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CHEAPER RAILWAY FACILITIES?

The question of cheaper travelling facilities for ringers when going by train, which the action of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has again brought to the fore, revives a subject which has more than once been under consideration. There was a time, now thirty or more years ago, when ringers of some few societies (the Sussex Association among them) were able to travel individually as well as in parties at reduced fares when going on ringing expeditions. The Central Council then took the matter up with the Railway Clearing House, and, unfortunately, not only were they unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain cheap tickets for ringers in all parts of the country, but the facilities already granted were withdrawn. From time to time since then the subject has been revived, but the railway companies have been unrelenting, and all demands for special treatment have been turned down.

The advances now made at Bristol have been apparently received in a more sympathetic spirit, locally at all events, but it would be well not to be too optimistic as to the outcome. That ringers can claim to be entitled to privileges equal to those granted to fishermen is hardly likely to be disputed (except perhaps by the railway companies), and it is well worth making a combined effort to achieve what the Gloucester and Bristol Association has in view. Ringers, as a whole, do much travelling in pursuit of their hobby, but for obvious reason they seldom travel in a body between any two points on the railway. As at Oxford on Saturday, they concentrate in one spot in considerable numbers for their meetings, and in this case both the London, Midland and Scottish and the Great Western Railways granted cheap fares to members travelling to the festival from any station in the diocese. If these two companies can issue tickets at reduced prices on such an occasion, there is an excellent precedent to work upon in the attempt to get the facilities made general.

This, however, is a case in which the associations ought to act together, either collectively or simultaneously. To attempt to do the thing piecemeal may result in the first application being refused, with the result that those which come after will be treated likewise. We would suggest that the Gloucester and Bristol Association should organise this approach to the companies, and not trust to chance action being taken on the strength of the letter which appeared in our last issue. The Oxford Guild happened to be meeting on Saturday, and promptly decided to take action, but some of the associations will not meet until the early months of next year, and unless something is done to induce their executives to move in

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the matter it may either be too late or be entirely forgotten by the time these societies meet. Having got the ear of their District Superintendent, the Bristol organisers should be in the best position to put other association officials into the most likely track for achieving the desired result, but there ought to be a common plan of action. The Central Council, through its Standing Committee, would doubtless lend its weight to any scheme for bringing the associations together, and if it comes to sending a deputation to either the general managers or some other persons representing the various companies, the Council, as the head of the ringing organisations of the country, should be officially represented. But what is most urgently needed at the moment is that all associations should get into line and make common cause with Gloucester and Bristol.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY ROMENS Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
HERBERT J. ELDRED 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirt Minutes.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
WILLIAM JONES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
THOMAS CATHERALL 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
HARRY PARKER 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
First peal in the method by ringer of 4th.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CYRIL PORTER Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
JOHN W. GLEW 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
ALFRED MOULD 3	JACK BAILEY 7
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 4	JAMES STEVENS Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. Elected a member before starting the peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last mark of respect after the funeral of the late Dr. Sims, churchwarden, since 1920.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JOHN BEAMS Treble	†ALBERT HARMAN 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	*JOHN HOYLE 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALFRED H. POLLING... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells. This is the first peal of London rung for the above association by a resident band. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. N. Burdock.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, July 14, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 7
WILFRED G. COOK 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Arranged for Mr. J. E. Cawsey, of Tickhill, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
SS. SIMON AND JUDE SOCIETY.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

MARK COE Treble	ARTHUR WATERS 5
GEORGE NEWTON... .. 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
C. HARRY WEBB... .. 3	C. HARRY WRIGHT 7
RICHARD BELTON... .. 4	WILLIAM REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by W. REYNOLDS.

Rung on the 4th anniversary of a double event—induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Williams) and the dedication of the new peal of eight bells. First peal in the method by the conductor. Mr. R. Belton is from Barwell.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION, Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 5
†WILLIAM E. PITTMAN ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* Proposed a member previous to starting. † Hundredth peal.

FRITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION, Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWARD J. BEER 4	HERBERT A. HOLDEN... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION, Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER... .. Treble	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BURLS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 23 lb.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 6
ROWLAND BARROW 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This composition has all the combinations of 4th, 5th, 6th in 5 x 6, and the 6th her full extent 'home' in the minimum number of changes; and rung for the first time.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	THOMAS CATHALL 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE, Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	GEORGE POWNALL 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells; rung after meeting short for Rutland Surprise.

TYNEMOUTH.—The following touches were rung by the Parish Church ringers on their annual outing, Thursday, June 25th: Shildon, Durham: 504 Stedman Triples: J. Robertson 1, J. Scott 2, G. Dix 3, E. Gosden 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. George 6, A. Tully 7, W. Robson 8. Bishop Auckland: 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Gray 1, E. Hern 2, J. Scott 3, E. Gosden 4, A. Tully 5, W. Robson 6, G. Dix (conductor) 7, J. George 8. Staindrop: 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Robertson 1, G. Dix 2, J. Scott 3, J. Shipp 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. George 6, E. Gosden 7, A. Tully 8. 504 Stedman Triples: J. Robertson 1, A. Tully 2, J. Scott 3, J. George 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, G. Dix 6, E. Gosden 7, W. Robson 8.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD J. ILOTT Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 6
ROBERT THOMPSON 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7
ALFRED G. HILLS 4	†FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Major on the bells, after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. STEERE Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	JOHN A. COLE 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*RAYMOND PHILLPOTT ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. * First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
WALTER MOBBS 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Mr. Ernest F. Poppy has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This is the sixth tower in which he has rung them all to a peal.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr, 17 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 2	WILLIAM J. ELDRED 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by Mr. W. J. Eldred.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, July 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: William Bunn 1, George Lee 2, Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 3, Ernest Bailey 4, Frederick Wade 5, Albert J. L. Naunton 6. First 720 by the treble ringer, aged 15. Also touches of Cambridge, Norwich and Norfolk Surprise Minor, with E. Bailey, sear., taking part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

F. J. L. BROWN Treble	W. SHORE 4
REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... 2	R. T. CLARK 5
W. ROSEWELL 3	*D. PARFITT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM WILDE Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	FRED HOLT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the church.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS Treble	HORACE H. SMITH 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringer of the 4th.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

(WIGAN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*JAMES W. GROUNDS Treble	FRED RIGBY 4
*WILLIAM AUSTEN 2	*JOHN BOOTH 5
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LANCASTER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal in three methods on the bells.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of York, Durham, Stamford, Lancashire, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise.

*WILLIAM STOCK Treble	†HENRY W. GAYTON 4
*R. CHARLES ALLEN 2	*ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods away from the treble.

THATCHAM, BERKS. — On Monday evening, July 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,200 changes), with ten different callings, was rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 47 mins.: H. W. Curtis 1, A. Smith 2, C. Pearce 3, E. Crocker 4, E. Smith 5, E. Challis 6. Conducted by H. W. Curtis. Ringer of 2nd is from Thatcham; the remainder are Newbury ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting was held on Saturday, July 11th, at Sible Hedingham, amongst those present being Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (district secretary); also ringers from the following parishes to the number of 30, viz., Great Bardfield, Braintree, Stebbing, Earls Colne, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Long Melford, Sible Hedingham, Belchamp St. Paul's.

The usual ringers' service was held in the church.

After the service the ringers sat down to tea, the Rector presiding. At the close of the tea the business meeting was held, the District Master presiding. After the confirmation of the minutes the following new members were elected: Oliver Broyd, Sible Hedingham, and C. H. Smith, Halstead, the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Evans, D.D.) becoming an hon. member. Three places were nominated for the annual meeting in November—Dunmore, Braintree and Earls Colne. It was then proposed and carried that the meeting be held at Earls Colne. It was also decided that bi-meetings be held at Withersfield and Black Notley. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his helpful address; and to all the ladies who had arranged the tea. The Rector suitably responded. The following methods were rung during the meeting: Boh Major, Double Norwich, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The eleventh annual general meeting was held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. There has been a steady improvement in the attendances at the annual meetings, and on this occasion there were present between 20 and 30 members from various parts of the country.

Ring commenced at St. Giles' Church, Mr. A. W. Osborne, who had made all arrangements, meeting the members. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, the last method being necessary on account of the treble rope breaking just before the service. Among the visitors to the tower were Canon Coleridge and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

A choral service was held at St. Giles, conducted by the Vicar. The Secretary tendered the Guild's thanks to the choir and organist.

Tea was served, and the members were joined by Mrs. T. Hibbert, Canon Coleridge, Messrs. Benson, Cole, Caudwell, Deal, Fletcher, Hewett, Pulling and Roberts.

The business meeting was then held, at which the chair was taken by the President (Mrs. A. Pulling). Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted. The accounts were presented, subject to audit, and showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 14s. 11d., making, with the balances brought forward from previous years, the sum of £20 1s. 9d. The accounts were duly accepted.

One new member was elected, viz., Miss Marie Cross, of Twyford.

The Secretary then read the annual report. The Guild has been progressing steadily. The Secretary regretted the lack of a ringing secretary in one of the districts, which is now in the hands of a non-ringing member, who kindly stepped into the breach when the former secretary resigned, and who is doing excellent work. The members of all districts are urged to support the meetings, and so reward the secretaries for their work.

The Secretary deeply regretted to have to report the death of Miss Brudenell, of Bagshot.

The next meeting is to be held in London, it being usual to visit London every third year.

Mrs. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, was proposed as president, and unanimously elected, Mrs. Deal declining to stand for the office.

The Secretary (Miss E. K. Parker) was re-elected.

The Secretary asked for the opinion of the members with regard to reports, and there was considerable discussion on this matter. The question was raised as to whether a charge should be made for these, but this was not considered practicable, in view of the difficulty of collecting the money. The meeting decided against any increase in the subscription at the moment, but agreed to print the report for one year, and discuss the matter further at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Hairs stated that the Central District had decided to organise a visit to Wembley in October, and invited all who were able to take part in this.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, to the president for presiding, and for her work in connection with the Southern District during her year of office, and to the secretary. A special vote of thanks was passed to the gentlemen who had interested themselves in the Guild. Canon Coleridge suitably replied.

This concluded the meeting, and the majority of those present visited Caversham tower, where Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. A course of Double Norwich was rung by eight members, and Cambridge was also attempted.

This was one of the most successful meetings held by the Guild, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans district was held at Kimpton on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by about 20 ringers from various towers. The ringing ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Vicar conducted a service at 5 p.m., and gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells and their use. The party were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. At the business meeting Mr. Bacon (president) occupied the chair, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at North Mymms on August 8th. A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells to the Vicar for so kindly entertaining the party to tea, and to Mr. Bacon for acting as chairman; also to Mr. Gillings, of the local band, and Mrs. Gillings for presiding at the organ.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11th, a very pleasant meeting of the Midsomer Norton Deanery branch was held at Chilcompton. Ringing before the service consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The service was taken by the Rev. L. G. Kethley, of Farnborough, who officiated, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the president, the Rev. A. N. Bax, of Radstock. Tea, for which the ringers were indebted to Mr. Bailey, then took place. The business meeting followed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Litton on October 10th.

Further ringing then took place, the additional methods being Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. A welcome visitor was Mr. Bailey, of Farnham, Hants, who happened to be in the district.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Llantwit-Major on Saturday, June 27th, when a number of ringers from both dioceses attended. The bells, a ring of six, recast some few years ago, were raised and rung in different methods until 4.30, when a service was held, conducted by the Vicar. The address was most interesting. Following the service, tea, which had been most generously provided, was partaken of. Then followed the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. E. Kibblewhite (lay reader of Llantwit), in the absence of the Canon, who was conducting a party of students from Aberystwyth College through the church. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and before any business was done the Honorary Secretary moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of two of the oldest association members, who had recently passed away, namely, Mr. William Biss and Mr. William Coombes, which was passed by all present standing in silence for a few moments.

Instructors' reports were accepted, and also the reports of the representatives to the Central Council meeting at Chester. It was arranged to hold the next quarterly Glamorgan meeting at Pendoylan. Two or three very interesting items were reported on proposed restorations and augmentations.

With regard to the late Mr. W. Bliss, who has left a widow and several children, the best thanks were accorded to Mr. S. Dawe for the kindness he has shown by appealing to all towers affiliated to subscribe something on their behalf, and it is most gratifying that a substantial sum has been subscribed, which will be handed over to Mrs. Bliss by Mr. Dawe. New members were elected, and included a dozen young hands belonging to Llantwit, who have recently learned to handle a bell, can just manage rounds and propose learning ringing, the association promising to give every assistance. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded all those at Llantwit for their kindness and help. The Canon visited the meeting just at the close, and was delighted to learn that his bells would soon be put into change ringing. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

DEDICATION OF BELL, DUBLIN.

The new treble bell at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, was dedicated on Sunday, June 28th, a short service being held in the belfry before ringing for morning service, conducted by the Dean, Dr. Lawlor.

Lady Seers Kaye, the donor, was present in the Cathedral, and was represented in the ringing room by younger members of the family.

After the service, the bell was raised, and touches of Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung upon the new combinations.

The new bell, which gives great satisfaction to all concerned, and weighs 6 cwt. 17 lb., is by Taylor.

BIRMINGHAM BELLS BROADCAST.

In connection with the Jubilee celebration of the restoration of St. Martin's, Birmingham, much service ringing has been done by the St. Martin's band. The thanksgiving services began on Saturday evening, and the bells were rung for an hour and a half. In addition to the usual Sunday morning service ringing, the band rang for evensong, and again for a special service afterwards, when the ringing was broadcast from the Birmingham station of the B.B.C.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is gratifying to see that 'The Morning Post' protests against the recasting of Coventry bells; it was better to notice the general tenor of its remarks. Although—so we may summarise them—although we have several times expressed our approval of carillons, that does not mean we prefer them to ringing peals. On the contrary, as a general rule we think the latter are the best. And that, I think, is the general opinion. English people as a whole are by no means anxious or willing that our ringing bells should be displaced by carillons.

Still we must realise that there is a number of gentlemen—well informed, enthusiastic, painstaking—who are doing their utmost by writing and speaking to proclaim the advantages of carillons and to create a popular interest in them, with considerable success. Further, although there is a professorship of campanology in one of the smaller modern universities, it is concerned solely with carillon music, and takes not the slightest notice whatever of change ringing. The whole tendency of these people's efforts is to create a popular impression that the carillon is a far nobler thing than the ringing peal, and carillon playing an infinitely superior art to change ringing. They do not indeed say anything actually against our English ringing. Their attitude is that it is well enough in its way, but that the other is much the better. I have heard Dr. Stainer, the most accomplished and learned of the carillon advocates, say that he loves to hear our English bells, but that, of course, they are not music; and he plainly infers that no one who knows anything about the matter would or could possibly put change ringing in the same category as carillon music. What we have to consider is this. Assuming that these ideas are uncontradicted and become popular, there is the possibility that authorities will be persuaded to put up small carillons instead of ringing peals; and even, as in a case like, say, Liverpool Cathedral, instal a full carillon instead of heavy ringing peal. You will say that the cost is prohibitive. But not necessarily so. Truly, only once in a while can such a set as that lately put up at Loughborough, or that recently sent to New York, be afforded. But our modern bell foundries have learnt the art of casting good small bells, and a carillon of a dozen or so small bells; the largest, about half a ton, would not cost more than a moderately-sized peal of eight. Agreed that ambitious carillon music could not be played on such a set; but a large number of airs of the hymn tune variety, ambitious enough for the class of carillonneur likely to be available could be played.

There are quite sufficient people among church authorities to whom this would appeal if once it became the fashion.

We, the Exercise, ought to have our answer ready. We must say decidedly, and with conviction, that though carillons are magnificent things in their way, and under some circumstances, yet the ringing peal is far greater. Change ringing is the nobler art. And that while carillon music is a very restricted form of music, English bell ringing is, in its sphere, perfect.

These are bold statements, but they can be justified, and justified not merely from the standpoint of a change ringer, but from the standpoint of the outsider. The carillon claims to be music, and must, therefore, be judged by comparison with other forms of music. Very well, compare it with other instruments—the organ, the violin, the piano, the human voice—in one respect only can it be favourably compared. It can be heard at greater distances. In everything else, in variety of tone, in range, in expression, it is altogether inferior. An average organist can give you results that the most expert carillonneur cannot attempt. And when you consider the cost of the instrument, the comparison should be with a full orchestra. How will it countenance that comparison?

As for the small carillon with its single air without harmony or accompaniment, who was it that said it reminded him of a 'daft' giant trying to pick out hymn tunes with one finger on a Broddingnagian pianoforte?

The ringing peal does not claim to be music, and challenges no such comparisons. But it has a unique power of appealing most profoundly to the listeners' being and memory. Not, of course, in every listener, nor at all times in any listener. Nay, the listener is hardly directly conscious of the effect, and yet it is there. A thing that can do this surely is entitled to belong to true art.

A very striking illustration of this is related by A. W. Kinglake in a book of travels in the East, which he called 'Eothen.' It was published in the middle of the last century, and is reckoned a classic of its kind. He was travelling on a camel across the desert from Gaza to Cairo, and on the fifth day, having closed his eyes against the glare of the sun, he slowly fell asleep. 'For how many minutes or moments I cannot tell—but after a while I was gently awakened by a peal of church bells—my native bells—the innocent bells of Marlen that never before sent forth their music beyond the Blyayen hills! My first idea naturally was that I still remained fast under the power of a dream. I roused myself and drew aside the silk that covered my eyes and plunged my bare face into the light. Then at last I was well awakened, but still these old Marlen bells rang on, not ringing for joy, but properly, prosily, steadily, merrily ringing "for church."

After a while the sound died away slowly; it happened that neither I nor any of my party had a watch by which to measure the exact time of its lasting, but it seemed to me that about ten minutes had passed before the bells ceased. I attributed the effect to the great heat of the sun, the perfect dryness of the clear air through which I moved, and the deep stillness of all around me; it seemed to me that these causes, by occasioning a great tension and consequent susceptibility of the hearing organs, had rendered them liable to tingle under the passing memory that must have swept across my brain in a moment of sleep. Since my return to England it has been told me that like sounds have been heard at sea, and that the sailor, becalmed under a vertical sun in the midst of the wide ocean, has listened in trembling wonder to the chime of his own village bells.'

The explanation is a reasonable one, but you note that it is the bells, that strike the subtle chord, not the village choir, nor any of the many other sounds that memory might have associated with the listener's native place.

But it may be objected. 'Be it so, that does not affect the present argument. The illusion would have been just the same, whether the bells were ringing peal or carillon.' I do not think so. I think this peculiar power in our bells is largely due to the fact that there is no musical air in ringing. Where you have a definite tune, the conscious brain has something to appreciate and understand. In change ringing there is nothing definite to listen to. There are but vague suggestions, and the listener is turned inwards to his own soul and being. The æsthetic effect of change ringing is almost entirely subjective, and not objective. Thus, people talk about bells ringing merrily for a wedding, triumphantly for a victory, and mournfully for a funeral. We know that all ringing actually is the same. It is the listener who supplies the difference.

It is, of course, true that all pleasing inarticulate sound has to some extent this character. For instance, the breaking of waves on the sea-shore, or the sighing of the wind among the trees. They appeal to people just because the sound has no meaning of its own, and can, therefore, suggest such a variety of ideas to those that hear them. Just so the sense of smell, the vaguest and most indefinite of all the senses is by far the most potent in stimulating the memory.

And of all inarticulate sounds that of a bell has this quality the most. I remember some years ago talking with the late Mr. J. W. Taylor. He had just been to Paris, and on his way back he stopped at Rouen to hear the great bell there. I asked him what he thought of it, and his reply was: 'It made me feel religious.' Much the same thing is expressed by Milton, where he says:—

On a plat of rising ground,
I hear the far-off curfew sound,
Over some wide watered shore
Swinging slow, with solemn roar.

What the single bell can do, the ringing peal can do far better. But you are to notice that the effect does not depend to any extent on the quality of the bells or the ringing. We all have friends who have told us of such and such bells. Had we heard them? They were simply lovely. The prosaic truth is as often as not that they were very ordinary bells rung by a quite indifferent hand. But there you have the unique power of the ringing peal.

We ringers are almost the last people to whom bells will appeal in this way. We have too many active interests in them. We are thinking about the line of the bells, the quality of the ringing, the particular method. We are listening for course ends and hobs, and this mental activity is fatal to any of those vague suggestions. We get our full enjoyment out of change ringing, but we inevitably miss its most subtle charm.

NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

On reading the report of the Nomenclature Committee, which has appeared in your columns, I notice that it proposes to reject the names Bluebell, etc., for Blundell, etc., on the grounds that, as a member of the Council put it last year in London, the former are 'in bad taste, unscientific and inartistic.' The Norbury band have rung as many of the new methods in the Central Council Collection as any other company of change ringers, and, together with other bands, have availed themselves of that unwritten law of the exercise, which has allowed those who first ring a new method to have the privilege of naming it. So far, no good reason appears to have been shown why we should forgo the right on which we have already relied, and accept names which are in no better taste, without science, and less artistic. Nor do we admit the contention that by our choice we have taken any 'retrograde' step, but rather do we strongly assert that we have supported the only scientific system of nomenclature which has yet been proposed.

JAMES FERNLEY,
Leader of Norbury Ringers.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss Nora E. Shorter 1, Miss Flo E. Wyman 2, Miss Bertha M. Mills 3, J. Coacher 4, Sam Pettor 5, Geo. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 6. Rang after meeting short for a peal.

FACTS AND OPINIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to reply to some remarks made by the writer of 'Notes by the Way' in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

He says there is no other 12-bell tower which has anything like the record of that at Ipswich. I can assure him that we of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, raise our hats to all that has been done by that excellent band of ringers at Ipswich. But what of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which, I believe, can claim to have rung more peals in different methods on its bells than any other 12-bell tower in existence, and has also had to date seven different peals of Maximus, viz., Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, Duffield, Forward and Cambridge? This is a record to-day. Also peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge have been rung on seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven bells. The total peals to date on St. Martin's bells approximate 210 in number, from Triples to Maximus. Another record is that more ringers have rung their first peal on twelve bells there than elsewhere. As regards increasing rings of eight to ten, I am sure everyone, with exception of the proposer, was amazed to see the motion on the agenda at the Chester Council meeting and none surprised that it was practically laughed out of court, receiving the only fate it deserved. I shall do all in my power to help King's Norton, as we in Birmingham are especially in need of a good ten-bell tower, and which should be the right and proper stepping-stone to the 12-bell practices at St. Martin's. An instance is St. Andrew's, Derby, which, since two trebles have been added, has a beautiful peal of ten bells, and where Cambridge Royal is rung for the Sunday services. In reference to Stedman Cinques, how many are there that can ring it as it should be rung? Very few comparatively speaking. In conclusion, there are lots of brave conductors, and Stedman has been, and still is, in Birmingham and elsewhere, rung in every possible position—backstroke and handstroke, titlums and home positions. Will the writer of 'Notes by the Way' publish or send me some of his own?

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

ABERAVON.—On Saturday, June 27th, after the unveiling of the town war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), half-muffled, with J. G. 8 covering: A. Halton (Neath) 1, G. Lewis (Cardoxon) 2, W. J. Thomas (Cardoxon) 3, J. Weatherby 4, W. Nulton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Stinch (conductor) 7, W. Pring 8.

'TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY.'

Dear Sir,—I read from time to time the complaints of Guild officials and various comments on this momentous question, and am convinced that the only remedy is for the harassed officials to table a list of names at the annual meeting of all defaulters, and then to resign en bloc and touch no business until the arrears are paid up in full. It is certain that the members who have the welfare of the Guild at heart would soon bestir themselves to compel the defaulters to pay up and save their faces, which are badly in need of a little 'saving grace.' However a ringer can allow himself year by year to remain on the roll and ring peals and make no effort to pay the paltry one or two shillings per annum passes one's comprehension! Less than one halfpenny per week, for which he receives benefits in the shape of (in many cases) a voluminous report, a few free feeds and the honour of union with a decent Guild. Then he expects all his Guild officials to work many hours per year arranging meetings, teas, peals and what not for nothing; he grumbles, to boot, if he, individually, is not suited by the fare put up for his delectation; has the impudence to promise to pay one halfpenny per week, and is too idle or thoughtless or void of honour to carry out his promise. An Englishman's word was the foundation stone upon which our great Empire was built. Where one's Guild is concerned it is wonderful how things carry on so well with such lists of defaulters. So pay up and look big, my merrie men, and show your compeers that you are worthy of your place among them, for, as things stand just now, your principles are too microscopic to cast a shadow.—Yours truly,

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

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By JOHN HOWES.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers in general, and particularly those interested in rifle shooting, will be interested to learn that Mr. E. Congreve-Pridgeau, a popular member of the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Ringers' Guild, has gained a place in the King's Hundred at Bisley this year, a feat which he also accomplished in 1923.

Mrs. M. H. Shurtleff, of Boston, U.S.A., who will be remembered by many London ringers as Miss Nicholls, the daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Nicholls, has, after 25 years' absence, again visited England with several of her family. During a short stay in London, she attended the College Youths' practices at St. Magnus, London Bridge, and St. Paul's Cathedral. A quarter-peal was arranged for her at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Sunday, July 12th, but it unfortunately came to grief. She also did some handbell ringing, accomplishing, among other touches, a 504 of Stedman Triples and 224 Grand-sire, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney, who called handbell peals, in which she took part, when she was in England 25 years ago.

Can any Scotch ringer inform us on the likelihood of getting a 'pull' in Edinburgh during August?

One hundred and forty years ago next Wednesday there arrived in London one whose name will be linked with ringing as long as the Exercise lasts. On July 29th, 1785, William Shipway reached the Metropolis from his native town Bath, drawn to the capital by the greater facilities which he would obtain for ringing.

James William Washbrook, whose memory is to be perpetuated by two bells placed in St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, was born on July 27th, 1864.

The first peal in Ireland was rung on July 27th, 1872. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral.

On July 26th, 1832, Samuel Thurston called a peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob at St. Giles', Norwich.

At Aston Church, where, later, Henry Johnson rang many peals, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung on July 30th, 1792.

One of the most useful books of instruction in ringing is Troyte's well-known treatise. It is indispensable to all ringers, and covers the groundwork on all numbers up to eight bells. It has, however, this advantage, that those whose efforts are for the time being limited to six-bell ringing can obtain an edition suitable to their needs at a lower price than the complete publication. Particulars as to this will be found in an advertisement.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. A large company of ringers from March, Leverington, Watlington, Shouldham and the local company assembled. Tea was served, and the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Brown) presided at the business meeting. He referred briefly to the belfry reform, adding he had the opportunity of assisting to clear out some abuses which existed in his early days. The chairman became an hon. member and five ringing members were elected. The tower was again visited, and touches rung, the local band joining in, the Rector also taking a rope. A well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was brought round at Leverington on the way home.

On Saturday, July 4th, a meeting was held at the fine old village of Doddington, ringers attending from Somersham, Chatteris and March. Some good touches were rung on the five old 15th century bells, the local company taking part. The Rector kindly entertained all present to tea, and he also gave some interesting history of the fine old church.

On Saturday, July 11th, a district meeting was held at Upwell, ringers attending from Elm, March, Chatteris, Somersham, Watlington and Shouldham. Good touches were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods. Mr. J. Papiett took the chair at the business meeting at which seven new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at Sutton.

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The report, as presented, was adopted, and the work will, consequently, now be put in hand.

The Master announced that out of the amount subscribed, the Oxford Guild and members had contributed £115. It was not more than they ought to have done, but it was good all the same (applause).

Later in the meeting the Hon. Treasurer moved that a sum of £10 be voted from the Guild funds to the Washbrook Memorial, and that an additional £5 be given if the Master considered it necessary. Mr. Wright said other ringing societies had already sent subscriptions, and the Oxford Guild should support the fund by voting the amount proposed. They were now well able to afford it.

The motion was agreed to.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

WORK TO BE PUT IN HAND.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild having been entrusted with the task of erecting a suitable memorial to the late Mr. James William Washbrook, the special committee appointed to deal with the subject presented a report at the Oxford Guild annual meeting last Saturday, when it was resolved to place the order for two bells to increase the ring of six in the tower of St. Ebbe's Church to a peal of eight, and erect a commemorative tablet.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presented the report, which was as follows:—

At the last annual meeting held in Reading, it was decided to erect in Oxford some fitting memorial to the late James W. Washbrook, and to invite contributions towards this from all Guilds, Associations, and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends. It was further resolved that, if possible, the memorial should take the form of augmenting the ring of six bells in the tower of either St. Ebbe, St. Giles, or Carfax. A special committee was appointed to deal with the matter, consisting of the Master, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Cullum, H. Miles and W. H. B. Wilkins. This committee was instructed to make the necessary inquiries, to decide upon a scheme, and to issue an appeal for funds wherewith to carry it out.

In considering the suggested towers, the committee ruled out Carfax, chiefly, but not entirely, because it is not a church tower; and St. Giles chiefly, but not entirely, because of the costliness of the work that would be necessary, and finally decided upon St. Ebbe, because the augmenting of this musical little ring appeared to be in all respects a scheme which would give the best value for the money which they expected would be at their disposal. Favourable reports were received from Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, as to the casting of bells good enough to be trebles in such a lighting ring; from Mr. White, whose firm rehung the six bells some years ago, as to the practicability of putting the bells in the tower; and from Mr. G. H. Philpott, M.S.A., as to the structure of the tower and the plans for hanging the bells.

The sum of £170 was named as a rough estimate, and an appeal was issued throughout the Exercise for the raising of this sum to augment the ring at St. Ebbe's; it was added that should contributions be in excess of the sum required a larger scheme might be considered.

As the result of this appeal we have in hand £160. In addition to this, the Lancashire Association, who approached us first of all on this matter, have informed us we may count on them for £20, and we have a few other promises of smaller amounts. Mr. White's revised estimate is £165 15s., and we calculate that the cost of a decent commemorative tablet and sundry fees and expenses will bring the total up to £190.

The committee feel that financially and otherwise the Washbrook Memorial Scheme, as described, is a sound one, and they recommend the Guild, as trustees for those who, throughout the land, value the memory of this greatest of ringers, to accept Mr. White's estimate, and to authorise the work at St. Ebbe's to be put in hand.

The Master added that Mr. White had said that when he began to do the work he might find one or two things it was impossible to foresee now, which would require to be done, and he intended, if so, to do them, if he had the job, and he would not worry about payment for them. The committee felt that Mr. White should not be allowed to be out of pocket to such an extent, if such additional work should prove necessary (hear, hear). They would not have much more money in hand than they would require, but, with what was promised, he thought they would have enough to do the work well. He proposed the adoption of the report.

Canon G. F. Coleridge seconded. The committee, he said, had gone into the matter with very great care, and came to the conclusion embodied in the report. At the beginning he was, he admitted, very pessimistic over the matter; he did not think they would raise anything like that amount of money. He knew Mr. Washbrook as a little boy at St. Thomas's Schools. He remembered that, with John Jagger, who became well known later at Burton-on-Trent, James Washbrook, as a lad, used to climb up by the ivy to get into the tower and practise pulling a bell with tied clapper; because they felt they should emulate the deeds of the members of the Oxford University Guild, whom they had seen struggling to ring six-scores of Grandsire. He (Canon Coleridge) recognised that there were to-day a large number of ringers growing up, who knew nothing about Mr. Washbrook, and he thought that among the few older ones who did know him, sufficient money would not be forthcoming. He was delighted to know that it was. He did not think they could do better than carry out at once the scheme contained in the report.

Replying to Mr. C. Mayne, the Master said it was true there were formerly two trebles at St. Ebbe's Church, and that they were taken away because they were unworthy of the present six. They were given to other churches in the parish.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

ANNUAL MEETING VENUE DISCUSSED AGAIN.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Oxford on Saturday, and was favoured with brilliant summer weather. There are many attractions for ringers at the University city, and the meeting was attended by over 150 members, well representative of the three counties, of which the diocese is comprised. In view of the feeling which has existed for some few years past on the subject of the place of meeting for this annual event, and the argument used that the dominant power in voting is with the district in which the meeting is held, it was extremely interesting to note that a show of hands revealed that at the luncheon, which followed the business meeting, there were 57 members present from the County of Berks, 75 from Bucks, and only 25 from Oxfordshire.

The proceedings began with a service in the Cathedral at 11.15, at which an outstanding feature was the hearty singing. The preacher was the Ven. R. Wickham Legg (Archdeacon of Berks), whose practical address was much appreciated. A collection was made for the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

The Chapter House was filled to its utmost capacity for the business meeting, which, despite the expeditious manner in which the agenda was dealt with by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who presided, lasted close on two hours. The Master was supported by Archdeacon Legg, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. W. J. Palmer, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary).

The Master first made reference to the great loss which the whole diocese, and, therefore, the bell ringers of the diocese, had sustained by the death of Bishop Burge. He never was able to preach to the Guild, but that was not because he was not willing or was not asked to do so, but always, at that time of year, his engagements prevented him from doing so, for he was not only Bishop of the Diocese, but a man tremendously sought after in England, and, indeed, all over the world. They were fortunate to have had him as their Bishop; he was heart and soul in sympathy with the Guild, and was always anxious to know how the work was going on. He (the speaker) asked those present to stand in silence for a few moments to mark their respect.

This having been done, the Master said the new Bishop was formerly Dean of Christ Church, and as Dean he was very helpful and sympathetic when their meetings were held there, and the Guild would offer him a very hearty welcome whenever he came among them (applause).

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of Christ Church for his welcome, and for allowing them to hold their service in the Cathedral, for the use of the Chapter House and the hall adjoining, and for allowing them to ring at Christ Church. He also thanked the organist, whose playing they much enjoyed, and then thanked the preacher. They had never before, he said, had an address at their annual festival from the Archdeacon of Berkshire, and they wished heartily to thank him, not only for coming, but for what he said to them. It was good for them to listen to a quiet, straight talk upon their great work. The Archdeacon had given them something to think about, and put into practice. The Archdeacon practised what he preached, and was in full sympathy with ringers.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. J. F. Barlow, and carried with acclamation.—In replying, the Archdeacon said he was always glad to do anything he could on behalf of the bell ringers. He regretted he could not stay to the luncheon, as he had to fulfil engagements in his own archdeaconry. The Archdeacon left shortly afterwards.

RESTORATION WORK.

The Master's report was presented as follows, and adopted, on the motion of Mr. A. D. Cullum, seconded by Mr. W. Sear:—

The Guild is on the whole going forward, though it may be but slowly. If ground is gained in one quarter, there is too often a loss to be reported in another, and still there remain many portions of this great unwieldy diocese where it has no footing. But the branches are for the most part vigorous, and that is the great hope. It is for them to make it known that the Guild is a good thing. Thanks chiefly to Mr. Barker, the East Berks and South Bucks Branch has made a splendid recovery. The peal list is not a long one, but I do not think it is necessarily the worse for that. The encouraging thing is that several new names figure as ringers and conductors. Perhaps the feature of the year is the amount of restoration work accomplished or commenced. The Diocesan Advisory Committee now require a report from me on every 'bell' scheme that comes before them, and there is now a good understanding between us. At the request of the Rural Dean of the Reading Deanery, who is also chairman of the above committee, I visited every tower in his Deanery, and made reports, with the result that four towers have already benefited from the attentions of the bell hanger. Coming to larger matters and in other directions, the fine heavy ring of eight at Great Tew is now rehung in a new frame. A generous donor has recast the old six at Kingham, and added two trebles with a new frame, making a good light octave. At Blotchley and Milton Keynes, respectively, the rings of eight and five

have been rehung in new frames. Tackley, with the addition of a treble, has now a fine ring of six going well on the restored old frame. At Chaddlesworth a new frame has been put in, and the three bells augmented to four. The two small fourteenth century bells at Barton Hartshorn have been rehung and made safe, it is hoped for many years to come. I have also visited to give advice at Coombe, Great Hassey, Shalston, Shenington, Shiplake, Simpson, Sinton, Courtenay and Water Stratford. Our treasurer has produced a good balance sheet, and if only his suggestions as to finance are accepted in practice, as well as in theory, the Guild will soon be able to make some grants again. All will agree, I am sure, that the first call upon a Guild surplus must be a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The ringing associations, through the Central Council, have entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of erecting this memorial. Ours is the privilege, and ours the chief responsibility, though we are by no means being left by the other associations to bear this alone. So, for our part, I hope that, besides a Guild subscription, every tower will send a contribution, and that every Branch will vote a sum from its surplus funds. Early in the year, Mr. W. Newell passed away in a good old age, being mercifully spared the days of suffering that his friends feared for him. He was one of the fathers of the Guild, and maintained his keen interest in its welfare, and in ringing generally to the very last. May he rest in peace. In conclusion, I should like to thank those excellent Guild servants, Mr. Wright and Mr. Hibbert, for the way they have helped me in my endeavour to serve the Guild.

THE GUILD'S FINANCES.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report as follows: 'The statement of accounts for 1924 shows a balance of £86 14s. 8d., as compared with £64 11s. 11d. last year. The amount received from local branches has risen from £87 9s. 6d. to £75 13s. 10d., and the subscriptions to the general Guild from £2 11s. to £15 7s. 6d. The expenses have decreased from £99 14s. 2d. to £84 2s. 7d. The annual report cost £7 less than last year, and the number attending the annual festival fell from 158 to 96. Although a small attendance meant a considerable saving, it is with pleasure that I have received two additions to the funds, given by two persons who have taken this method of recognising the Master's services in connection with the restoration of two peals of bells. One was a life subscription, and the other a special donation. I suggested last year that a "Restoration Fund" should be started so that any grants given should not come out of the year's income. With this object in view, I have placed the donation in a separate fund, and have added the Reserve Fund Dividend, and I hope each year to add a sum when I have a good balance in hand. At the last annual meeting, Rule III. was altered, and subscriptions from local branches have to be paid to the Guild Treasurer by July instead of December. A letter has been sent to every Branch Treasurer calling attention to this alteration. The new rule with reference to the payment for reports comes into operation this year. These two matters have been fully explained at all the Branch meetings. I am very glad to see that the East Berks and South Bucks Branch is regaining its former prosperous position. The subscriptions are nearly double those of last year. Mr. Barker and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. I should like to express my appreciation of the services rendered by the Branch Treasurers. I have now had the pleasure of meeting all of them, and know a little of their difficulties. It is on their work that the success of the Guild largely depends.

'The Treasurer added that last year he calculated upon a 10 per cent. increase in their finances, and he was glad to be able to say that it worked out at 113. He hoped this year to see another 10 per cent. added. With regard to the reserve fund, he hoped to transfer another £10 from their balance to the Savings Bank. The interest on that and the £10 already there, was equivalent to the subscriptions of twelve additional members.'

The report was adopted.

A SICKLY 'BARY.'

The Secretary, in his report, stated: 'The year 1924 left our Guild better in many ways than the preceding year. That, at least, is the opinion of your humble servant. We have had, for instance, a definite return of membership from each Branch Secretary, and although, as in other years, some towers have fallen out the average is kept up by fresh towers joining. Our membership stands as follows: towers in union, 167; hon. members, 241; ringing members, 1,396; unattached, 420. Total membership, 2,057. One thing I wish I could alter, and that is members falling into arrears. If all members would only realise what an anxiety it is to Branch Secretaries not to know whether subscriptions are coming, or whether to make up their accounts for the hon. treasurer, and "star" members as in arrears, I think everyone would pay subscriptions in good time, and so help the men who do so much to make our unwieldy Guild workable. Our peals are less in number than in the past few years, but most satisfactory from the facts that: (1) 28 ringers rang their first peal; (2) upwards of 60 rang their first peals in different methods; (3) 4 conducted peals first time; (4) 6 conducted peals in fresh methods. An outstanding peal of this description was "Double Norwich," by the North Berkshire Branch, first in the method by all. Congratulations also to members of East Berks, who, with their old conductor, G.

Martin, brought us back to Surprise methods by scoring two peals of "Cambridge." We hope, therefore, to get back to old times during 1925, and to prove that "London" and "Bristol" are not too big. The first 720 of spliced Minor was rung by the young band at Stoke Poges, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. Mention must also be made of a visit to North Berks by Mr. W. Pye and party, who scored the first peal of "Cambridge Royal" by the Guild at Abingdon, and rang peals of "London" and "Bristol" at Drayton and Dorchester respectively. The Guild had lost, by death, during the year, the Rev. E. Broome, for many years secretary to the Sonning Deanery Branch, Messrs. W. Newell, C. E. Stone and A. Guy.'

In presenting the report the Secretary said the question had arisen whether it was worth while keeping the Vale of White Horse Branch as a separate branch. It was for the neighbouring towers to use their influence to keep the branch alive, and try and feed this 'baby.'

The Rev. E. B. Lock (hon. secretary of the branch) suggested that it be merged in the North Bucks branch. He felt that no amount of 'artificial nourishment' or any other 'nourishment,' would save this delicate 'baby,' unless it was taken over by another branch. It was one of the most scattered areas in Berkshire, and had no 'certificated' bell ringers resident in it. It laboured under very great difficulties, and he did not know whether it was advisable to struggle on for another year.

It was agreed that the question should be dealt with by the Master, Treasurer and Secretary.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was re-elected amid cheers, on the motion of Mr. F. Hopgood, seconded by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the latter expressing the thanks which the members felt for the work done by the Master throughout the year.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he hoped they would settle in a workable way the question of their annual festival. Ever since he had been Master he had been dealing either with questions concerned with the annual festival and the dissatisfaction of members, or with memorial funds. He would like to have a few years, before he had done with it, when they could go ahead with the work, without having to consider these other things. He had endeavoured in the past to attend all branch meetings, but they had increased so in number that it had now become impossible to continue this policy, and do anything at all to help young ringers, who wanted to ring a peal, and who were worthy to ring a peal, or a band which wanted assistance in practising Surprise methods. He simply had no Saturdays to spare. The Treasurer and Secretary agreed with him, and so for the future he asked them not to expect him at any but the annual meetings of the branches. He would attend the others if he could, but he would like to be consulted about the date of the annual branch meetings.

The Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, and the Master congratulated the Guild upon its wisdom, for both these officers put their whole heart into the work.

On the question of the election of the committee, the Master said that Mr. J. J. Parker had written to him that he was unable to continue as a member of the Guild; therefore his name would disappear from the committee.

Mr. Mayne asked whether Mr. Parker was not a 'complimentary' life member. He was one of their oldest members, a master among ringers, and had done a great deal of spade work. It would be a great pity if he were allowed to go from the Guild or the committee.

The Master said Mr. Parker had told them he could not continue as a member of the Guild. He knew nothing about Mr. Parker being a 'complimentary' member.

Mr. Wilkins said Mr. Parker was worthy of being elected a vice-president. He was one of the founders of the Guild.

The Master said Mr. Parker was one of two men he had hoped to see elected vice-presidents; the other was Mr. Newell, who had been taken from them. The question was raised in committee, and the view was taken (with which he agreed) that they could not elect Mr. Parker as a vice-president if he was not a member of the Guild.

The following eleven members of the committee were re-elected: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humfrey, W. Hibbert, senr., Fred Webb, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. Mr. G. Martin was elected to fill the vacancy.

Canon Coleridge gave a brief review of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester, which, he said, were full of interest and very enjoyable. Everyone was struck by the warmth and geniality of their welcome, both by the Chester Guild and the Bishop, Dean, and authorities of the Cathedral. Canon Coleridge referred to several of the most important points in the business transacted, and pointed out that a full report had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' which every member ought to have read. They could not keep up in their knowledge of what was happening in the ringing Exercise unless they were regular subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

A report of the Washbrook Memorial Committee was presented, and adopted. It will be found under a separate heading.

(To be continued.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Milton-next-Gravesend (Kent) ringers were favoured with glorious weather for their annual outing. Proceeding by charabanc, the first stop was at Croydon, where, by kind permission of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the party spent a very interesting hour in being shown round by Mr. C. Roper. This privilege was greatly appreciated. The next stop was at Epsom. At Christ Church, the peal of eight were rung to Grandsire and Treble Bob.

Dorking was reached in time for dinner at the Victory Tea Gardens, which was served in the beautiful grounds. A visit was paid to St. Martin's Church, and the bells were soon going to Triples and Treble Bob. The homeward journey was via Reigate and Redhill. It was arranged to stop at Limsfield Chart to ring, but owing to being wrongly directed, the tower was missed.

After tea at Seal, the tower was visited, where the peal of six are at present a very tiring and trying proposition.

Home was reached at 10 o'clock, one and all well satisfied with the day's outing, and the ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for permission to look round the foundry; to Mr. Roper for his kindness; to the various incumbents for permission to ring at the towers visited; and to Mr. C. Dean, the esteemed secretary of the Surrey Association, for his valued help.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual summer outing was held on Saturday, June 27th, when a visit was paid to that picturesque riverside resort of Great Marlow-on-Thames.

Some of the party went by train direct to Marlow, but others went to Maidenhead, then by launch to Henley, and returning to Marlow, visiting the pretty tower of All Saints and its ring of eight bells, which was open for ringing from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative, etc., with the brother member ringers, including Mr. Mayne, of Beaconsfield; Mr. John Evans, of Wycombe; and Mr. Owens, of West Wycombe.

A photo group was taken on the lawn, which included the St. Luke's, Chelsea, section of the association, who were staying for two days.

In the evening, touches of Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. J. C. Truss, T. H. Taffender, Herbert and Alloway, opened the proceedings of an enjoyable evening at the Two Brewers. Mr. Truss at the piano, Mr. W. D. Mathews, ex-Master and treasurer of the association, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. R. Newman, assistant secretary, also gave songs, etc.

NOTTINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 4th, the ringers and friends, numbering 25 in all, held their annual outing. Starting at 8.30 for Buxton by charabanc, the first halt was made at Derby and Matlock. The journey was then pursued to Bakewell, where a stop was made for a ring on the fine peal of eight. Touches of Stedman were rung, also three leads of Kent Major, with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the editor, who is staying in Buxton. A party of ringers from Kibworth rang the party into the village. A move was then made for Buxton, where dinner was served, and a pleasant two hours were spent in exploring the places of interest. At 4.30 a start was made for Ashbourne, where tea was served, after which Mr. Cobin, St. Peter's Ringing Master, voiced the thanks of the party to Mr. West and Mr. Chadburn for the able way in which the arrangements had been made and carried out. The fine old peal of eight was then visited, where touches of Stedman and Spliced Treble Bob Major were rung, and the handbells were also brought into use. At Derby, the handbells were again rung, after which a start was made for home, via Ilkeston, Nottingham being reached at 11 p.m. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the members of St. Peter's band wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells; the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness, and helping to make this outing such an enjoyable one.

ST. JAMES' GUILD, TAUNTON.

On July 4th the ringers of the Guild held their annual outing. Taunton was left at 7.10 a.m. for Tiverton, where Mr. Grateau met the party. Touches of Stedman and a course of Major were rung on the fine peal of bells here. Arriving at Crediton, the party was met by Mr. Perkins, the captain, and, after looking over this fine old 11th century church, several touches of Kent and Plain Bob were rung. Mr. John Osborne met the party at Chagford, and the bells were set going to touches of Kent and Stedman. Moreton Hampstead was visited, and touches of Double Norwich were rung. A move was then made to Bovey Tracey, where the light peal, tenor were rung, including a touch of Kent Major, in good style. Chudleigh was reached at 5 o'clock. The company was welcomed by the captain of the local band, and ringing was enjoyed before Teignmouth was visited. Here tea was served, and the party made the acquaintance of a Swindon ringer, who stood in for a touch of Stedman.

The home journey was made by way of Dawlish and Exeter, all the party enjoying the outing thoroughly.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

So long ago as Whitsun, 1924, it was my privilege to be introduced to a party of ringers from the North, and to hear them ring London Surprise Major (double-handed) in the ancient 'Coffee Pot,' London. Another younger member of the Goffon family was also met, later in the year, who added his weight to the general welcome to the Durham and Newcastle district, offered to our party whenever it was convenient to amass the men, money and the minutes for this trip.

The opportunity to explore the towers in the neighbourhood of Whitley Bay came to hand most propitiously in June, owing to a proposal by Norfolk and Kent men to spend a week in Hertfordshire falling to the ground. Eventually six men from the London district decided to make the plunge and were joined at the 'far end' by Messrs. Jenkins and Shepherd.

On arrival at the Central Station it was found that illness prevented attempt No. 1 at Gosforth (10), but that Whitley Bay would be available instead, and that two rings at Hartlepool (8 and 10 bells) were kindly allotted us in place of Gateshead, thus completing a list of twelve towers for our use in the counties of Durham and Northumberland.

'The Ringing World' has already given particulars of the ten successes, the same number and of similar mixture to those rung during the Norfolk tour last June, when 14 attempts were made.

On Monday afternoon a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but two bells became transposed at half-way, and Conductor Jenkins called 'stand.' On Wednesday afternoon, at South Shields, there was 70 minutes' minutes for a peal of Stedman Triples, which got out of order. On Friday our effort to ring Stedman Triples at Monkseaton lasted two hours and ten minutes, with Mr. Parkes as conductor. On Sunday a visit was paid to the Goffon 'Handbell Belfry,' a modern hut, and here London, Superlative and Double Norwich Major, as well as Stedman Caters and Cinques, were tapped with much precision.

CROYDON, SURREY (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S). OUTING.

On Saturday, July 11th, the ringers of the above church, accompanied by their wives and friends, held their annual outing. Worthing was reached in time for breakfast, after which a visit was paid to the old-world village of Tarring. The towerkeeper was awaiting the party, hence the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, followed by Treble Bob Minor. On descending from the tower the company was met by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Lee), who was at Christ Church, Croydon, some years ago.

Dinner was enjoyed in Worthing, after which a visit was paid to St. Botolph's Church, Heene. Here several of the local band were met, also Mr. White, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. Groves, of Brighton. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich Major and a course of Cambridge were rung. This concluded the day's ringing, and the party took tea in Worthing. Various amusements were afterwards enjoyed. Much regret was felt at the unavoidable absence of the 'skipper,' Mr. A. W. Clark, and all credit is due to Mrs. Clark for the commendable way in which she made the day such a success. Heartly thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches for permission to use their bells; to the towerkeepers and ringers who helped the proceedings.

A combined outing of the Exeter Cathedral, Heavitree, and St. David's bands took place on Saturday, July 11th, to the district on the Somerset and Dorset border. Ilminster was the first stop, and here the party found a fine ring of eight. Some good ringing was done. South Petherton, with its octagonal central tower, was reached. Bells and fittings all require attention, and it was only with difficulty that three or four touches could be brought round. Yeovil was next visited, where a Carnival Day, in aid of the local hospital, involved delay of nearly one hour.

After lunch, with a few of the local ringers, the musical ring of ten was raised, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung, and some Triples on the back eight.

Arrived at Sherborne, the next halt, the beautiful Abbey Church was visited. Here is a grand old ring of eight, but the hanging is far from what it might be. Under adverse conditions, the ringing chamber being in semi-darkness, several good touches were completed.

An excellent tea was enjoyed by all.

The party then proceeded to Charlton Horethorne, where there is a nice ring of eight. Half an hour was spent here, and this concluded the ringing for the day. The run home was made via Langport and Taunton.

HEADINGTON.—On Sunday, June 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: W. Finch 1, F. Beckett 2, W. Collett 3, F. Clinkard 4, H. Tolley 5, A. Dubber 6. Conducted by F. Clinkard.—On Monday, June 22nd, for Coronation Day, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, at Carfax Tower, Oxford: F. Beckett 1, V. Bennett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, H. Tolley 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Harris (conductor) 6.—On Merton College bells, same day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: F. Taylor 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, J. F. Hambleton (Midsomer Norton) 3, C. Coles 4, F. Escon 5, H. Tolley 6, W. Finch 7, R. Plaister 8. Conducted by F. Taylor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes), Cambridge Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: F. J. Lambert, senr., 1, R. E. Lambert 2, *W. Collison 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, *W. Latter 5, R. T. Lambert 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8. Conducted by S. H. Green. * First in the method.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, at St Leonard, Stroatham, S.W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Chapman 1, J. H. Tallender 2, F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, E. J. King 5, D. Cooper 6, F. Warrington 7, J. R. Gammie 8. Conducted by J. H. Tallender. First quarter-peal of Surprise for ringers of 6th and 7th.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Warn 1, W. Bradley (first in method) 2, G. Parsons 3, H. Devenish 4, M. Windley 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

SHREWSBURY.—On June 21st, at St. Chad's Church, 335 Grand-sire Caters: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, P. Lane (Ludlow) 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, W. Goodfellow 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jermy (Great Yarmouth) 10.—On June 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. B. Kynaston 1, W. Short (conductor) 2, J. Evans 3, C. R. Lilley 4, C. Lee 5, J. Griffiths 6, J. E. Lilley 7, H. Jermy 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: L. Wilkinson 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson 3, J. Broadley 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the visit of Mr. J. Broadley, who had officiated as judge the previous day for a contest on the bells of the above church.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Robinson, junr., 1, H. Hardy 2, T. F. Hewertson 3, A. King (conductor) 4, W. Middleton 5, T. Newton 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Robinson, junr., 1, H. Hardy 2, W. Nevinston 3, A. King (conductor) 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, T. Newton 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8. Arranged for Mr. A. King, of Luton. Beds, who is on a visit to the Lake District.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday evening, June 7th, on the occasion of the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. (1,260 changes): W. Robinson 1, F. Townsend 2, A. Rose 3, G. James 4, H. Baverstock 5, W. Iugham 6, W. Simmonds (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, P. Davis 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Matins, 720 College Exercise. Also for evensong, 720 Bucknall Delight: R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, C. Preston 3, J. E. Wheeldon (Norton) 4, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 5, W. Fradley 6.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, two courses of Stedman Caters.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, J. E. Constable 2, W. Gibson 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. H. Corner (Whitby) 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. C. Constable 10.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Heskin 1, W. Farvart 2, R. Dutton 3, G. Lawrence 4, G. Burghall (conductor) 5, W. J. Battle 6, H. Hallam (covering) 7. First 720 as conductor.

LLANISHEN, GLAM.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Geo. Spencer 1, E. Cossam 2, Fred Bailey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, Geo. Chamberlain 4, Evan Coles 5, Harry Nott 6. Rung as a farewell to E. Cossam, who is leaving the parish to take up his duties at Windsor.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. Winter 4, H. Acock (conductor) 5, J. Hope 6, J. Smith 7, W. Peachey 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Ades 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, P. S. Thompson 3, J. Hollands 4, A. Hobden 5, G. Dann 6, W. Jenner 7, C. W. Hobden (first quarter-peal) 8. All local men except 6th, who is from Heathfield.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Bob Major, in 27 mins.: G. Neale 1, W. Rought 2, A. Rought 3, J. Pilch 4, J. Moy 5, J. Moy 6, W. Milner 7, W. C. Medler (conductor) 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.—For evening service, 800 Bob Major, in 33 minutes.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Swann (first quarter) 1, C. Munn 2, W. Bidnell, junr., 3, A. Wratten 4, S. Baker 5, S. Mowl 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Prohle 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: Miss M. Denyer 1, C. Denyer 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 5, W. Denyer 6. First 720 in the method away from the treble by C. Denyer.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on June 14th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: John Grey (aged 15, and longest length) 1, G. Dix 2, A. Tully 3, C. Waugh 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. Scott 6, E. Gosden 7, J. George 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

POTNEY.—On Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Goddard 1, G. Harbour 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, W. H. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Mace Smith 8. Arranged and rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers annual outing.

ISLEWORTH.—For evening service, on July 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: H. A. Folkard 1, F. Goddard 2, W. H. Wood 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. Milner 5, W. H. Hollier 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

LONDON, W.—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Garrard 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, H. G. Miles 3, E. G. Locke 4, L. H. Baybitt 5, P. L. Miles 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, July 16th, on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. John Fenton (warden of the above church), before the general practice began, 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung, also a few rounds of Queens, firing, etc., before and after the method. Mr. John Fenton, with the late Mr. F. Stockton, were the two wardens to have their names recorded on the peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells in 1891. The ringers were H. Billings 1, Miss Alice Present (conductor) 2, R. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, Chas. Preston 6.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. R. Butler 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst. Also on July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with A. Haynes taking part instead of Mr. Rodenhurst. Conducted by T. Butler, senr.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. Edwards 1, A. Parsons 2, J. E. Waters 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. H. Hayward 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. E. Cawser (Tickhill, Yorks), 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, W. C. Cuss 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. E. Cawser 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Milton: R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, H. Billings 3, W. Wheeldon, senr., 4, W. Fradley (conductor) 5, Chas. Preston 6.—For evening service, 720 London Surprise: Chas. Bowen 1, in place of R. Preston, and conducted by W. Wheeldon, junr.

SYSTON, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Lewin 1, F. W. Payne 2, T. H. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield (conductor) 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne 7, W. Wright 8. Rung on the patronal festival as a welcome to the Rev. T. F. Yule, a former curate of the parish.

WARGRAVE.—A combined ringing practice was held on Saturday, July 11th, in the evening. There was a poor attendance, only seven ringers being present from Henley, Shiplake, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and Wargrave. The ringing was, therefore, limited to several 120's Grandsire Doubles.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Friday evening, July 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. Plant 1, W. Jones 2, T. Hawley 3, J. Barker 4, J. Cartledge 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells by a Sunday Service ringing band.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), composed by George Asbury, in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, T. Butler, senr., 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. R. Butler 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. R. T. Evans, from Oswestry. Also quarter-peals of Stedman, with G. H. Edwards taking part instead of Mr. Evans, on May 25th, June 2nd and June 15th, each conducted by T. R. Butler.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, A. Callaway (conductor) 3, W. Chambers 4, F. S. Taylor 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. First quarter-peal for F. S. Taylor, who has been ringing twelve months only. The treble rope broke as stand was called.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Thursday, June 25th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Marshall 1, W. Beevors 2, C. Bell 3, T. Hilton, junr., 4, G. Welford 5, T. Hilton (conductor) 6. Rung after the funeral service of Mr. Charles Howard Taylor, J.P., lord of the manor of Darfield. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor that Darfield bells were recently rehung.

CONDOVER.—At St. Julian's Church, on June 22nd, 360 Double Court: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. Also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with H. Jermy taking part.—On June 27th, 288 Double Norwich: F. Lycett 1, W. Short (conductor) 2, C. Lee 3, J. Griffiths 4, J. Evans 5, J. E. Lilley 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 28th, both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and meeting to follow. One shilling will be charged for tea. Harrow Weald bells also open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale at Saturday, July 25th. Tea at the Golden Lion Hotel (1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members) at 5 o'clock.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. G. White's at 5 o'clock.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A service in connection with the completion of the restoration of the tomb of the late William Rayner will be held at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at neighbouring towers. All ringers, friends and subscribers welcomed. Teas can be arranged.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Griffen Hotel. Sandon bells will also be available in the evening.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday, July 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Rector (Canon W. E. White, R.D.). Business meeting to follow. Stow-on-the-Wold (8 bells) will be available, 7 till 9.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 25th. Short service, tea and meeting. Eight bells, available from 3 p.m. Motion for meeting: 'That the financial year shall end each year on December 31st. Subscriptions still to be payable in advance.'—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. — Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Southport, at the Church of St. Emmanuel, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested. —James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Putterham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 5. Tea and short business meeting after. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clifford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting at Rulland Cafe. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special ringers' service at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tattershall on Saturday, 25th July. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Arrangements are being made with Mr. S. G. Lovell, of Stickney, for a charabanc, which will run by way of Sibsey, Old Leake, Benington, Freiston (Halltoft End) and Boston. It will leave Boston not later than 2 p.m. for Tattershall. Coningsby bells (6) will also be available. —John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Patterwick, Boston, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (business meeting to follow).—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wenhasston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 4 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. A meeting has also been arranged on Monday, Aug. 3rd. Slough (8) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Stoke Poges (6) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tennis, handbells, etc. Tea can only be provided for those who send their names not later than July 28th, as there are no shops near and provisions must be obtained several days in advance.—A. D. Baker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to those who notify Mr. C. Clark, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Thursday, July 30th. Business important. Election of branch officers, also nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors of the association.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT (Crow Park Station). — The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent (6) will be open for all ringers on August Bank Holidays (Monday). Cricket match, good sports and gala in afternoon in aid of the Church Bell Fund. Prices of admission: Adults 6d., children 3d. Plain teas on field 9d. Meat tea 1s. 6d., in Church Institute. All welcome. The express leaving Newark at 8.20 p.m. will stop at Crow Park specially for passengers to Retford and intermediate stations to Doncaster and Sheffield. — H. Haigh, 103, Gatford Road, Worksop.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday (Monday) at Ecclesfield Parish Church, and not at Wortley, as shown on the fixture cards. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Thursday, July 30th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting at Old Glossop Church on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Diss on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. By kind permission of the Rector, the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the King's Head Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Members requiring luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 30th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball. Tea will be provided, at a charge per head, for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, August 5th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A tea has been arranged for those who notify their intention of being present. Will Middlesex members kindly advise Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and Essex members Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Tuesday, August 4th?—C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association, E. J. Butler, Essex Association, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Secretary, Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, Somerset.

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LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: D. E. Dunnell 1, G. H. Walker 2, W. W. Fox 3, A. E. Darvill 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Warne, junr., 6, H. Warne, senr. (conductor), 7. H. G. Goodwin 8.

BLACKPOOL.—At St. John's Parish Church, on June 11th. 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: J. Smith 1, L. Green 2, A. Haigh 3, J. Hockingbottom (conductor) 4, G. Barraclough 5, Chas. Sharples 6. It is thought this is the first 720 in the method ever rung in Blackpool, and it is the first 720 of it by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On June 10th. 720 London Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, W. A. Tack 2, W. C. Ibbett 3, E. H. Finch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all except A. E. Austin.

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BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bradley 1, W. Warn 2, E. P. Buckingham 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devenish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On June 17th, at the opening of a garden fête, in aid of the restoration of bells (now clear), a 720 Bob Minor: O. Frohock 1, A. Robinson 2, H. T. Frohock 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, B. Huckell 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Saturday, June 20th, in 2 hours 47 mins., at the Parish Church, a peal of Treble Bob Minor, being three 720's Oxford and four of Kent: *Ernest Wakeling 1, Christopher W. Woolley 2, Francis G. Gleaves 3, Albert E. Austin 4, Frank Warrington (conductor) 5, Herbert Fields 6. * First in Treble Bob.

IPPLEPEN, DEVON.—On Saturday, June 20th, in 45 mins., at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, S. H. A. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. G. Betts 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, F. J. Davey 7, H. J. Hole 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, and rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Thursday, June 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, 576 London Surprise Major: O. H. Giles 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. P. Duffield 8.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 21st, 448 Double Norwich; and on June 28th, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Marks 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, W. T. Tucker 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Tuesday, June 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Hendley 1, F. Green 2, Miss G. Brown 3, R. Jenkins 4, E. Whitfield 5, W. R. Hibberd (first quarter) 6, W. Chester (conductor) 7, E. Collins 8. Arranged for ringer of the 6th, who belongs to the Corfe Mullen band.

MELKSHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Walters (first quarter-peal) 1, G. H. Orchard 2, Jesse Francis 3, W. C. West (conductor) 4, A. J. West 5, R. H. Legge 6, W. Baxter 7, E. C. Radford 8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At All Saints, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Redgewell 1, H. Warn 2, J. Redgewell 3, H. Devenish 4, H. Redgewell 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor.

HALESOWEN.—At the Parish Church, as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins., by the following ringers on Tuesday evening, June 23rd: Albert E. Parsons 1, Thomas Greenhall 2, William Coley 3, William Brown 4, William H. Webb 5, Victor White 6, Hector Bird 7, Alfred Hackett (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Cambridge by T. Greenhall, W. Brown, W. H. Webb and V. White.

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