceptional intellect, with a wonderful power of concentration; a man who was frankly and simply conscious of his pre-eminent position, but entirely free from any tendency to boast of his own powers and achievements, and withal generously appreciative of the attainments and merits of others. He was ready to encourage youthful aspiration and assist an earnest beginner in his efforts. Those who knew him, and who had the privilege of being associated with him in the pursuance of our art, would fain pay their tribute of admiration and affection, and they might well take an example from that man and apply it to the principle of their text, 'Ever follow that which is good.' The preacher emphasised the importance of giving the best in service ringing, and to take as example in maintaining a high standard of ringing that of the late Mr. Washbrook.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service dinner was served at the Central Cafe, where the Master presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mrs. Jenkyn, Mrs. Norris, Miss Norris, Miss Robinson, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, the Rev. H. J. Mumford

(Rector of St. Lawrence), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), etc.

Nearly 100 sat down to lunch, and there were 120 present at the business meeting from the following towers: Abingdon, Appleton, Aldermaston, Benson, Bradfield, Burnham, Boyne Hill, Caversham, Cookham, Chipping Norton, Crowthorne, Drayton, Fulmer, Hitcham, Henley-on-Thames, Hughenden, High Wycombe, Harwell, Hagbourne, Hendred, Headington, Isley, Iwer, Long Crendon, Mortimer, Maple-durham, Newbury, Oxford (St. Ebbe's and University Society), Pangbourne, Reading (St. Lawrence, St. Mary and St. Giles), Stoke Poges, Sulham, Steventon, Wallingford, West Wycombe and Wokingham.

After the repast, the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rector of St. Lawrence, and the organist, and this was acknowledged by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and the Rev. H. J. Mumford.

The business meeting was then held, and the Master presented his report for the year 1923, in the course of which he stated: There appears to be in certain quarters a misapprehension as to the method of ordering Guild affairs. They are ordered, not by any individual, nor by any one branch, but by members assembled in general meeting. At this meeting the Guild committee presents its report, which contains the opinion of the committee on matters which it has considered. This acts as a guide to the general meeting in arriving at its decisions, but is in no way binding unless it is then and there adopted. If a branch desires to see certain measures carried out, it should notify the general secretary accordingly, and should instruct its representatives on the Guild Committee to bring these points forward at the committee meeting (held alternately at Reading and Oxford), which it is expected they should attend. Of course a matter may be brought forward at the general meeting which has not come before the committee, by giving proper notice, but it is always better for the committee to discuss a matter before it goes to the general meeting. With regard to a referendum, this can only be ordered by a general meeting, and would not naturally be resorted to unless the voting on some important matter were so close as to appear to demand it. I have attended meetings of all the different branches. The outstanding feature has been the good feeling which exists. It is quite the exception to find it otherwise. It is very gratifying to note the revival of change ringing at Banbury. Congratulation to Mr. Maurice Smith for this. I have given advice on rehanging at Chaddleworth, Lower Heyford, Kingham, Milton Keynes, Stoke Poges, Great Tew, and Wing. Restoration work has been carried out at Beedon, Brightwalton, Peasemore, Stony Stratford, Wootton, and West Wycombe. In all these cases additions have been made to the number of the bells. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis has resigned the treasurer-ship of the Guild, and the chairmanship of the Sonning Deanery branch. He feels very strongly that he should give way to younger men. He has held both offices almost since their commencement, and for some time was also Guild hon. secretary. He retires thanked and honoured by the whole Guild, and glad to know that in each case a worthy successor has been forthcoming. We are fortunate in securing one so keen and experienced as Mr. A. J. Wright, of Reading, to be our hon. treasurer, while Canon Coleridge adds to the many duties which he so faithfully discharges that of chairman of the branch of his own deanery. Mr. G. Martin, of Boyne Hill, and Mr. P. Wilson (branch secretary), of Warborough, have been seriously ill. We congratulate them both on their recovery. It was announced at the festival that Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, had retired from all ringing, and indeed from all active work, owing to failing health. The news was received with much sorrow. He has done a wonderful work spread over many years. At the end of the year came the sad news of the sudden death of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester, and formerly of Oxford. It is impossible here to pay a sufficient tribute to one so great in every way, so gifted, so lovable. The fact that it is some twenty years since he lived amongst us does not diminish the debt of gratitude the Guild owes to him. May he rest in peace. Once again I would acknowledge on behalf of the Guild all the good work that has been done by the hon. treasurer (past and present) and by the hon. secretary.

The Master added that he made a reference at the close of his report to the serious illness of Mr. W. Newell, who had since passed from them. He would like to take that opportunity at their first annual meeting after his death, to show they were still mindful of him, and the great services he rendered to that Guild. He would like also that their secretary should send a letter to Mrs. Newell, telling her that they thought of him with affection and respect.

This was agreed to, and the members stood in silence for a few moments.

GUILD FINANCES.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports were taken as read. The treasurer's report was as follows: The statement of accounts for 1923 show a balance of £64 11s. 1d., as compared with £51 1s. 7d. brought forward last year. The increase is largely accounted for by the arrears brought forward, which amount to £19 16s. 7d. The expenditure is practically the same. The net cost of each member is one shilling and twopence, and as the Guild only received ninepence there

is a net loss of fivepence per member. The deficiency is made up by (1) hon. members' subscriptions, and (2) subscriptions to the general Guild, which amounted to £1 11s., as compared with £1 17s. 10d. in 1904. The subscriptions from the branches amount to £67 9s. 6d., being £12 6s. 4d. less than last year. Seven branches have increased their membership, and six show a decrease. Only eight branches paid their subscriptions before December 31st. I suggest that Rule 3 (for local branches) should be amended by altering 'December 31st' to 'before the annual festival.' It is impossible for me to close the accounts at the end of the year unless I receive the subscriptions some time beforehand. It will be necessary to provide £80 before the end of the year, and I only have £64 in hand. I very much regret that there will be no funds for restoration grants this year beyond £10 passed at the annual meeting. The pressing need is a considerable increase in the number of hon. members. I feel sure that this might be accomplished if all members would make a special effort in that direction. In order to arrive at the true financial position I have inserted in the statement of accounts the balances in the hands of ten branches, which amount to £96 1s. 10d. Three have not sent me balance sheets. The committee will consider various suggestions for placing the Guild finance on a sound basis, and I hope that the proposals which will be brought forward will receive careful attention at the annual meeting. I should like to add my appreciation of the services rendered by the late treasurer. It is just 20 years since the whole question of the position of the Guild was considered, and the suggestions Mr. Hart Davis then made are responsible for the present sound financial position. I am anxious to get into personal touch with all the members, and so far I have had the pleasure of visiting five branches. I am hoping to visit the others in the near future.

TOWERS STANDING ALOOF.

The secretary's report was as follows: Another year has gone and left its marks upon our Guild in various ways. I have again been able to visit all the branches with one exception, and again must honestly say that the feeling of brotherhood is very fine, and the branches generally are very much alive. It is of no use mincing matters, so I must say that I cannot give actual figures as to membership, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of things in the East Berks and South Bucks branch, where although we know that some towers are loyal and have paid subscriptions as in the past, others are standing aloof. This also applies to a great many individual members. These conditions have been brought about by the decision of the general meeting to again hold the annual festival at Oxford, and while our rules read as at present those members who make the journey to Oxford (or wherever the festival may be held) will always have the right to select the place for the next year. It is a source of worry to the officers of the Guild, but what can be done? No one branch can be allowed to flout the wishes of the other twelve branches. Therefore, in this report I have left the returns of the E. B. and S. B. branch very much as before, but must have something more tangible to work on next year. The Ringing Exercise had a most severe loss this year by the death of James W. Washbrook, who died quite suddenly at Christmas time. He had for some years been living at Manchester. To the younger members of this Guild Washbrook was only a name heard spoken of by older ringers, or seen on tablets in a great many bellries, but to men of my own age he was an outstanding man as a ringer and conductor, an unassuming, lovable man. Our peal record is rather remarkable for one thing, and that is the absence of 'Surprise' peals. Good progress has, however, been made in 'chango ringing,' which is a fact to be pleased about. A goodly number of young members have rung their first peals, and a great number have rung first peals in other methods than Grandsire. Let me here again remind ringers that peals are of no value or satisfaction to the ringers, or to the listening public, unless well struck. I must again tender my thanks to branch secretaries and others who have given me help, and heartily thank friends all over the diocese for the welcome and pleasant hours I have enjoyed wherever I have had occasion to visit. With a sincere wish that 'an oiled feather' may be found during the next year to smooth all friction and cement the real Guild feeling.

HINT TO OXFORD ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The re-election of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as Master, was agreed to with acclamation, Mr. A. J. Wright was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary. The twelve elected members of the committee were appointed as follows: Messrs. J. J. Parker, J. F. Barlow, G. Cudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humphrey, A. D. Cullum, J. Evans, W. Hibbert, senr., J. W. Wilkins, R. White, H. Sear, and F. Webb, and on the suggestion of Mr. Cullum it was resolved that the names should be printed in the report in the order of seniority as determined by years of service on the committee.

Canon Coleridge gave a resume of the proceedings of the Central Council, upon which, in addition to being president, he is a representative of the Oxford Guild. In dealing with the resolution passed by the Council recommending that in all cases Diocesan Advisory Boards should include at least one member with expert knowledge of bells and ringing, he pointed out that the Oxford Diocesan Advisory

Board had no such member. Miss Norris, who was present that day, and who was hoping to become a member of their Guild, might bring this matter before her father, Canon Norris, who was chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Diocese of Oxford, and impress upon him with all the force of which she was capable, the great advisability of putting on a man well acquainted with the circumstances of bells and towers generally (hear, hear). At present, although they had on the board experts representing a great many departments of church work, their particular department was not recognised.

Canon Coleridge was warmly thanked for his report.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The meeting then came to the consideration of a number of recommendations made by the General Committee. The first had reference to the annual festival in 1925. Mr. Cullum moved that the recommendation of the committee that the festival be held at Oxford be adopted.

Mr. Wilkins proposed as an amendment that it be held at High Wycombe.

A member inquired whether it would be in order to hold the meeting at High Wycombe, that tower having, he understood, withdrawn from the Guild.

Mr. Wilkins said he was sorry if this point stood in the way of visiting Wycombe. He thought the Guild ought to visit the county of Bucks, because it was owing to the fact that the annual festival of the Guild was never held in that county that High Wycombe had withdrawn from the Guild. They all regretted the exclusion of High Wycombe, because the High Wycombe tower had always been a useful acquisition to the Guild. Not all the members of the tower were in favour of withdrawing, but the decision was directly due to the fact that Bucks was not recognised as one of the places for holding the annual festival of the Guild.

The Master said High Wycombe was out of court, so far as the next annual meeting was concerned. By withdrawing from the Guild they had practically said they did not wish the Guild to come.

Mr. Wilkins thereupon proposed that the festival in 1925 should be held at Beaconsfield.—This was seconded by Mr. Berry.

On being put to the vote, 38 voted for Oxford, and 34 for Beaconsfield.

The Master said the voting was very close, and if it was the wish of the meeting that the matter should go to a referendum, that was the time to propose it. He wanted the members to understand what a referendum would mean. The secretary would send a notice to every tower, asking the secretary to state how many members in his tower voted for Oxford and how many for Beaconsfield.

The taking of a referendum having been proposed and seconded, Mr. Cudwell opposed it. Many towers, he said, were never represented at the annual meeting, and why should they have a voice in settling where the festival was to be held?

The Master said it was quite true that those who went to the meeting should be considered and consulted, and not those who stayed away, wherever the meeting was held.

The motion on being put, was lost, and Oxford declared carried for the year 1925.

The proposal to erect a memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook will be found reported under a separate heading.

The Hon. Treasurer moved 'That the annual report be printed as at present, but that each branch secretary shall inform the general secretary in January in each year the number his branch requires, and that they shall be charged to the branch at 6d. per copy.' Mr. Wright said they were spending twenty pounds more than their income, and if that went on they would soon swallow up their reserve fund. If this resolution was carried it would just make up that £20, and keep them in a fair state, from a financial point of view. The balances held by the various branches was about £100, and they could, if they chose, pay this 6d. out of the branch funds without touching the general fund. If the branches liked to sell the reports to the members they could do so. It seemed to him that as the branches had been in existence long enough to create these balances they might come to the assistance of the Guild in this matter.—The resolution was carried *nam. con.*

Mr. Wright next moved a formal resolution, requiring branch secretaries to remit to the treasurer the contributions of the branch before the annual meeting, instead of, as at present, by December 31st, and also that in future cheques should be signed by the treasurer, and either the Master or one of the trustees.—Both recommendations were adopted, without discussion.

SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Master then moved 'That the general secretary be a paid officer at a salary of £20 per annum.' He said they all enjoyed very much the leading articles which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and he had read the one that week with much interest, but he thought the Editor was under a misapprehension. This was not a new venture. When he (the Master) joined the Guild twenty years ago they had Mr. Hart Davis as secretary and treasurer, and an assistant secretary, Mr. Pike, who was paid £20 per year. Mr. Reeves

succeeded Mr. Pike, and received the salary. When Mr. Hart Davis retired from the secretaryship and remained as treasurer, Mr. Reeves carried on as secretary of the Guild, and was paid £20 a year. When the war came, and many of them were scattered, including Mr. Reeves and himself, Mr. Hibbert came into the breach and offered to carry on. He very magnanimously refused to accept anything as salary, and said he would try to do without anything, but after a time he found he was glad to accept an honorarium, and they had given him that honorarium for two or three years. Now Mr. Hibbert felt it was no longer a question of an honorarium. The demands on his time were such that he felt he must be paid. He (the Master) knew the time which Mr. Hibbert gave up to the work of the Guild, to do the things which the members required him to do. There was a great demand, too, on the time of the branch secretaries, and he would like to see a recognition made in every branch for the time which the secretary expended on the work of the branch, but he was speaking now of a salary for the secretary of the Guild. What he proposed was that in future the payment to the secretary should be regarded as a standing charge on the Guild funds.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, in seconding, said Mr. Pike received no salary. He (the speaker) was the first to receive a salary. He assured the members, from his own experience, that in spending this money they were not wasting a penny.

Mr. Wilkins supported the motion, remarking that a labourer was worthy of his hire. Twenty pounds was certainly a very small sum for the work the secretary had to perform.

The motion was then put, and carried.

Mr. Hibbert, in thanking the members, said the question was not brought forward because he had any greed for filthy lucre (laughter). He had done the work for three years, and heavy demands were made upon the secretary.

The meeting then confirmed the election of 152 new members. The secretary pointed out that 22 of these were the transfer of probationers to full membership. He would be glad to see the time when this transfer was wiped out, and then they would know how many new members they were making each year.

The Rev. J. T. Mumford and Miss Norris, daughter of the Rural Dean of Reading, were elected hon. members of the Guild, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

After the meeting the members dispersed to ring on the bells in the various towers in Reading and adjoining places, a number going to Caversham and Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION AT SEAFORD.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th, about thirty being present. After the bells had been inspected by those who arrived early, ringing commenced about three o'clock. A short service was later held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Phillips, M.A.), and was followed by tea, provided in a very generous manner by the Vicar and churchwardens. At the business meeting the items on the agenda were of the usual routine nature, and the following new members were elected: A. J. Inkpen (Burgess Hill), G. H. Shaker (St. Nicholas', Brighton).

The Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) then congratulated the Vicar of Seaford and the churchwarden (Mr. Fisher) on the success of their efforts in connection with the new bells, which have resulted in the acquisition of the present fine peal, and proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the service, and his inspiring address, coupling with this an acknowledgment to the kind hosts, whose hospitality added so much to the enjoyment of the day.

This being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation, and suitable replies by the Vicar and Mr. Fisher brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The tower was again visited until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered.

The ringing throughout the day was very good, the methods rung including Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Henfield, Lindfield, Shoreham, Southover (Lewes), Seaford, Uckfield. A number of independent members were also present.

AN AUGMENTED CORNISH PEAL.

The bells at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, near Manacann, Cornwall, which have been recast and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Wednesday, August 6th, about 7.30 p.m. Ringers are invited.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday at the typical old-time English Church of Lockington, noted for its magnificent oak carving and architecture, dating back from 16th to 17th century. The church possesses a nice ring of six bells, upon which some good touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The ringers then journeyed to Disworth, which is about three miles away, and were there met by the local men. This beautiful ring of six, which has just recently been installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were soon pealing forth Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

The bells were then lowered in peal, when it was found that the bus had had a 'shift course in the last part,' and the ringers had to employ 'Shanks' pony' to get back to Loughborough.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Youlgrave on Saturday, July 26th, about thirty members being present from Derby, Duffield, Ripley, Darley Dale, Bakewell, etc. Most of the visitors journeyed from Bakewell, via Haddon Hall, and reached Youlgrave at 3.30 p.m. Youlgrave is somewhat out of the way for a ringers' meeting, but possesses a fine peal of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 26 cwt.), and to hear their music in well-struck changes rolling over the beautiful hills and valleys of the Peak is worth making the journey. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the belfry, and, after several places had been proposed for the August meeting, Duffield was eventually selected.

On the return journey Bakewell tower was visited, where hangs a peal of eight, also by Mears and Stainbank (tenor about 17 cwt.). This is a very ancient church standing on the side of a hill overlooking the town and valley, through which runs the River Wye, and from the churchyard a splendid view of the surrounding country is obtained.

Touches in various methods were rung, one and all being quite satisfied with the finish of a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. Incidentally it may be stated that it was the best meeting held by the Derby district during the year.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for arranging the various details connected with the meeting.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT ENTERTAINED.

At the kind invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, a ringing member of the above association, the July meeting was held at Orston on Saturday, July 26th. The bells, a very musical peal of six, were dedicated last December, having been rehung and two new bells added as a war memorial. The bells were kept going in various methods until during the afternoon, when the visitors adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where tea had been provided, and to which 50 ringers and friends sat down, representing the following towers: Beeston, Bulwell, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Bingham, Radcliffe, Balderton, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Shelford, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham, and visitors from Surfleet, Hough-on-the-Hill. The local officers present included Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president), F. Blood (hon. local secretary), Mr. W. E. White (committee).

At the business meeting, held on the lawn, the Vice-President thanked the Rev. C. J. Sturton for kindly inviting the members there that day.—Mr. White proposed Cotgrave as the place for the next meeting, having that morning received from the new Vicar an invitation to the association to visit Cotgrave.—Mr. G. West proposed Eastwood, but, on being put to the meeting, Cotgrave was selected, the meeting to be held on the 23rd or 30th August.

One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. J. Sturton was proposed by Mr. W. E. White for kindly entertaining the ringers. He suggested that a collection be made to help clear off the debt on the Bell Repair Fund, and the sum of £1 17s. was collected.—The Rev. Sturton, in replying, thanked those present, and spoke of the pleasure it gave him and the ladies to welcome them there that day, and also for the magnificent collection to help them clear off the debt.—This concluded the meeting.

Some remained to play bowls on the lawn, while others returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in various methods until 8 o'clock, when one of the best meetings held by this branch was brought to a close.

SHIPLEY.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 30th, touches of Oxford and New London Treble Bob Minor: T. Wilcock 1, H. Haigh 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. H. Simpson 4, H. Stott (conductor) 5, F. Seagar 6. Also a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, F. Seagar 3, H. Davison 4, R. Humpley 5, F. Kilshaw 6, J. Broadley 7, H. Foster 8. The above touches were hung half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. J. Hardcastle, who had been verger at the above church for 17 years. This was the first quarter-peal of Surprise for all except treble and third ringers. First as conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, S.W., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Lee 1, Miss E. E. Chapman (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 2, Miss F. E. Orr (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 3, G. W. Harris 4, J. W. Chapman 5, E. J. King 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: R. Moreton 1, Miss M. Godderidge (first 720) 2, Miss G. Dodds 3, H. Wright 4, A. Beamish (first 720 as conductor) 5, J. Moreton 6.

ROSS-ON-WYE.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: L. Nelves 1, Wm. Poston, junr., 2, E. Matthews 3, J. Bevan 4, E. Summers 5, Wm. Poston, senr., 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, G. Wilks 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. Chapman 1, H. Norman 2, A. Tout 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Sweetland 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, the last 742 from Holt's Original. F. Tompkins 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, F. Stanton 4, E. Lathall 5, W. Liddy 6, W. Smith 7, A. Gregory 8.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Temple): J. Sly 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. G. Rice (conductor), Harwell, Berks, 3, R. Westmacott 4, J. C. Acock 5, C. Westmacott 6, D. Hills 7, J. Cook 8.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Church of St. James, after evening service, in honour of the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Francis (Trowbridge) 1, P. C. Chapman (Westbury), 1st quarter-peal, 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, E. White (Warminster) 4, B. Cook 5, E. C. Marlow (Warminster) 6. The Rev. E. C. Alexander, Vicar of Westbury, and patron of the living, who was the preacher at festival evensong, came to the ringing chamber, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Jeayes), and shook hands with the ringers before ringing commenced.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On July 27th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, rung in 42 mins.: Miss Clara Trapmore 1, G. Adley 2, G. Higgs (first quarter peal as conductor) 3, Mr. Povey (Crayford, Kent), 4, W. Tilley 5, R. Coles 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, July 27th, 1,120 Superlative: V. Tipton 1, H. Smaile 2, F. Whitty 3, L. A. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sunday morning, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, July 27th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Eagles 1, A. Binfield (longest touch in the method) 2, W. Wenban 3, F. W. Elliott 4, R. H. Stevens 5, S. Binfield 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8. Mr. W. Wenban, of Sandwich, was on a visit to Dover.

LONDON, W.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. Locke 1, G. W. Frayne 2, H. Dyas 3, W. S. Garrard 4, P. L. Miles 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, C. F. Winney 7, H. G. Miles 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, T. R. Taylor 3, H. Holifield (Abington) 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, J. D. Harris 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.—Also on Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples.—For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. J. Symons 1, W. Tate 2, T. R. Taylor 3, T. Walker (London) 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, the last 700 of Holt's Original: W. Alston (longest peal) 1, G. James 2, G. Durling 3, A. James 4, P. Spice 5, G. Huxley 6, T. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.—On the previous day, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Knight (longest length) 1, P. Spice 2, T. Emery 3, G. Durling 4, G. James 5, G. Huxley 6, E. Mounter (conductor) 7, T. Knight 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Trapmore 1, G. Adley (conductor) 2, W. Massey 3, G. Higgs 4, W. Tilley 5, R. Coles 6.—On the previous day, the first 720 of Minor in the belfry was rung: G. Higgs 1, W. Massey 2, J. Milner 3, F. Hawthorn 4, G. Adley 5, G. Spencer (conductor) 6. Ringers of 3rd and 6th from Isleworth, remainder belong to the local band.

WINCHCOMBE, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 20th, six members of the Four Shire Guild visited Winchcombe to attempt a peal, but owing to a baptismal service could not have the use of the bells until too late. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was, therefore, rung in 50 mins., with 10 different callings: F. Jones 1, J. Gardner 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, E. Withers 4, H. Terry 5, H. Hiatt 6. On the return journey a call was made at Childs Wickham, where touches were rung for evening service.

FRAMPTON, LINGS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor: W. Young 1, F. Dewey 2, A. Bennett 3, G. Coleman 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, S. Bennett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Huxtable 1, A. Brookland 2, T. Beadle 3, G. Spencer 4, J. Milner 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8. Arranged for Mr. Huxtable, of Heavitree, Exeter.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, a 720 College Exercise: V. Turrell 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Turrell 4, *R. Strudwick 5, *A. W. White (conductor) 6. * First 720.—On Sunday, June 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Trusler 1, A. White 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Turrell 4, R. Strudwick 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for the morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Bourne 1, G. Hanks 2, W. Q. Jones 3, I. Rawlings 4, W. Williams 5, A. Probert 6, I. Probert 7, W. Davies 8.—For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Davies 1, G. Hanks 2, W. C. Jones 3, I. Rawlings 4, W. Williams 5, A. Probert (conductor) 6, I. Probert 7, W. Jones 8. Longest length triples by the local band, and longest length as conductor.

WICKEN.—Towcester and District Association.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. Roberts 1, C. Read 2, F. Case 3, D. Chexfield 4, J. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, J. Green 7, G. Green 8. Conducted by J. Green. Longest length of Stedman by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and longest length of Stedman as conductor. Also longest length of Stedman by a local band in the association. All are Sunday Service ringers at the Parish Church.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—For morning service, on Easter Sunday, 600 Bob Minor: A. Chamberlain 1, H. Payne 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, F. J. Tite (conductor) 5, G. Layte 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, W. Brown 2, C. Payne 3, F. Priestly 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Good 1, W. Good 2, W. Henniker 3, J. Edwards 4, A. Good (conductor) 5, J. Collreay 6.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at St. Mary's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), with 6, 4, 8 covering, 10 different callings: A. W. Ward (conductor) 1, M. Rend 2, C. Briggs 3, *W. Chilvers 4, R. C. Blakey 5, *C. Hallam 6, J. W. Kirton 7, J. H. Branton 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all. Rung as a farewell to F. Martin, who was leaving the district, he having been a member of the local band for the past three years.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT LEICESTER.

MR. L. W. JACQUES—MISS HILDA F. WILLSON.

On Saturday, July 19th, the marriage of the above two change-ringers took place at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. White, M.A.), and the weather was everything that could be desired. The bridesmaids were the younger sisters of the bride—Misses Muriel and Winifred Willson, who were dressed in mauve shantung, and carried sheaves of red roses. The bride was in white, with a sheaf of white roses. Mr. T. Riley, a ringer, of Bolsover, was best man, while the father of the bride (Mr. William Willson) gave her away. St. John's Society of Ringers gave their services, and as the happy couple returned down the aisle the bells crashed out their congratulations, as did Mendelssohn's Wedding March from the organ. The newly wedded pair left at mid-day for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon is being spent, after which they will return to reside at Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

In the evening the rest of the company, augmented by the ringers, were entertained to supper, after which a merry party kept the ball rolling until Auld Lang Syne at midnight brought a perfect day to a close. Numbers of congratulations and best wishes from ringers near and far have been showered upon the happy pair, who have done some service for the Midland Counties Association. Among the many presents was a set of carvers from St. John's Society.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A FIRST OUTING.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Ratby (Leicester) ringers had their first outing, the destination being Matlock, the party also including the Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Ingle), Mr. W. Ball (Vicar's warden), the ringers' wives, and a few friends. The route via Loughborough, Derby and Duffield, has a number of interesting churches, and the scenery from Duffield onward, cannot be surpassed anywhere. The writer may be a little biased, being a native of the 'Strongith' arm' county. The bus, a fine local one, did the journey both ways in great style. Of course, a 'pull' was in the programme, and Matlock bells not being available, Mr. Fox, of Wirksworth, very kindly obtained permission for ringing at that church. Most of the ladies stayed the day in Matlock, the Cromford-Wirksworth bus accommodation being limited. The trip up Cromford Hill was made in what looked like a very primitive vehicle, but even our 'motor expert' was surprised at the way she mounted the steep gradient. The church at Wirksworth is a grand cathedral-like edifice, only the aforementioned biased views and the editor's blue pencil, deterring the writer from a 'long touch.' It was a first attempt on eight for several of the band, and, as one said afterwards, it was the first time he had seen eight ropes hanging in a belfry. The few courses of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were very creditably performed. The striking could not have been so very bad, as one member of the party was soothed to slumber in a corner of the belfry! Tea at Matlock brought time for departure. The expressed wish of 'Take us again next week!' was quite enough to show the day had been enjoyed, the only regret being that the captain of the company was unable to go with the party owing to an accident while at work. The company wish to thank all who helped to make the trip a success, especially Messrs. W. Fox and B. and T. H. Grestorax, of Wirksworth.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, with Mr. Jesse Marche (clerk), and other friends, making a party of about twenty, had their annual outing on Thursday, July 17th, journeying by charabanc to Shepton Mallet, Everceech, Ilminster and Curry Rivel. The seashiders left at 8 a.m. (the weather being far from bright), and proceeded via Banwell and Sandford to Burrington Combe (far-famed as the birthplace of that beautiful hymn, 'Rock of Ages'), the 'cleft' being passed about 9 a.m. The landscape was greatly admired as we moved onwards, leaving Charterhouse and Priddy to the right, and Chewton Mendip on the left, whilst a magnificent view was obtained just before entering the famous old cathedral town of Wells. After a short stay here, the journey was continued to Shepton Mallet, the 'campans' being welcomed by Mr. W. Richards, the genial skipper of the band, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, who kindly conducted the Westonians over the sacred edifice, and afterwards to the belfry, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, some good striking taking place on these very tuneful bells (tenor 25 cwt.). The church dates back to the Saxon and Norman period, and holds many interesting features, particularly the 350 roof panels which were greatly admired. Mr. Richards was warmly thanked for his courtesy, after which the company left Shepton for the pretty village of Everceech, where they were cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Williams (who was upwards of ten years curate at St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare, prior to his taking the incumbency of Everceech about two years ago). At the Vicarage, the visitors were invited to luncheon, to which all did full justice, the musical members of the 'team' subsequently rendering songs and pianoforte items, which were much appreciated. The Vicar then accompanied the Westonians to the church, which is a fine building (of the 12th century), and appears to be in a good state of preservation, holding a nice 'ring' of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). Incidentally, Mr. Jesse Marche, one of the party, was baptized here in 1844. The bells were soon moving, and some good touches of Triples rung. The Vicar was heartily thanked, prior to a move being made for Ilminster, which was reached via the villages of Castle Cary, Sparkford, Ilchester and South Petherton, exactly to scheduled time, viz., 4 p.m., in a downpour of rain, but notwithstanding this, they were in good spirits, the more so when they espied Mr. David Taylor (the genial leader of the Ilminster team) eagerly waving a welcome as he stood at the entrance to the grand old church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, which contains one of the finest peals of eight in the country, their timbre and sonorous quality of tone being excellent. The weight of the tenor is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and the bells were relung in 1902. Here again many touches were rung for upwards of an hour, after which the seashiders visited the Meadowale Cafe, where a splendid tea was served them, during which reminiscences were exchanged between Mr. Taylor and the Westonians — the 'ropes' being the principal

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NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, August 2nd. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Fred Althorp, Hon. Sec., Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, August 2nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30. Business: Nominations for branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late St. James' Society.) — Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday (3rd) at 10 a.m., and Monday (18th) at 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday (25th) at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The bells of this Church having been rebung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, August 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, at Macclesfield, Service 10.50. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George and Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting. Tickets 2/6 per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. Bells of All Saints' available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gala day and sports, etc., cricket match in morning, proceeds in aid of new bells. A splendid programme of sports has been arranged commencing at 2 p.m. in field near church.

All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided on ground at 4 p.m., 1/- per adult and 6d. for children. Cheap tickets at single fares for return journey will be issued to Crow Park or Carlton stations from Doncaster, Grantham or Sheffield and intermediate stations, available by any train due to arrive before 3.30 p.m. The express due to pass Crow Park will stop specially at this station at 8.30 p.m. to take up passengers for Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations.—H. Haigh, H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Chalfont St. Peter (6) 10 a.m.; Chalfont St. Giles (6) 11.30 a.m.; Amersham (6) 2 p.m.; Beaconsfield (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must be sent to me by July 31st as a definite number has to be stated.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual Summer meeting will be held at Ramore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, August 4th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe, the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and their friends during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec. Guildford District, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Frequent bus service from Firth Park to Ecclesfield. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. Parish Church bells (8). Also by kind permission of the Rector of Romalldkirk Cotherstone, Cotherstone bells (6) are available. Tea at the Royal Restaurant at Galgade, Barnard Castle, at 5 p.m., 1/- per head to those who notify me on Tuesday, August 5th.—E. Terry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells ready early. Tea at reasonable price. Apply, Mr. W. Hemming, 52, Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes Bells (8) available after 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 5th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas at Wade on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Sun Inn, kindly provided by the Vicar, for all those who notify Mr. A. M. Ireland, Belle Isle, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at Elstree on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 5.45 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Much Dewchurch on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Black Lion, 5.45 p.m. Free only to those notifying me not later than Aug. 5th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting: Cancelling outing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me by Aug. 5th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastington on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available from noon. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. P. Pows, Eastington, not later than Aug. 14th. For further details see circular. All ringers heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schoolroom, near church, at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Fowler, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, by Wednesday, the 13th? — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, when the Vicar will kindly entertain members who notify me by the 12th. Also a mid-week meeting at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Wednesday, August 6th. Ringing 7.30 till 9.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea 1s. (for all sending word by Aug. 19th) at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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topic. The journey was then pursued to the pretty village of Curry Rivel, where the ringers were welcomed by Mr. W. Proles at the Parish Church. Here the 'metal' seemed to respond remarkably well (tenor 19 cwt.), although not of such rich timbre and tone as those at Ilminster (the writer's opinion). Curry Rivel was left at 7.45 p.m., the rain having ceased, and the boys were soon covering the historically famous Sedgemoor plain, where in the year 1685, the fate of Monmouth was finally decided by his defeat at the hands of the Royalist troops at the Battle of Sedgemoor. No doubt many of the ringers conjured by visions of the strife which had taken place over 200 years ago as they crossed the moor. Anyway, all admired the miles of waving corn and straight furrows to be seen on either side of the historic road which took them through the villages of Othery, Middlezoy and Westonzoyland, until Bridgwater was reached at 8.30 p.m., when the company sat down to dinner at one of the hotels, after which the homeward journey was begun, and Weston-super-Mare reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The Westonians desire heartily to thank the Vicars of the various places visited for the use of the 'ropes,' and everyone concerned who contributed to their comfort and pleasure during the trip.

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