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The new committee appointed by the Central Council, and consisting of three legal luminaries, with the Recorder of Lincoln at their head, are likely to render a valuable service, not only to the Council and the Exercise, but to a wider circle of people interested in the concerns of the belfry. The terms of reference are wide enough to embrace all legal questions affecting ringers and bells, for the committee are asked to report on 'the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers, and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens and (f) the Parochial Councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise.'

At the present time few if any ringers know exactly where they stand, even on the general question of holding office as ringers; while there are a great many matters, where the law touches them, about which they are totally ignorant. Paid ringers probably are affected by common law in regard to the questions of contract and insurance; ecclesiastical law, of course, enters closely into many phases of ringers' connection with the Church. The control of the bells is a case in point, where even many church authorities are not quite sure of their exact position, and on this and cognate subjects it will be of immense value to have definite information; where legal decisions have been given they will doubtless be specified, and where there have been no such decisions we shall, it is hoped, have 'counsels' opinion.' An important point, which we trust will also be dealt with, is that of the relationship between ringers, church authorities and the public in regard to bellringing: so that we may know what, exactly, is permissible under the law and where the public can step in legally to stop the bells. This has often been a serious point, and in future is not likely to be any less serious, especially in populous areas. It would be well if ringers and all concerned were made aware of their position.

The committee may be trusted to do their work thoroughly, and many members of the Exercise will probably be surprised later on to find to what extent ringers' interests are protected or controlled by the laws of the realm. The committee will have a great deal of work to do; and it is fortunate that there is among the members of the Council men with the necessary legal training and knowledge to undertake the task. We feel sure that the result of their labours will be the production of a report which will be invaluable not only to ringers and ringing organisations, but also to church authorities throughout the country.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST BRETT 7
W. H. L. BOCKINGHAM 2	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 8
HENRY G. MILES 3	JAMES BULLOCK 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 10
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6	GEOFFREY C. RICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.
* 50th peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HARRY PARKES 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN 2	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	GEORGE GILBERT 8
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
JOHN WHEADON 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.
* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. F. M. Mitchell and G. H. Daynes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Monday, June 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	STANLEY SHEPPARD 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	HARRY BARNES 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 7
ARNOLD HILL 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. Cawse, mother of the conductor, who was interred at Tickhill prior to the commencement of the peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SOUTER Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET 7
*SHELFORD SPARROW 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

THURCASTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

PERCY L. HARRISON Treble	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 5
WILLIAM WILLSON JUN. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
HARRY MORGAN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

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

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 2. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM R. SHORTER ... Treble	EDWIN BURLEY ... 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER ... 6
ERNEST J. GOATER ... 3	JOHN PHILIPS ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	GEORGE HAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. Arranged as a farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Marriott, who is leaving Staines.

NORWICH.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.)

On Monday, July 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEFOLCHRE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ANNA E. CUSHING ... Treble	G. HOLMES ... 5
*ARTHUR W. HAISTRAD ... 2	JAS. RAMPLEY ... 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 3	BEN S. THOMPSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	JAS. F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Mr. Holmes was a visitor from Sheffield.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE C. PRICE ... Treble	RICHARD CLARK ... 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 2	E. GEORGE TREW ... 6
HENRY PRING ... 3	JOHN A. BURGESS ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was elected a life member of the association before starting, and it was his first peal in the method. He had previously rung only two plain courses, the first (in Bristol) four years ago.

COTHAM, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY B. BURT ... Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... 2	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 6
RICHARD CLARK ... 3	E. GEORGE TREW ... 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.	
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	FRED A. COWARD ... 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 6
FRED A. TARGHT ... 3	ERIC C. WADMAN ... 7
HARRY SANGER ... 4	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by I. T. DYKE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

*RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble	ERNEST RENTER ... 5
*RICHARD C. CLARK ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
*ERIC ELLIOTT ... 3	JOHN WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	*LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FOSDICK.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the front eight of the peal of twelve.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	GEORGE ELLIS ... 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Arranged especially for Messrs. Crawley, who hail from Crewe.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MORTON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HERBERT E. ADDELEY ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the ringer of the 3rd. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, it being the 8th tower in Kent in which he has completed the circle.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
FRED KNOWLES ... 2	CHARLES SEVERN ... 6
ALBERT NASH ... 3	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 7
FRED E. PARSONS ... 4	ERNEST MALLINDER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung to commemorate the formation of the new diocese of Derby, which took place on July 7th, 1927.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES F. MEE ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5
CHARLES MER ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
FRANK ROSE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGELEY ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The ringers of 2nd and treble are father and son respectively.

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PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILFRED H. HOWARD ... Treble	*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
†WILLIAM E. CLARKE... 2	†HERBERT GREENHALGH ... 6
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	†HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH... 7
THOMAS JONES ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

EARL SHELTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	C. HENRY WEBB ... 5
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON... 2	*T. KELHAM DEACON... 6
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 3	*GEORGE A. NEWTON... 7
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in this variation. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK A. BORNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* First peal of London Surprise 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... Treble	PERCY JONES ... 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... 2	GEORGE COOKE ... 6
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
GEORGE POPPNETT ... 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Gus Pearce, a local young ringer, who was laid to rest the previous week. First peal of Major on the bells.

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OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER FENDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... 5
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 6
PERCY HACKETT ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 4	GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. John and Bertram Price, father and son, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers and wives were kindly entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price to tea and supper, which was very greatly appreciated by all, and the best thanks of the ringers were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Price for their kind hospitality.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD PEARCE ... Treble	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2	ALBERT SELLARS... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 7
JOE GREENWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Beverley.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
*CYRIL TANSELL ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Single Court, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*FRANCIS HY. ROWLEY ... Treble	*HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 4
ERNEST PULLEN ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
CHAS. ROST. CLIFFORD ... 3	EDWIN HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods, and first including Treble Bob. First peal in seven methods on the bells as conductor. Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, July 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's of Pitman's, eight of Morris', and six ordinary 120's, each lot called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 3
GEORGE J. PRICE... 2	GEORGE BREEZE ... 4
	JAMES RANDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

THE SCOTTISH TOUR.

The ringing tour in Scotland, from June 25th to 30th, was most successful, the company scoring all the seven peals attempted over the border. Without the kind and hearty co-operation of the local clergyman and ringers it would have been impossible to have done so much in six days, covering a wide area in four counties.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8043 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 9
THOMAS T. GORTON 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The band arrived in Edinburgh the previous night at 10 p.m., and ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd were proposed as members of the Lancashire Association, provisionally, before starting for the peal.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	STEPHEN STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

Mr. Stratford was elected a member of the Lancashire Association, in the belfry, before starting for the peal. The first Cambridge Surprise Major in Scotland. The bells are by Taylor and Co., 1901.

LEITH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The first peal on the bells, and the first in this method rung in Scotland. The Vicar and his ringers gave the visitors an ovation after their arduous performance. Bells cast in 1866 by Mears.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

The first peal on the bells, which were founded in 1925 by Taylor and Co.

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CITY STEEPLE OF OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells and the 'farthest north' that a Surprise peal has been rung. Bells cast at Whitechapel in 1873.

**DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal on the bells, which were cast in 1872.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, June 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE U. CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.; cast in 1909.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	ALBERT E. WREAKS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Major in the West of Scotland, and a birthday compliment for the conductor.

Mr. G. Williams afterwards left for home, to be present at the Winchester Diocesan Guild meeting, and the remainder of the visitors spent a day or two in Cumberland and Westmoreland in search of 'Ringers' Luck' and to welcome H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Kendal.

LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

On Saturday, July 2nd, the Central District of the Ladies' Guild held their annual meeting at St. George's, Gravesend. A strong muster set the bells going at 3 p.m. to various methods from Grandsire (for the benefit of a promising young recruit to the ranks of the Guild) to London Surprise. At 5 p.m., members and friends descended from the belfry for a short service, which was conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Mitchell), who also addressed the Guild in a few well-chosen words.

An adjournment was then made to the Co-operative Cafe, where an excellent tea was awaiting the company, the Rector joining the party, and, before leaving, giving the Guild a cordial welcome to Gravesend. He said he considered it an honour that Gravesend should be selected for the meeting, when there were so many more famous places which proved so attractive.

The gentlemen left the ladies to carry on with their business and returned to the belfry to amuse themselves.

Miss E. Chapman was voted to the chair, and the secretary (Mrs. F. I. Hairs), in her report, hoped that all members would make a big effort to attend the practices and meetings, as it was essential to have their support if the district was to go ahead.

The officers were all re-elected, and Miss Elsie Beer was proposed a member of the Guild.

Ruislip and Pinner were the alternative proposals for the next annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Mrs. Mitchell for so kindly making all arrangements, concluded the meeting.

Further ringing was indulged in, and then a hurried exit from Gravesend by the London contingent concluded a very successful and pleasant annual meeting.

BANBURY MEN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Banbury ringers and their friends held their annual outing on Tuesday, June 28th. A start was made from Banbury at 8.30, picking up Mr. L. Clifton at Great Tew and the brothers Judge at Chipping Norton. The first ringing was at Kingham, where touches of Stedman and Plain Bob were brought round. Cheltenham, the next stopping place, was reached at noon. At the Parish Church, touches of Stedman and Bob Major and rounds for the beginners on this lovely peal were much appreciated by all. A substantial lunch was served at Messrs. George's, Ltd., and afterwards the party left for Painswick, via Charton Kings, Birdlip and Downlane, the lovely scenery of the Cotswolds being thoroughly enjoyed. On arrival at Painswick, the historical bells were set going to Major and Grandsire Caters. A quarter-of-an-hour's run then brought the party to Stroud, where a course of Stedman Caters and a course of Bob Major were rung. After a meat tea, the party went on to the Parish Church, Cirencester, and Holy Trinity, Watermoor, where further ringing took place. Banbury was reached about eleven p.m., and the ringers wish to thank Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham, Mr. A. Wright, of Painswick, Mr. F. Lewis and the Cirencester ringers and all others who helped to make this outing the 'best ever.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on July 2nd at Wells, where the Cathedral bells were rung before evensong, which took place in the Cathedral. The ringers were addressed by the Very Rev. Dean Armitage Robinson, a privilege which was highly appreciated.

Tea and the business meeting followed at Wickenden's Restaurant, where about 140 ringers were present, including visitors from Bristol, Wyke Regis, Westbury and Bratton (Wilts), fully 30 towers being represented.

The Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, was in the chair, and announced that apologies for absence had been received from the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rev. J. H. Doorbar, the Rev. Prob. C. C. Parker, Messrs. T. G. Simmonds, A. E. Coles, E. E. Burgess and J. Hunt.

The Master read his report, which was accepted, the meeting standing in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. G. Chamberlain.

In his report for the year ending May 31st, the Master stated: I am glad to be able to report that our association has, during the past year, maintained its reputation for being one of the important departments of our Church life, and carrying out the object for which it was founded 28 years ago. Last year I reported a gain of three towers. This year it is pleasant to report a further net gain of nine towers, though that pleasure is somewhat modified by a loss of five towers. It is to be hoped that these towers will rejoin. We have now 154 towers as compared with 145 last year. The number of members is as follows: honorary life members 8, honorary members 76, performing members 1,281, non-resident ringing members 2, non-resident life members 202, unattached members 26; total, 1,595. Last year our numbers were 1,629, a loss of 35, which I hope will be made up during the year. The loss is due to the more strict observance to Rule 7, which provides 'that all members who have not paid their subscriptions by January 31st in the following year be considered to have left the association.' The true strength of any society is shown by the members keeping the rules. I shall look forward to the lapsed members rejoining the association. Fifty-nine peals have been rung during the year, as compared with 68 last year. Of these, 11 peals were rung by a visiting band. It is interesting to note that whilst Doubles still predominate, the number of ringers in the diocese who ring Surprise methods is on the increase, a sign of progress in the art. Twenty-two members have rung their first peal, and two new conductors have successfully called peals. Miss Williams, of Bath, is to be congratulated on calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, a striking performance. Also the Bath members are to be congratulated on scoring their peal of Double Norwich. The list of peals is as follows: Esters, Stedman 2; Major, London Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 2; Triples, Stedman 5, Grandsire 6; Minor, 3 methods 6, 2 methods 3, 1 method 5; Doubles, 2 Methods 1, 1 method 19; total 69. The balance sheets show that the financial position is satisfactory. You will see that our expenditure has exceeded our income by the small sum of 18s. 3d. That is owing to items which will not recur. We should be able this year to meet our expenses and to show a balance on the right side. I would again impress upon all the members the importance of paying their subscriptions by the appointed date, January 31st. If the towers would pay punctually, the local secretaries would be saved much trouble and be able to send to the association treasurer their balance sheet in good time. As it is, a good deal of extra work is thrown upon the latter. The association has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Gabriel Chamberlain, the local secretary of the Axbridge deanery. He was one of our most efficient local secretaries, as well as being a good ringer and a safe conductor. Under his guidance the Axbridge deanery became one of the strongest branches in the diocese. No matter how distant was the meeting from Burnham, Gabriel and his cycle were there. I had the privilege of representing the association when he was laid to rest in the Burnham Churchyard. A matter of some importance has been discussed during the past year by the committee and some branches, viz., the insurance of ringers. The hon. secretary has communicated with some 155 Parochial Church Councils in order to obtain their views on the subject. I hope some decision may be made at the annual meeting, when the members will have the views of the Councils laid before them. Other matters which have come before the committee, on which recommendations will be made, are (1) The placing a wreath annually on the war memorial in Bath Abbey, and (2) the appointment of a diocesan advisory expert on the augmentation of bells, etc.

The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Dyke, then presented the accounts, which were passed, on the proposition of Mr. W. J. Prescott, seconded by Mr. F. C. Rich.

The receipts shown in the general fund were £80 10s. 9d., and the expenses £81 9s., leaving a balance in hand of £79 0s. 3d., while the balance in the deposit account is £56 1s. The district receipts amounted to £81 2s. 6d., the expenditure to £19 15s. 4d., and £63 12s. 4d. was remitted to the general fund.

The elections of the following were then confirmed: Messrs. F. Pike (Bishop's Hull), Richard Manning (Norton Fitzwarren), Leslie Madocks, Charles Rooke (North Curry), S. H. Green (Southborough, Kent), James Rice, Misses Eva Sibley and Jessie Bailey (Ilminster). The following new members were also elected: Messrs. John Ford, John

Furze, Arthur Ricketts (Chewton Mendip), A. Martin (Bath), G. Wesley (Winscombe), W. Edworthy (Bridgwater) and R. Jarvis (Up-hill). On the proposition of Mr. John Taylor, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trimm, the whole were elected en bloc.

The recommendations of the committee were confirmed, viz.: (1) The places for quarterly meetings to be Dulverton, Bridgwater, Chard; (2) the association to place a wreath annually on Armistice Day on the war memorial; (3) the association to appoint Mr. D. C. Taylor as advisory expert; (4) the association to give 'The Ringing World' a free advertisement in its report.

Much discussion then took place on the proposed insurance scheme, the Secretary reporting that to 156 circulars he had received only 33 replies. Eventually, it was decided again to circularise the Church Councils, urging them to insure their ringers under the scheme.

The election of officers then took place, the Master, hon. secretary, and hon. auditor (Mr. D. G. Taylor) being re-elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells for his address.

Further discussion, introduced by Mr. W. J. Prescott, was carried on concerning the attendance of a delegate to the Central Council meeting, and it was decided to recommend to the committee that Mr. H. W. Brown, of Bath, be sent to the next meeting at Hereford.

The hon. secretary was then voted an honorarium, on the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, supported by Mr. W. Prescott and seconded by Mr. W. Starr.

No further ringing at the Cathedral was possible owing to a function at the Palace, but Chewton Mendip and Ditchat bells were made good use of. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung during the day.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield, on June 25th, and in spite of inclement weather there was a good muster of members and friends. The cathedral bells being available this year helped to account for the increase in attendance over that of last year.

After attending evensong at the cathedral, a move was made to Lloyd's Restaurant, where more than a hundred sat down to tea, including the president, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Stafford. At the general meeting which followed, the Archdeacon was unanimously voted to the chair. An apology was received from Mr. Ald. J. S. Pritchett, who regretted being unable to attend on account of important business elsewhere.

The report and balance sheet were read, and the Chairman moved the adoption of same, and complimented the society on its satisfactory financial position.

The committee, in their report, said: Since our last annual gathering meetings have been held at Pensnett, Darlaston and Bloxwich, but we regret that the attendance on these occasions has not been up to the average. This has doubtless been due to various causes, e.g., Pensnett is rather in a corner of the archdeaconry, and there was a heavy fall of snow on the day we met at Darlaston. At least, it was not due to declining membership. The sum of £22 17s. 6d. from subscriptions, which will be seen in the balance sheet, is decidedly above the average. We have also been pleased to welcome 22 new ringing members and eight new life members. We are grateful for being allowed the use of the cathedral bells this year, and feel we owe a debt of gratitude to our president, the Archdeacon of Stafford, for his efforts on our behalf, and we particularly appreciate his presence at our annual meeting.

In presenting the statement of accounts, we are pleased to be able to show a profit on the year of £2 8s. 11d., which brings the balance in hand to £34 6s. 7d.

During the year, 25 peals have been rung, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 8, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 9, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2; total, 25. We regret to record the loss through death of A. Grainger, Coseley; F. Bendall, All Saints', West Bromwich; and C. Dickens, Sutton Coldfield.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Pickering being elected for the ensuing year in the place of Mr. Chris. Wallater, retired.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Tamworth in September, Willenhall in January, Brewood in April, and Lichfield (the annual in June).

It was decided to delete the note at the foot of the rules which refers to that part of the archdeaconry now included in the diocese of Birmingham. Brief reports were given by the representatives of the Central Council meeting in London.

The only surviving original members of the society (of 44 years' standing), Messrs. Reuben Hall (West Bromwich) and J. Key (Lichfield), were unanimously elected free honorary members. Upwards of 20 new members were enrolled.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by the clerical hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., was accorded the Ven. Archdeacon for presiding.

The Chairman, in reply, invited the company to look over the cathedral. Those who took advantage of the invitation were amply repaid by the interesting description of that ancient building.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. A VISIT TO ROSTHERNE.

A glorious day (after three weeks of almost continual rain) and a Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at the beautiful old church in the pretty village of Rostherne. This was the prospect which faced members of the Bowden and Stockport Branch on Saturday, July 2nd, and what better prospect could be desired? Although Rostherne is off the beaten track, and rather difficult of access, the members know that on a lovely summer's day it is well worth the journey, and the three miles' walk from the railway station. So they took their wives, children and sweethearts along with them to share their good fortune.

Arriving at the station soon after three o'clock, the party travelling together on this train set out on the country walk, and were soon within sound of the bells. For about half the distance they walked along the highway, which borders Earl Egerton's estate, Tatton Park, then along paths through fields of clover, wheat and potatoes, and through meadows, in some of which haymaking was in full swing. To poor townsfolk, this was delightful, and even the prospect of a pull before service did not make them hasten. It was nearly service time (4.30) when they arrived at the church, so that it had taken long enough to cover those three miles, although one said that the distance had been measured with a yard stick which was about sixty inches long. After greeting friends, including the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. W. Elwell, service was attended by fifty-three members and friends, and was very enjoyable. Instead of the usual sermon, the Vicar (Rev. T. A. Hanson) spoke of the outstanding events in the history of Rostherne Church, and indicated the points of interest to be seen both inside and outside the building.

Tea was served in the Egerton Hall, and although only thirty-eight had sent in their names for tea, there were sixty-two present. However, thanks to Mr. Davies (who said he expected it on such a nice day) and his colleagues, tables had been set for about seventy, so all had enough, and there was plenty to spare.

The usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Five new members were elected, and a vote of condolence was passed with Mr. S. Fielding, of Stalybridge, who has recently lost his wife. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar, organist, choir boys, ringers, tea-servers, etc., and all who had helped to make the visit so enjoyable. This concluded the meeting, after which the members returned to the tower and rang touches ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor reputed to be 22½ cwt., but the writer thinks it would be found wanting a little to make the weight, if put on the 'balances.' They are 'heavy going,' but are very good considering they have not been touched since Messrs. Taylors overhauled them nearly fifty years ago.

The view from the well-tended churchyard over the famous Rostherne mere is said to be the loveliest view in the whole of Cheshire, and all who saw it on this beautiful day agreed not to dispute the claim. The mere is a fine stretch of water, covering many acres, and the woods stretch down to the water's edge. The visitors were reluctant to leave, but, remembering that three miles' walk back to the station, they eventually made a start. Again, as they journeyed along, the bells sent forth their sweet cadences over the woods and fields on the evening breezes, while the travellers gathered from the hedgerows briar roses and honeysuckle, a great bowlful of which was scenting the room as this record was penned of a perfect day spent at lovely Rostherne.

T. W.

BY LAND AND SEA.

On Saturday, June 18th, Evercreech ringers, accompanied by the Vicar and friends, had their ninth annual outing. Although the weather was rather wet, it failed to damp the spirits of the party.

Evercreech was left by charabanc at 7.45, en route for Weston-super-Mare, when the party proceeded by boat to Ilfracombe, a halt having been called at Axbridge, where several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were enjoyed. On reaching Ilfracombe, a hot lunch was thoroughly appreciated, and then the party visited the church, and touches of Triples and Doubles were rung. Returning again to Weston, where a high tea was enjoyed, the party were soon homeward bound. The sea trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the captains of the towers at Axbridge and Ilfracombe for their hearty welcome, and to the captain of the Evercreech band for his untiring efforts in making such a success of these outings.

EALING EXCURSION.

On the occasion of the annual outing of the Christ Church (Ealing) band, a party of about 30, including ladies, visited South Bucks by charabanc, and spent a very enjoyable time. Ringing was done at Stoke Poges, Farnham Royal, Beaconsfield, Amersham and Chalfont St. Giles, in all of which places the local ringers and steeplekeepers showed great courtesy and hospitality. The young ringers of Ealing had the great honour of ringing at Farnham with Mr. J. J. Parker, so well known to the Exercise from his famous peal of Grandsire. An excellent tea was provided at Amersham. The Vicar of Christ Church (Prebendary W. T. King) hoped to have been one of the party, but at the last moment, to the regret of everyone, it was decided that his health and advanced years would not permit the strain.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Few ringers are able to ring a peal at their 'name' town—if it may be so described. Last week, however, Messrs. Frederick and Albert Crawley, of Crewe, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crawley, Sussex.

Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Plymouth, the popular and respected chairman of the South-West Branch of the Devon Guild, had a slight seizure in the street after ringing for evening service on Sunday week, and had to be taken home in an ambulance car. It is hoped that with rest and quiet he will make a good recovery.

The opening peal on the twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung on July 18th, 1798, when a band of College Youths rang 5,184 Grandsire Cinques.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob rung in 10 hours at Over in 1923.

It does not take nearly four hours to ring a 5,000 on the pretty little ring of eight at Long Stanton, and the time of the peal rung there on July 2nd should have been printed as 2 hrs. 54 mins., and not 3 hrs. 54 mins.

The bells at Whitechurch, Salop, are a difficult lot to handle, for the tall tower sways a good deal. The peal of Double Norwich rung there on June 25th was the first in the method on the bells, and only the third peal of Major rung in the tower. The bells were cast by Rudhall in 1714.

The opening of the ten bells at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, took place on July 20th, 1820, and the constable, John Sayer, received 5s. for keeping order in the churchyard. The first peal of Caters rung upon the bells was rung on September 2nd, 1820, by the Junior Society of College Youths, conducted by Henry Symondson, sen.

THE BELLS OF BARSTON.

'NOTHING TO CAUSE ALARM.'

The recent experience of a band who visited Barston for a peal, and passed through the various degrees of their 'Antient Order,' becoming, in turn, 'stay busters,' 'gudgeon benders,' and 'tower twisters,' led to correspondence in the 'Coventry Standard.' Mr. C. G. Bates, of Longford, Coventry, said the visitors 'found these old and interesting bells in very bad condition. After a few rounds on the bells the interior of the tower started to fall into the clock chamber, causing the ringers to feel uneasy. The tower is mostly composed of brick, also the other parts of the church. The inside of the church is kept very nice and clean; the belfry and bells, apparently, out of sight out of mind. Surely, there is someone in this parish who could be the means of restoring the tower and bells to their proper condition, and so make it that ringers could ring the bells in comfort. We could not ring a peal, but I do not think our visit has been in vain.'

The churchwardens (Messrs. William Green and John Findon) have replied as follows: 'It is very interesting to learn that they were ringers who visited the tower of Barston Church on June 18th. A tree is known by its fruit, and evidently ringers by the noise they make; it was thought by some inhabitants that some boys were taking a hand at bell ringing who must be quite embryo ringers. It is about eight years since these bells were rung in peal, and had they been cleaned and oiled they would no doubt have proved all that could be desired. There are no regular ringers here now. The Vicar holds that it is better for the bells to be silent than that the men who ring them should not remain for the service. The visitors must be possessed of a very vivid imagination about the tower falling. The inside was repaired and roof retiled two years ago. We have visited the clock room, and top of the tower, and find nothing to cause alarm, and think it would be well for visitors to be more careful of their statements in future.'

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN A 720.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to note the record of this performance in your issue of the 8th inst., and Mr. J. W. Lake would help some of us to break new ground if he would kindly publish the figures. The most methods that we could find in the Surprise class, with the aid of Mr. Parker's extent, that would combine into one 720 were Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, Cambridge and Ringers—six in all. The Bourne company are to be congratulated.—Yours sincerely,

G. L. JOYCE.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

On Friday, July 8th, at Northowram, Halifax, as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., 1,920 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins.: William Ambler 1, F. Jagger 2, R. Noble 3, G. Bottomley 4, H. Chew 5, S. Jackson 6, J. Greenwood (conductor) 7, A. Jagger 8.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Sunday, July 10th, for 10 a.m. service, to celebrate the silver wedding of the local captain, Mr. J. E. Miller, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Bester 1, A. G. Crane 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, J. E. Meller (conductor) 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, G. Plater 8. It is worthy of note that the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th were members of the local band at the time of the wedding.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Concluded from page 425.)

A COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS.

Continuing the discussion on the appointment of a committee to report to the Council on the legal relationship between bells, ringers and ringing on the one hand, and the incumbent, churchwardens and Parochial Councils, Canon Baker said when the question of the appointment of organist and bell ringers was discussed in the Church Assembly, Lord Phillimore laid it down that if the Parochial Church Council should appoint the organist, nothing could restrain the incumbent from letting someone else play the organ, and the same principle applied equally to the ringers. The control of the bells was absolutely in the hands of the incumbent.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he had seen two different statements made in print. One, that the incumbent had sole control of the bells, and the other that the incumbent and churchwardens had to consent jointly to the ringing of the bells.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said in regard to the ringing for services, the churchwardens were associated with the incumbent, but that applied, he believed, to the tolling of one bell only. He knew it had been legally suggested as probably the case that the churchwardens were bound to appoint the sexton or sacristan for that duty. They could not employ Tom, Dick or Harry—they must employ the sexton or sacristan. He did not know that there had been any decision on the matter.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: These are the kind of interesting points to put into this pamphlet.

The Hon. Secretary said there were one or two other points which affected them as ringers, and which could be embraced in the pamphlet. Who, for instance, was responsible if ringers met with a mischance in the belfry, and who was responsible if fire should break out, or, if a new peal of bells was installed and the ringing of them did some damage to the fabric?

Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. E. W. Elwell having consented to assist in the matter,

The President said if the motion were carried, they could not do better than appoint these three legal gentlemen to go into the matter.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett: Will the cost of the printing come out of the funds of the Council?

The President: We can do that, because this will be a very valuable thing, but the lawyers will not get any fees (laughter). If such a committee is formed, it will be of very great use to the Exercise generally, and they will know where they stand. The law at present, the President added, was in such a state that no one knew exactly where they stood, and it would be well if they did know, although it might not be the same in a year's time.

The motion, on being put, was carried, and Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Milne and Mr. Elwell were appointed as a committee, the hon. secretary undertaking to give any necessary clerical assistance.

HEREFORD FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the next business was to fix the place of next meeting. The Standing Committee had considered the rota which they followed with regard to meetings, and were of opinion that they should go next year to some place in the West, or towards the West. They felt that Plymouth or Truro was too far west for the convenience of most of the members, and they came to the conclusion that Hereford should be the place. They knew that Bristol had claims, and that other places had claims, but Hereford was the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed that the Council meet at Bristol in 1928. It was 30 years since the Council visited Bristol, and great changes had taken place since then. In addition to that, the Gloucester and Bristol Association would then be celebrating its jubilee. It was founded in 1878, and at their annual meeting on the previous day they elected their old Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, as Master specially for that occasion. He was the second Master of the association, about the second year after it was formed, and he was also Master during its 25th year. They could offer them plenty of bells at Bristol, for they had one ring of 12, four of 10, and nine of eight, and five of six, and if they wanted more than that there were peals of five as well. He hoped that under the circumstances the Council would visit Bristol next year, and he gave them a hearty invitation. They could go to Hereford when they wanted to go west again.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he could assure the Council of a very warm welcome at Bristol. As an association, they would do their best to render the visit interesting and enjoyable in every possible way.

Canon Helmore suggested that Wells would be a suitable place.

Canon Baker asked if there was any precedent for revisiting a place they had already been to.

The President said there was no single case up to now where they had visited a provincial place a second time. It had been pointed out to them that that was really the first time they had met in London—their previous meetings having been in Westminster. The Standing Committee recommended Hereford for two reasons. The chief reason was that they had an invitation from there some few years ago and went elsewhere. Secondly, they had already visited Bristol, although it was 30 years ago. He agreed that Bristol was a most admirable centre for everybody.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said if Bristol was to be proposed in competition with Hereford—although it would be 30 years since last the Council was held at Bristol—he thought the Devon Guild might gently remind the Council that it was agreed to hold a meeting in Plymouth in 1915, but it was cancelled because of the war. Therefore, if there were any question of Bristol competing, Plymouth, which had ample accommodation, might venture to compete also.

On being put to the meeting, Hereford received 40 votes, Bristol 28 votes, and Plymouth nine votes, and Hereford was therefore declared the chosen place.

THANKS.

Mr. R. S. Story expressed the thanks of the members to the secretary for his kindness to them during the visit to London. Mr. Young had given up two of his days to them, and they had a most enjoyable time. They had the privilege of going through the Royal Observatory and having the Astronomer Royal as guide; they looked through St. Paul's Cathedral, and in making arrangements for these visits and their enjoyment in many ways, Mr. Young had done a great deal for them. He wished to express their hearty thanks to him (applause).

This was acknowledged by Mr. Young, and the President moved that the secretary convey their cordial thanks to the following gentlemen for their kindness: First of all, the Astronomer Royal for conducting personally a party over the Royal Observatory; secondly, the Lord Mayor, who came to address them and gave them the use of that room; and, lastly, to Archdeacon Holmes, who gave up a portion of a very busy morning to come to welcome them.

The motion was at once carried, and the meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Dawson for his letter in this week's 'Ringing World'? The answer to his questions is a matter for the Methods Committee as a whole, but he may be assured that we shall endeavour to carry out the wishes of the Leytonstone band. It will be a great help to us if other six-bell bands will similarly give their views.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE NOMENCLATURE REPORT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is pleasant to know that, at any rate, Mr. Trollope himself does not think that his actions at the Mansion House were unfair, but there can be no question of the unfairness of his letter in your issue of July 8th, for his statements about our report are all there for everyone to test, and they are all incorrect.

He says that 'the Nomenclature Committee may make wholesale alterations,' whereas we have never attempted to 'make' any alterations, wholesale or otherwise, at all. All we did was to make a series of suggestions and to offer them to the Council to select those which they wanted.

Even when he tries to praise us, he is in error. He says, 'at any rate, we had the courage of our convictions.' But, actually, we have never had any convictions; we were never allowed to get far enough for that.

It is curious that not a single person who has opposed our report seems to have read it. For one cannot suppose that any of these people are deliberately saying what they know to be incorrect. It may therefore be well to repeat what, as we have so often explained, were our actual intentions.

At Chester we produced, as a preliminary report, a survey of the ground to be covered, and with it a number of suggested alterations; and we asked that the Council should give us some indication whether they wanted us to carry on on those lines, wholly or in part. The question was postponed for a year. During that period several letters and articles appeared in your columns, but as all those which were in opposition were clearly under a misapprehension, we substituted for the report a series of resolutions, so arranged that any or all of them could be accepted or rejected, and in each case either as a whole or in part. We did not necessarily put these forward as our convictions, but merely as convenient forms of words on which the Council could vote and expeditiously express its opinion, and so give us a line on which we could act.

In order to prevent the Council expressing its opinion on these points, Mr. Trollope produced at Ipswich his famous 'amendment' (which, of course, was no amendment). At the Mansion House I said it was a wrecking amendment, and Mr. Trollope said that was what he intended it to be. Yet he now writes that there was no 'torpedoing' and no 'side-tracking'. Now these two contradictory statements cannot both be true. He can please himself which he keeps to, but it must be one or the other. He adds: 'It was a straightforward, fair fight, all above board.' If, by these words, Mr. Trollope means that there was nothing underhand or deceitful, of course he is correct; but I submit that a different meaning, and one which is incorrect, is the more obvious interpretation of his sentence.

He goes on to say: 'I do regret that it was not possible to receive their report, and by amendment remove objectionable features.' Why

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these crocodile tears, when it has been clear to everyone all along that the only thing which stopped the Council doing this, as we have asked them to do for three years in succession, was his own amendment? If he means what he says, why does he not at once give notice of moving that the report be considered *seriatim* at the next meeting of the Council?

Mr. Trollope says truly that 'anyone who brings up contentious matters . . . runs the risk of having his opinions rejected.' But that is just what Mr. Trollope has prevented the Council from doing. Both at Chester and at Ipswich we invited the Council to reject what they did not agree with on the matters which were contentious. At the Mansion House, Mr. Hervey Beams repeatedly and emphatically asked the Council either to reject or accept. But Mr. Trollope's supporters would have none of it; they practically shouted him down. The result is, the Council have definitely and absolutely decided one thing, and one thing only, viz., that they will not reject our report. On the face of it, it appears as if they also decided that they will not accept it, but, as everyone who opposed said (and as Mr. Trollope also writes), that there were parts of the report which they would have liked to have seen passed, this statement can only be true in a qualified sense. At any rate, our report still holds the field as the only document on the subject which has yet been published. What Mr. Trollope has succeeded in 'wrecking,' or 'torpedoing,' or 'side-tracking,' or (to use his latest choice) 'undoing,' is not our report, but the power of the Council to act in this matter. I pointed out the bearing his resolution would have on Mr. Law James' motion; and the amendment to that motion, which was ultimately carried, bore out my words.

By giving Mr. Trollope's committee power to alter the names it has already fixed, the Council has kept to the same line all through, which seems to be, 'Let anyone call any thing anything.' The only way, therefore, to be loyal to the decisions of the Council is not to interfere with names at all, but to let confusion greater grow. I do not say that the Council have deliberately taken up this position; but it is the position into which Mr. Trollope has jockeyed himself and the Council.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. PLEASANT MEETING AT BRIGHTLING.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th, about 24 members attending from Battle, Burwash, Eastbourne, St. Saviour's, Heathfield, Salehurst, Waldron, Blacklands and Brightling. Good practice was had in methods ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich Major. At the service, the Rector gave an interesting and appropriate address, and at the close conducted the members over the church, explaining all the interesting and historical features of the ancient edifice. The church possesses a type of barrel organ which is quite unique. It is understood that only very few of this particular make of instrument are now in existence. It may be added that the instrument is not so easily manipulated as the name implies.

Tea was provided in the Parish Recreation Room, through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Haviland, who presided, and also occupied the chair at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Salehurst.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, for the use of the bells, and also for the splendid tea which had been provided.—The Rector, in responding, stated how pleased he was to welcome the members of the association, and added that he wished that there had been more present, and remarked that the last meeting was held at Brightling in 1908, and hoped that 19 years would not elapse before the association paid Brightling another visit.

Ringing continued during the evening. The members of the St. Nicholas', Brighton, tower, who were having their annual outing, turned up at about 7 p.m. and joined in the ringing. All the members were delighted with the tone and go of the bells, which were rehung and retuned about a year ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE DENT.

On Wednesday, June 29th, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene's, Harlow Common, with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual outing. Leaving at 7 a.m., Clare was reached at nine, and the bells there were kept going until 10.30, after which an inspection of the fine old church was made before proceeding to Long Melford, where the handy ring of eight were kept busy for another hour. After lunch at Sudbury, the ringers took the opportunity to present to Mr. G. Dent, who has captained the band for 21 years, a handsome gift in the form of a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, and expressed a wish that he would enjoy good health and conduct them through a good many more peals as in the past. Mr. Dent suitably responded, and a move was made to St. Stephen's Church, where another hour's ringing was enjoyed. From Sudbury, the party made for Lavenham, and kept the bells busy until 6.30, when a splendid tea was enjoyed. Leaving Lavenham at eight, they arrived home some time before midnight, after a glorious day. The methods rung during the trip included Boh Major, Oxford and Kent Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Major and Stedman. The party wish to thank the ringers at the different churches who met them and had everything in readiness.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

VISIT TO HARROW WEALD.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday last, at Harrow Weald, a six-bell tower, situated in very pretty country between Stanmore and Harrow, and was attended by some 36 members. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and several of the local band, who, under the able guidance of Mr. G. R. Goodship, have made considerable progress during the past twelve months, joined in touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Other methods rung included Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Divine service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. S. Durham), who preached a very instructive sermon on 'The doctrine of intention.'

After a substantial tea had been disposed of, the business meeting was held. The Vicar, an honorary member of the association, gave the members present a hearty welcome. It was, he said, their first visit to Harrow Weald during his time there, and he was very glad to know that the attendance was considered a good one.

Six new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave an extensive report of the recent Central Council meeting, which was listened to very attentively. Each committee's report, and each resolution discussed, was dealt with, and special attention was drawn to the proposal to issue certificates for first peals, which is coming up for discussion next year.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the welcome he had given to the ringers present, and to Mr. Goodship and friends for the excellent arrangements made. Both briefly replied.

Subsequently a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, C. H. Kippin (conductor), and C. T. Coles.

The tower was again visited, and several touches rung, whilst a large number of members made their way to Stanmore, where Mr. G. A. Hughes had the bells ready, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Sunbury on Saturday, June 18th. Mr. Fred Goodfellow, Deputy Ringing Master, got the bells going about 3.30, and there was good practice with Grandsire and in methods to Cambridge Surprise before tea, which was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Warne. Mr. Goodfellow presided, supported by Messrs. F. Corke, W. Shepherd, W. Hewitt, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, S. H. Godfrey, J. H. Hunnisett, etc. A party of 37 ringers and friends sat down, and during the meal the Vicar arrived to welcome the association to Sunbury, and likewise offered the association a permanent welcome to his church at any time they care to come.

Major Hesse thanked the Vicar on behalf of the association for his hearty welcome, and for allowing the use of the bells and Church Hall.

Several touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. Trollope, Shepherd, Diserens, Kippin and others.

Hearty thanks were accorded to the Deputy Ringing Master for presiding, the hostess, Mr. Warne (steeplekeeper), and others for their assistance. The tower was again visited, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise were rung, as well as other methods to suit every member who attended. One and all agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

A most enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruimsip on Saturday afternoon, July 8th. Ringing started just after 3 p.m., and good practice was kept up till 5 p.m., when a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones (Vicar). Miss E. Gladding presided at the organ. The service opened with a ringers' hymn, and the service was greatly appreciated.

A meeting was held in the ringing chamber with the Vicar present. A vote of thanks was accorded to him, to the organist, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. Bunce), for their share of help in making the meeting a success.

Tea was served at Fabb's Restaurant, and 32 ringers and friends had an enjoyable time, with the Ringing Master at the head of table. Handbell ringing was indulged in by Miss Moss, Messrs. Fred Goodfellow, A. Wingrove and W. Gutteridge, and the tower was then again visited, and further ringing done. The methods practised during the meeting ranged from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and a great improvement in ringing was noticed with the local band, under the tuition of Mr. George Kilby.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, July 4th, at Market Weighton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. J. H. Kemp, a highly-respected churchman at Market Weighton, who was interred at St. Mary's, Beverley, on the same day: P. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor) 2, A. Saltmer 3, W. Moor 4, G. Priestman 5, J. Moor 6.

EALING.—On Monday, June 27th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Ernest Turner (first 720), 1-2, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 3-4, Wilfred Wilson (first 720 Minor) 5-6.

SCOTLAND FOR EVER! MEMOS OF A MEMORABLE RINGING TOUR.

[By W. H. F.]

Oh! where, tell me, where, does your Highland laddie dwell?
He dwelt in bonnie Scotland, where blooms the sweet bluebell.
And it's oh, in my heart I love my laddie well.

Anonymous.

This ringing tour—the first in Scotland—originated through a wish of Mr. W. Keeble, of Feering, to achieve a peal in each quarter of Great Britain, a wish not unknown to other members of the ringing craft, but after recovering from a long and trying illness he found it impossible to be away from his business. Having started in the work of 'organising' early in May, I did not like the idea of 'crying off,' especially as enough 'ayes' were received to complete a team, more than half of them never having handled a Highland Sally.

On Friday, June 24th, five members met at Euston terminus, London, for the 1.30 p.m. express to Edinburgh, via Crewe, Warrington and Carlisle, on the way picking up the 'faithful couple,' and at Princes Street we found the rest of our party awaiting our arrival with a bevy of bonnie local ringers ready to greet and welcome us. Tourist tickets made holes in our 'fivers,' but all were prepared to part with a few 'bawbees' to do full justice to such an important visit. With a team whose average age exceeded three score years, it was a case of 'now or never,' or, rather, before some of us take that longer journey with a free pass, as did our dear old comrade, Isaac Shade. The tedium of eight hours in one compartment was relieved by two ladies, who took a personal interest in our usual ringers' conversation, which included a reference to Uncle Joe Sykes and Canon Simpson's bell tuning. One of the ladies' luggage was labelled Miss Sykes, Windermere, and the other was addressing a postcard to Rev. Simpson, The Bell, Bexhill—interesting coincidences, showing what a small world we live in, although our party were creating a record in the mileage of one tour.

It was a jovial party that presented itself to the Clarendon Hotel (Host Willis, of Banbury), our headquarters for three days, and situated near the Cathedral, and the waiter was soon bearing reminders of a visit with Messrs. Barton and Sinkins of twenty-three years ago, especially of the only attempt at Glasgow Cathedral ever made and lost in two and a half hours. It was nice to see our friends, Messrs. Sampson, Ellis and Heathcote, fit and well, and to have Messrs. Goffon and Stratford from Monksheaton to help us out in the only ten-bell peal. Our supper was far better fare than 'cauld katie and cabbage.' With only one meal in the previous twelve hours, we were ready, and the hour of 'thistle-down' was deferred till midnight to allow of digestion.

Saturday morning everyone met at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30, with a heavy ring of ten bells (tenor 42 cwt.) waiting for us. The central tower required some negotiating via a stone stairway in the angle of the north transept and a length of open roof before the difficult belfry door could be reached. This spacious ringing room, equal to St. Paul's, London, was in perfect Sampsonian order, a veritable museum and art gallery combined, which would take a day to study and one issue of 'The Ringing World' to describe.

To members of the architectural profession it affords a gold mine of information upon bells and campaniles. Here you will find the original competitive designs submitted when this cathedral was first proposed in 1874, and those taking the prizes offered for the three best designs selected, premier honours being awarded to Sir Gilbert Scott. The two western towers, similar to Truro Cathedral, were spireless until about 20 years ago. To Londoners, especially interesting are the drawings of Bow Church and St. Bride's, Fleet Street, which may be seen drawn to a large scale, with plan of each floor. They make one wish that Sir Gilbert Scott had studied them before he left such a dangerous approach to the belfry of his own tower.

There are also to be found plaster full-size models of old Scottish church bells, with exact reproductions of their inscriptions—Perth tenor, one of the largest productions of a highland bell foundry, and from St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, a smaller bell dated 1452. The original of this latter is still in use there, and welcomed H.M. the King to the morning service on his present visit to Scotland. From the parapet of the tower, a view of views can be obtained. Objects of interest were pointed out for our members to visit on the morrow and Monday, such as the castle on its rugged eminence, the famous Princes Street, the Firth of Forth with its noble cantilever bridge, and the numerous distant mountains. I cannot say, however, that everyone visited all the places of interest to be found in this beautiful city. Usually the spare time on a ringing tour is spent in resting and refreshing.

Luncheon was served at the Clarendon at 3.30 p.m., with Mr. W. B. Sampson in the chair, and we, as guests of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, were invited to display our English appetites. The Scotch packing of an aching void after seven hours' fast was closed with the 'Grace' by the chairman, who added a word of welcome to us on behalf of the change ringers of Edinburgh, and wishing us a successful and happy tour in Scotland. Referring to the Rev. Provost's kind consent for us to have the bells, he, the provost, only put one question to Mr. Sampson, 'Are you to be there?' The answer was, 'Yes,' and Mr. Sampson was there, still, as ever, looking hearty and still carrying on the work of the belfry that he began 50 years ago.

During the evening, a 'Scotch mist' put a damper on the city's brass band, which usually plays in the Princes Street Gardens that adjoin St. Cuthbert's Church, so their musical performances were rendered in the Usher Hall, a large and handsome building presented to the city by a member of the Usher family of brewers, who little thought at the time that some 2,000 people would join in the froth-blowers' anthem under its roof, 'The more we are together, the merrier we will be.'

Our attempt at St. Cuthbert's went well, the mist not damping us down. On the contrary, had the weather been fine we should certainly have been asked to stop, and we received congratulations from the home company. Of this belfry nothing but praise can be said: match-boarded walls, plenty of seats and clothes' pegs, toilet and washing convenience, and two electric lights on each of the four walls—a model room that some of our clergymen in England would do well to copy. Golf, the national game in the North, was shown by the number of people carrying clubs and wearing plus-fours, and the many shops showing golfing requisites. I believe the patron saint of golf is St. Andrew, yet St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh, with the oldest ring of eight bells in Scotland (cast 1788, tenor 15 cwt.) are never rung.

Our first day in 'Auld Reekie' was a decided success. We 'holed out' in two, and I think St. Cuthbert should be the ringers' patron saint rather than St. Cecilia. This success was greatly helped by the courtesy of the local ringers of both parishes in thoroughly overhauling the ropes, oiling bearings and having the bells raised for the actual 'go.' It is a fact worth mentioning, that the visitors simply walked into the belfry of all three city towers, rang their peal, and walked out. They were saved the trouble of doing what a Herefordshire veteran once described to me as 'the donkey work.' So far as the team were concerned, it was 'conservation of energy.'

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Irlthingborough ringers, their wives, and friends to the number of 31, held their annual outing. A start was made about 6.30, and after calling at Finedon and Wellingborough for other friends, the party went on to Rugby, the first place of call, which was reached at 8.45, fifteen minutes ahead of schedule time. After having a brief look round the very fine church of St. Andrew, Mr. G. B. Fenton arrived, and gave a hearty welcome to the party. Touches in various methods were brought round. The church seems to be a combination of the ancient and modern, and is one of the very few churches in the country having two peals of ringing bells—the peal of eight in the comparatively modern tower and steeple, and five in the old tower, which are used for the daily services. It was also interesting to the visitors as members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild from the fact that the present Bishop of Peterborough was recently appointed to the See from this church. Mr. Fenton paid a high tribute as to the good feeling between the Bishop and the ringers during the time he was at Rugby. After having refreshments, another move was made to Hinckley, and here they were met by Mr. W. Cope, secretary of the Hinckley District, who had kindly arranged for an excellent dinner at the Union Hotel. The five courses having been got through to the satisfaction of all, Mr. W. Perkins took the opportunity of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cope, also to the host.—Mr. F. Barber, seconding, said they were indebted to all who had in any way helped to make the outing so successful.—Mr. Cope suitably replied. A quick move was then made to the church, where Mr. F. Cotton, one of the local band, was awaiting them, and the bells were soon raised and going to various methods, everyone being loud in their praises of this peal, which were rebung about two years ago. After an hour's ringing, the party went on to Nuneaton, 4½ miles distant, and here Mr. H. Argyle received them. This being a nice, handy eight, the visitors were soon busy again with various methods, including a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise, in which Mr. Douglas Argyle took part. A run of something over twenty miles brought the party to Daventry, and, after a raid on one or two restaurants for tea, the tower was visited with Mr. W. C. Moore, secretary of the Daventry Branch of the Guild, and a member of the local band. These bells were not strange to some of the party, but seem rather awkward from the fact that they are hung the opposite way round. In spite of this, they are a very good peal, and several touches were brought home, including a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise. The journey home was broken at Flore, where, at the Queen's Head, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, several touches and selections being given on the handbells, and some capital songs rendered by various members of the party, Mr. A. Perkins presiding at the piano. The methods rung during the day were: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major. Through 'The Ringing World' the members of the party beg to tender their warmest thanks to the incumbents of the various churches, also to Mr. J. B. Fenton, Mr. W. Cope, Mr. F. Cotton, Mr. H. Argyle and Mr. W. C. Moore for the very kind welcome extended to them, and for their help in making the outing so successful.

PULBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, July 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Marshall 1, S. C. Greenfield 2, C. Smart, sen., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, W. E. Titchhurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, H. J. Doick 8. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 8th belong to Pulborough, the rest to Chichester Cathedral.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at Rotherham Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 52 mins.: G. Oakes 1, J. W. J. Cottam 2, Miss A. Taylor 3, C. Coulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, A. Firth 6, G. Tuke 7, C. Ryder 8, S. Briggs (conductor) 9, L. Littlewood 10. Arranged for the ringing of the third. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by Miss A. Taylor, and rung at the first attempt.

RISHTON, LANCS.—For evening service, July 3rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Lord 2, R. Bolderstone 3, A. Hutchison 4, A. Yates 5, F. Read (conductor) 6, R. Bentley 7, J. Hirst 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: R. Shillam 1, R. Hicks 2, H. Hill 3, S. Petharick 4, F. Davis 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, C. W. Locke 8.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles): P. S. E. Aston 1, F. Jones 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, N. Bryan 4, J. Gardner 5, C. Grimes 6, J. Loyde 7.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, Mr. James (Cobham) (first 720 Treble Bob) 2, J. Goacher 3, N. Harding 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

TENBY.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: Rev. F. H. Oswell 1, T. Yeomans 2, T. Ricketts 3, G. Jenkins 4, H. Wheeler 5, T. W. Griffiths 6, H. Jenkins 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hereford (conductor) 8. Ringers of 3rd and 5th visitors from Swindon.

HESTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 1, H. C. Chandler 2, H. G. Lewis 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Humphris (first quarter-peal) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, W. J. Ellis 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, N. Ellis 7, E. R. Hull 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for the annual memorial service, 720 Double Court Minor: W. Sutton 1, A. Grounds 2, G. Sewell 3, J. W. Worthington 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For organ recital, on Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,320 changes), from the Rev. Bankes James' composition: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Sunday School festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., as a compliment to the superintendents and teachers in appreciation of their work in the Sunday Schools: A. Dedicate 1, W. Banks 2, J. Goodman, jun. (conductor) 3, J. Goodman, sen., 4, E. Homer 5, W. Goodman 6, H. Sheppard 7, B. Gough 8, C. Winwood 9, G. Guest 10.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Sunday, June 12th, on the occasion of the Roman Catholic annual Sunday Schools' procession, the following touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church: 448 Bob Major, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Lawson 1, E. B. Coxhead 2, Adam Blogg 3, F. Rigby 4, J. H. Gartside 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8, and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 720 changes of Bob Minor: T. W. Player 1, F. Underdown 2, C. W. Player 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, A. H. Saxby 6.

NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea at a moderate charge at 5 o'clock in the Ritson Hall, Low Row, close to St. Michael's Church. Please meet at St. Ignatius' Church (Talham Street tram from station) at 2.30, where bands will be made up. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Everdon (5), on Saturday, July 23rd; usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunsdon Road, Daventry.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—District meeting will be held at Redbourn (6 bells) in Saturday, July 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Subscriptions are now due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (10). Service at St. Giles' at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) and St. Edmund (8). All ringers cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4.15. Short service, which will be taken by the new Rector, the Ven. J. W. Hunkin, at 4.30, and tea, to be followed by general meeting at the Campbell Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Sadlington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Church House 5 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, Austin House, South Bar, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Llanstephan on Saturday, July 16th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower open for ringing; 3 p.m., church service (preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4 p.m., business meeting; 4.30 p.m., tea (by kind invitation of Rev. Roland Thomas).—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and business following.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, who apply for same with remittance before Tuesday, 19th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, after service, followed by business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. Members please make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Andover, on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Isleham on Saturday, July 23rd. Fordham available 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify by 20th?—F. Warington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Place of meeting and further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Central Divisional meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, at Eight Bells Inn, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (cannot be held at Aberdare as proposed), on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should notify Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ilminster, not later than July 19th, or the secretary, F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Publow on the 23rd inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3. St. Ippolyt's bells also available. Tea 5.30, 'Green Man,' Great Wymondley. Business meeting after. A good attendance requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 20th?—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec., Guilsborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by arrangement on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: Canon Dweley, of Liverpool. Tea 4 p.m., 2s. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 19th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints', Ryde, I.W., on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Welby Institute. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea kindly inform either of the undersigned by Tuesday, the 19th?—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.; F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of the Vicar and local band, only to those who notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 4 to 6.30. All ringers welcome.—W. Cape, Smockingtons, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Coleorton, near Ashby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, and tea in Schools at 5 o'clock. The Hall grounds adjoining the church will be open to visitors from 3 o'clock, by permission of Sir George Beaumont. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, near Birchington, not later than July 20th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2. Will those requiring seats and tea kindly notify by the 19th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at Kynaston's Café (1s. each) at 5 o'clock. Business meeting in Church Hall after tea. Please send number requiring tea before the 18th inst. to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Alvaston, Derby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield, Derby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Tea, 1s. per head, for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells, a new ring of 8 by Taylor, available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than the 26th inst., of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 30th, when the new Vicar will be pleased to welcome all members and friends. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap tickets to Osterly Park, Hounslow East or Central.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Oake Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southwold on August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each at Clarke's Tea Rooms, followed by short business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify F. W. Naunton, Wrentham, Lowestoft, by Thursday, July 28th. All ringers welcome. — Rev. H. Drake, Gen. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—An outing to Norton by Gaulby will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Unveiling peal board. Fare 5s. Meat tea 2s. Will members wishing to go please obtain tickets at once to enable arrangements to be made and seats booked? Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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