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The proposal brought before the Central Council to award diplomas to beginners upon ringing their first peal or first peal in a new method is one which should interest the rank and file of the Exercise. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who introduced it, has, as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, shown much concern in the difficult problem which faces all companies and associations in the matter of keeping up the supply of young ringers, a problem which is becoming more and more acute as the number of peals of bells increases and the counter-attractions to young people multiply. The suggestion which is put forward does not, of course, help to solve any of the initial difficulties, but it is in the nature of encouragement to those who have made a start on the campanological ladder, by offering a recognition of their efforts to improve their capabilities as change ringers. The question, so far as the Council is concerned, is left over for another year, so that it can be discussed at association meetings, and this ought to lead to the ventilation of some useful ideas, not only with regard to diplomas, but in other directions connected with the same subject.

There is among ringers a diversity of opinion as to whether anything would be gained by issuing these diplomas, for while one section holds that recognition of an achievement would be an incentive to effort, there are others who hold to the opinion that it is only the personal interest and enthusiasm of the young ringer that will lead to progress. Some of those who have already achieved success in the art, not infrequently in the face of difficulties and disappointments, say quite openly that beginners can only be made into proficient ringers if they pass through the same hard school, and that they need this testing process to prove their worth. Doubtless, speaking generally, the man who travels this road makes the better ringer, and it is such as these who become the backbone of the Exercise. At the same time we must not overlook the competing, and growingly competing, claims of sport and pleasure, which nowadays allure the youth of the towns and villages, and if some people look upon 'awards of merit' as a sop which should be below the dignity of the Exercise, where achievement should be its own reward, they should realise that those who come newly into the art do not view it through the same spectacles. Most of us know the joy we experienced when we received the coveted prize or certificate of distinction at school. It was in no way lessened by the previous knowledge that we had passed the examination. In the same way, there is to a ringer no pleasure as great as at the moment of achievement of his first peal, yet an

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official acknowledgment of his success would, in many cases at any rate, give added gratification. This is a question in which the associations would do well specially to consult their young ringers and to let them realise that their wishes would be furthered.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. (approx.) in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
* REGINALD BROWN 2	* WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... 3	BENJAMIN GODGH 8
* FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FRANK BLONDALL 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Caters. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission to ring through evensong; also to Mr. G. Preston for getting everything ready and meeting the band in case they were short-handed.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	FREDERICK CLARK 5
* CHARLES THORLEY 2	HAROLD WALKER 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
ARTHUR WALKER 4	† JAMES THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal of Triples on the bells.

TADCASTER, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 11, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

* ALFRED BARKER Treble	ROBERT LANCASTER 5
ERNEST H. LINDLEY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
HENRY CLAYTON 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
HERBERT E. PICKERING ... 4	FRED E. ADDISON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in any method, and first attempt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 3).

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JAMES PAGETT 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. The band take this opportunity to thank the Rev. J. S. Galloway for his welcome, and also for kindly providing such an excellent tea after the peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
HARRY MORGAN ... 2	ERNEST STONE ... 6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDRAM ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

First peal in the method in the county, by the association and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Mr. G. Ellis kindly stood out to allow Mr. E. J. Dobbie to take part, and he was elected a member of the association.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
†CYRIL TANSSELL ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
TOM STANGWAY ... 2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 3	WILLIAM E. ASH ... 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late James Horner, 58 years a ringer at this church. First peal in the method on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
FRED RIGBY ... 2	JOHN BOOTH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	JOHN WILKINSON ... 7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung as a 'silver wedding' compliment to Mr. Gilmour.

BREWOOD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: G. Warner 1, A. G. Hunt 2, F. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, H. Knight (conductor) 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, J. Perry 7, T. Whitehouse 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples, with T. Perry and J. C. Adams taking part. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Perry, who was interred that day. The deceased, who was 76 years of age, leaves a widower, two sons (ringers), and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 7
HARRISON SMITH ... 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A golden wedding peal for Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary to the above association, and Mrs. Helmore. Also a birthday peal for Mrs. Baker, L. J. Honess, and the conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 2	*HARRY BARNES ... 6
JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 4	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	HENRY HEAD ... 5
*EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
†HENRY WARNE ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 3	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	BERNARD C. ASHFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH.

* 50th peal. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann.

WEDNESBURY.—On Tuesday, June 14th at St. Bartholomew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Burditt 1, A. Mincher 2, J. Barber 3, G. Hughes (conductor) 4, T. Palfreyman 5, H. Smith 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

*SINCLAIR ADDICOTT Treble	PERCY JONES 5
*EDWARD DARE 2	ALBERT ADDICOTT 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	GEORGE COOKE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	*HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal as conductor.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. EUGAIN AND SS. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind hospitality and for getting everything ready.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

RICHARD THOMAS Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	DAVID HORNE 5
THOMAS PRATT 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. C. Layton, who was interred at the Parish Church the same day.

HAWKSHED, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*FRED WALKER Treble	†JAMES NEWBY 4
*NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
CHARLES E. WEBB 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. Treble, 2nd and 4th ringers belong to Ulverston. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Webb, the wife of the 3rd ringer, and also on the 800th anniversary of the founding of Furness Abbey.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, (2) St. Clement's and College Single, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single and Double Bob, (6) Single and Double Oxford, (7) Single and Double Court, and the extent of Little Bob, 480 changes. Tenor 10 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	JOSEPH O. LONDON 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	WILLIAM TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

It was arranged to ring 720 each of the 14 methods, but Mr. Bradley not being able to take part on this date, Miss Jutson kindly made up the band.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's arranged by Leslie W. C. Morris, seven 240's arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and twenty six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BOULSTRIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 4
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	†CHARLES DAVIES 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	WILLIAM STATHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal inside. † First M.C.A. peal. First peal and first attempt by the ringer of the tenor, who was elected a member of the association previous to the peal. First peal of Doubles and second peal on these bells, which were cast by Taylor and Co. in 1846. The ringers desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Noble for their kind entertainment afterwards.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	*HARRY WOODING 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	HARRY PETTIT Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Minor, and belongs to the local band.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, with ten different callings and one 240, Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*GEORGE BREWER Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 4
HARRY PROUT 2	GEORGE CROSS 5
†ARTHUR MARTIN 3	†HUBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. CROCKER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to John Lye and Hubert Ellis. Also as an appreciation of Rev. F. A. Bromley, M.A., R.D., who for 15 years has been Vicar of the parish.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The eighth annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th, when the Vicar, Rev. Hugh Le Fleming, gave the visitors a warm welcome. The Vicar conducted the service, and in his address expressed his appreciation of the work done by the ringers. Tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, and for this thanks are due to the Misses Fisher and Miss Denyer.

Mrs. Hazelden was in the chair for the business meeting, at which Miss Blencoe, of Reading, was elected a member.

Miss Mills was re-elected hon. secretary, and the committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Whittingdon, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Fisher.

Ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m.

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A comprehensive vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, the Bishop for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the splendid arrangements, concluded the meeting, after which the members went back to the tower for further ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Croston on Saturday, July 9th. During the day, ringers were present from numerous branch towers, as well as the Wigan Branch. The attendance was probably affected by the inaccessibility of the tower from some parts of the district, and also to the hay-making season. Ringing was not up to the usual standard, as the bells are rung from the floor of the church, and the ropes have no guides for twenty or thirty feet. The methods rung or attempted ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Surprise Major.

Before adjourning to tea, the Clock Room was visited by most of those present to inspect the peal board recording a peal rung on the bells in 1827 (as reported recently in 'The Ringing World').

A pleasant surprise, however, to all present was to find another peal board in the room, which records a peal of Grandsire Tripples (sic) rung by the College Youths of Croston in the year 1821. It would be interesting to know whether they were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. There is no mention of the composition rung on either of the boards.

Tea was partaken of at the Lord Nelson Inn, which is the residence of one of the local ringers. The meal was such a splendid one that, although some of those present can do a bit of 'course shifting,' they failed to shift all those on the table, and had to give up rather reluctantly.

After the tea, the ringers went to the vestry, where the Rev. B. C. Kiddell, the curate, acted as the chairman of the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Right Rev. Bishop of Whalley, who is an honorary life member of the association.

The Chairman, in welcoming the ringers to Croston, said how pleased he was to be with them. Although not much of a ringer himself, he had always been interested in bells, for he came from a place where there was a famous peal of bells (St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich), which he had listened to as a 'kiddie,' and up to the time of leaving Norwich some years ago.

The secretary then gave the following report of the year's working of the branch:—

Since our last annual meeting we have held nine branch meetings, as well as the annual social at Chorley. The meetings have been fairly well attended, the average attendance being about 29. The annual social was, as usual, a success. The number of branch peals is less than last year, but the methods rung were fairly numerous. The peals included one at Brownedge (Plain Bob Minor), the first on the bells, and undoubtedly one of the branch's greatest performances; Leyland St. James, Minor in four methods, rung muffled for the Armistice; Penwortham, one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, the first on the newly-augmented peal; Chorley, one Spliced Treble Bob, and one Bob Major; Whittle-le-Woods, one peal of Stedman Triples, and one peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by eight members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, this being thought to be the first peal of Major by Oddfellows. There had also been two peals rung in honour of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Blackburn—one at Hoghton (Bob Major, first on the bells by a local company), and one of Minor in five methods at Brindle. Of those taking part in these peals, five rang their first peal, 14 their first in the methods, three their first as conductor, three were the first on the bells, and one was the first by a local band. The membership was about the same as last year. They had made and re-elected nine new members and one non-resident member, and had lost one life member through death (Mr. W. J. Moudsley, of Preston), and several members had lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, those in arrears being chiefly attached to towers where they have not been able to hold meetings. The bell founders had been to three towers since the last branch meeting. At Penwortham, the peal of six had been augmented and made into a good light peal of eight. At St. Mary's, Chorley, the founders had made a bad-going peal into one of the best in the district, and at the first meeting ever held there the members were unanimous in the opinion that it was a grand piece of work. The bells of St. Mark's, Preston, have also been overhauled. Mr. E. R. Martin, the Ringing Master, had given two very interesting lectures on the theoretical side of change ringing, namely, on the 'In and out of course of change ringing.' On the whole, they could compare very favourably with most of the other branches of our association.

The report was accepted, and Mr. Sharples gave an account of the general committee meeting held at Kirkham. He mentioned Canon Elsee's impending visit to Rhodesia at the special request of the Bishop of Manchester.

The retiring secretary was re-elected and thanked for his services. Before the election of Ringing Master, Mr. E. R. Martin said he would like to propose that the office of Ringing Master be combined with that of member's committee man, and, after some discussion, Mr. Wm. Sharples was elected to the dual office. Mr. J. R. Taylor was nominated as vice-president of the association, and for the offices of ringing secretary and two auditors, the present retiring officers were nominated.

The place and date of next meeting was fixed for Higher Walton on August 20th. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. Thomas Heyes, of Eccleston.

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ECCLESIASTICAL LAW AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following incident occurred some 20 months ago, and I have purposely allowed Time's healing touch to erase the irritation, while at the same time he preserves the interest.

During the 'outing' of a famous branch of a still more famous Guild, we arrived, as per programme and by the incumbent's permission, to conclude a thoroughly pleasant day's ringing at a certain church. The Vicar was away on his holidays, but had left word with the 'locum tenens' that we had permission to ring. This was forbidden, as, two funerals having been held that afternoon about 2.30, said 'tenens' considered it heartless for the bells to be rung, although we did not arrive till somewhere in the neighbourhood of six, in fact later, as it was towards the end of evensong and the local houses of refreshment had opened.

No amount of persuasion, cajoling, or sweet reasonableness by our own Vicar who accompanied us availed in the slightest, and we were forced to abandon the attempt, having been finally routed by an angry Dorcas. To a relative, himself a Vicar, I told our tale of woe. 'All I can say,' quoth he, 'is that "locum" did not know his "Parson's Hand Book." Let us see what it says about it,' and turning to page 187 he read out the following:

'Canon 6 Orders.—When any is passing out of this life, a bell shall be tolled and the minister shall not then slack to do his last duty. And after the party's death (if so it fall out) there shall be rung no more but one short peal and one other before the burial and one other after the burial.' So that the corpses between them were entitled to no less than six touches by law. However, the keenest ringer does not like to make himself too assertive on these occasions, but out of pure curiosity and for argument's sake only, had we been armed with this authority at the time and had we insisted, could we have been prosecuted for 'bawling'?

F. A. YORKE.

ELEVEN TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Saturday, June 25th, the St. Clement's company, Ipswich, had their annual outing. This took the form of a tour by saloon bus through East Suffolk and the Norfolk Borderland. A start was made from the church at eight o'clock for Mendlesham, where there is a heavy peal of five, tenor approximately 17 cwt. After all had had a pull, including the two young members aged 13 years and 14 years, for whom these bells proved too heavy to ring in changes, the next stop was down a long lane, which was found to lead to 'nowhere.' This caused some remarks about the guide, as all had to get out and help push the bus round owing to marshy land. As, however, it provided an opportunity for refreshments, he was forgiven, although it was suggested he did it on purpose. Arriving at Wetheringsett, a peal of five, greatly in need of bellhangers and tuners, was found. The bells are in a minor key, and not in tune at that, so the melody was not great, and everyone was glad to get away. The next stop was a six-bell tower at Thorndon. This parish is noted for its Reformatory. Whether the guide and driver knew anything or not, is hard to say, but they hurried past and again took the wrong turning. After a trip through Eye, the next stop was Brome, near Eye, where there is a nice little ring of five, tenor approximately 5 cwt. They are hung in a round and octagonal tower. The younger ringers were well pleased here, where Grandsire, Plain and St. Simon's Doubles were well rung. Next on to Oakley, another musical peal of five in minor key. A quick run to Hoxne, where dinner was served at the Swan Hotel. After dinner, a trip to the tower was made. Here are a peal of five, which were once six, but the tenor was taken away years ago, which fact did not improve their melody. Weybread was the next stop, where there is a peal of six by the Redenhall firm, Messrs. Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie (now extinct), and hung three above three in a round tower in iron frame with patent sliders controlled by chains and pendulums. A course of Cambridge Surprise was rung here. Fressingfield was next on the list. On this ring of eight Bob Major was rung, and rounds by the young members who had to have a helping hand to pull the bells off. The return was made by Cratfield and Heveningham, a pretty country in fine weather, but not in the conditions that existed at this time. On arrival at last at Peasenhall, a peal of six was found, where Ipswich Surprise was brought round. A short stay was the order, as tea was waiting at the next stop at Yoxford. After a rest, the tower was visited, and the bells were soon going to Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Some would have like to stay longer, but the guide declined to let them, as another tower was required before dark. Owing to some misunderstanding by the Vicar, he had granted permission for ringing in the adjoining parish, which also contained six bells, instead of his own church, he being Vicar of both. However, as it was necessary to pass the church, and the vergers were there to meet them, they decided to get this tower instead. This was at Rendham. Then, after an hour and a half's ride through pouring rain, home was reached without anyone getting very wet, and all agreed it had been a most enjoyable outing. The total distance travelled was 80 miles, and with ringing at eleven towers it was not a bad day out.

RINGERS' OUTINGS. AMONG OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

The Leytonstone band usually make an extended excursion for their annual outing, and this year was their 25th trip. They left on Friday evening, July 8th, and made their headquarters at Witney, Oxon, where they were met by Mr. J. Monk and accommodated at the Central Cafe. The real programme started with early breakfast on Saturday, and before 9 a.m. they had enjoyed a motor-bus trip and had the bells of Northleigh going to Beverley Surprise, a good 720 being the result. An extent of Cambridge was also rung before proceeding to Stonesfield—a very appropriate name in view of the miles of stone walls which separate the fields instead of hedges. Here 720 Ipswich was rung, also 120 Grandsire arranged for the guide, Mr. Monk.

At Combe the visitors found a good peal of six by Taylor, recently relung with all the latest improvements. The Vicar kindly welcomed the party, and 720 of Coldstream and Southwell (Spliced) was brought round, after which 720 York was rung, regret being expressed that a longer stay was not possible. The party then returned to Witney to lunch. This over, a move was made to Southleigh, where on the light ring of eight Stedman, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major was achieved. Next on to Eynsham, another light ring of six, where 720 Norwich was tapped off. The historical church of Stanton Harcourt was next visited. Here the Vicar met the party, and conducted them round, pointing out the various things of interest, too numerous to mention here. The tower possesses a fairly good ring of six, and is large enough to take double that number. Fortune did not smile on the ringers here, for London Surprise strictly silent was attempted, and after some splendid ringing was lost three leads from home. Wells was then essayed, but suffered the same fate. While some were ringing, others were being shown round the Pope's tower and the historical ovens. At Northmoor, ill-luck in ringing was still with the party, for Carlisle and London failed after some good ringing on the handy ring of six. The last place of call for Saturday was Standlake, where fortune's smile returned, and 720 of Beverley, Surfleet and Durham (Spliced) was rung in good style, and a 720 Cambridge followed. A pleasant half-hour was then spent with the local ringer with handbells, etc., before proceeding to headquarters and bed.

On Sunday permission had been granted to ring for the eight o'clock service at Leafield, and at 6.50 the bells were going to London Surprise, a good 720 being the result, followed by touches of York and Cambridge, and the Vicar congratulated the company on the good striking. After breakfast, a move was made to Bampton, where there is a fine ring of eight, with tenor 25 cwt. Stedman was rung, but Superlative and Cambridge failed after some good ringing. A drive through beautiful country, with 'King Sol' shining at his best, brought dinner time, after which a visit was paid to Ducklington, where on the light peal of six (tenor about 6 cwt.) and in a very small ringing room, 720 each of London and Cambridge were rung. Aston was next on the list, and here on a good ring of bells 720 each of Lincoln and Ipswich were brought round in good style. The last pull was at Witney, where Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung for evening service.

The members wish to express their thanks to all the clergy for granting permission to ring, to the local ringers who met and welcomed them, to Host Carter of the Central Cafe, who attended to the 'inner man,' and the other requirements of the visitors, and to Mr. J. Monk, who made all arrangements and so helped to make the outing another great success.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMS.

The Maldon (Essex) ringers' annual outing took place on Saturday, June 25th. The ringers and friends, numbering 20, left Maldon at 7 a.m. by charabanc. After crossing to Gravesend at Tilbury ferry, a start was made for Sittingbourne, which was reached at 10.15. The ringers were very heartily welcomed by one of the local men at St. Michael's Church, and some touches were brought round on the beautiful peal of eight. After a most enjoyable hour, the company left for Canterbury, where some of the party spent a short but interesting time in St. Martin's Church, which well repays a visit, especially those interested in ancient history and architecture. Most of the remaining time was spent in the cathedral. To attempt to even shortly describe the architectural beauties of this cathedral would be impossible here. Suffice it to say that the magnificent beauty of the tall and stately nave, and rich splendour of the choir and chapels, to say nothing of its exterior, were found most enthralling by the party, whose pilgrimage was greatly assisted by the official guides of the cathedral, who explain all the interesting history of the place to visitors. Those of the party who stayed during the service were enchanted by the exquisite quality of the singing and the organ. After a brief look round the town, a substantial meal was partaken of in the Oddfellows' Hall. The company left Canterbury at 6 p.m., but wishing they could stop a week. Stanford-le-Hope was reached at 8.30, where some of the local band were awaiting them. A few touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were brought round on this little six, the 'go' of which is excellent. Then the last lap of the journey was commenced. The party rolled into Maldon at 11 p.m., after a pilgrimage of 16 hours on the road (though not on foot). The weather in the morning and after-

noon was absolutely glorious, though a little rain and wind were met with in the evening. The company wish very sincerely to thank those who so cordially welcomed them at the towers of Sittingbourne and Stanford-le-Hope, and the incumbents for granting permission to ring, who will also be written to and privately thanked. Thanks are also due to the ringer at Canterbury who so kindly arranged the tea. Welcomes and arrangements such as were met with on this occasion go far towards putting the right spirit into things, and to making an outing a perfect day's enjoyment.

CROYDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the ringers of St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, held their annual outing. They were accompanied by Mr. C. H. Kippin, of Beddington. Favoured by fine weather, the journey was made by charabanc to Shere, Surrey, via Banstead and Dorking. Shere was reached about 9.15 a.m., and the bells of St. James' Church were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Leave was taken of the tower about 10 a.m., and after a visit to the Silent Pool, the party reached Godalming about 11 a.m. The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church were raised, and it was found that the back bells were short of breath, and they also reduced the back-end ringers to the same condition. However, in spite of difficulties, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were successfully brought round. Bob Major 'went west' owing to a careless tenor man letting the rope slip wheel. Godalming was left behind about noon, and after a delightful ride round the Devil's Punch Bowl at Hindhead, the party ran into Alton, Hants, where lunch was partaken of at the Market Hotel. Then the bells of St. Lawrence's Church were raised, and good use was made of this magnificent new ring from the Croydon Bell Foundry. The methods rung were Double Norwich and Kent Treble Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Leaving Alton, a two hours' run through some beautiful country brought the party to Windsor. After tea, which was served at the Star and Garter Hotel, the party split up for a while. Some visited the castle and others went on the river. The journey home from Windsor was commenced at 8.30 p.m., and after a short halt at Kingston, Croydon was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. At each tower the party had a cordial reception from the representatives of the local ringers, to whom thanks are given.

A NORTH COUNTRY OUTING.

The ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, accompanied by the Rev. G. D. John (curate), the churchwardens, and a few other friends, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 22nd. They travelled by a very powerful and comfortable charabanc, manipulated by a driver who knew his business and soon gained everyone's confidence. The first stop was at Cramlington, and the six bells of St. Nicholas' Church were soon set going in Bob Minor and Kent. After thanking Mr. Simm for his kindness in having the bells ready, the party sped on to Morpeth for a ring at the watch tower.

The next stop was at Alnwick, where, after an excellent dinner at the White Swan, the visitors inspected the stately Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland, saw the bottle-neck dungeon, the State coach, used at the coronations, and many other interesting things. After seeing the old church (which, unfortunately, has only three bells) and the Dairy Gardens, the charabanc was again boarded, and the party sped up the steep banks on the Rothbury road, and were soon among the heather, 900 feet above sea level. Passing beautiful Craggside, they dropped down 600 feet inside of three miles, and arrived at Rothbury. The first business here was tea, which was substantial and well served. Tracks were then made for All Saints' Church, and the beautiful bells were kept going for an hour in Double Norwich and Stedman. As the company came out, the sexton gravely informed us that some time ago a peal was rung on the bells in three hours and sixty minutes? The time for the return journey now arrived, and the trusty chauffeur landed his charges safely in Sunderland, nearly 50 miles away, within two hours, after a very happy and enjoyable outing which will long be remembered.

VISIT TO SUSSEX.

On Saturday, June 18th, Milton (Kent) ringers and friends had their annual outing, when they visited Eastbourne. Leaving Gravesend by charabanc just after eight, a ride through Kent by way of Wrotham and Tonbridge brought them to Mayfield, Sussex, when the first halt was called and a ring on the bells at St. Dunstan's was enjoyed. After a stay of nearly an hour, the party were on the road again, and landed at Eastbourne in time to partake of an excellent dinner at the Leaf Hall Hotel. The ringers afterwards visited St. Saviour's Church, and, judging by the quality of the bells, it was a pity the ringers were not stronger in quality and number, but the sea seemed to have a greater attraction, so the ringing suffered in consequence. A start on the homeward journey was made at 3.30, by way of Pevensey and Battle Abbey to Salehurst, where another stop was made to have a ring at the Church of St. Mary. Lamberhurst, the chosen place for tea, was reached at six o'clock, and mine host at the Chequers catered well for the party's needs. The weather up till now had been fine, but rain—much needed, it was said—then began to fall. In spite of this, a visit was paid to the church, and a pull on the bells till eight o'clock finished the ringing for the day. Gravesend was reached in a pouring rain at 10.30. All expressed their delight at the arrange-

ments and the pleasure of the outing. The party would like to thank the incumbents and secretaries of the towers visited for their kindness in allowing them to ring and for the arrangements. During the day, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major, and London, Cambridge and Kent Minor were rung on the various bells.

IN LEAFY BUCKS.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Linslade, and All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, united for their annual outing on Saturday, July 2nd, and were very lucky to enjoy fine weather. Starting just before 10 a.m., the party proceeded by charabanc through Aylesbury, Risborough, Wycombe and Great Marlow. In the woods just beyond Marlow a stop was made for lunch. Maidenhead was reached at 12.15 p.m. At Boyne Hill the ringers were welcomed by the Rev. W. S. Mahony, who was Vicar of Linslade previous to his appointment to Boyne Hill, and by the foreman, whom they wish to thank for the welcome given and for the use of the bells. An hour's ringing produced touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and 'rounds' for the beginners. From Maidenhead the journey was continued through Windsor and Slough, and the party reached Beaconsfield about 4 p.m. After disposing of an excellent tea, the tower was visited, the ringers being welcomed by Miss P. Moss, and some of the local ringers, and, later, by the Vicar. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Thanks are also due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for the welcome given. The return was made via Amersham and Chesham, where an hour's halt was made, and the party reached home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day's outing.

BELLRINGERS VISIT FAVERSHAM.

Bell ringers representing Gravesend, Northfleet and Milton Parah Churches paid their annual visit to Faversham on Sunday, July 10th. Leaving Gravesend at 8.15 a.m., they arrived at their destination at 9.40 a.m. The Faversham ringers very kindly gave up their tower to the visitors, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was well rung in 45 mins. by: J. Avis 1, G. Ambrose 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Smith 4, W. Beer 5, G. Morrad 6, E. Beer (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

A visit was then paid to Mrs. T. Ralph's, where a light lunch was much appreciated, and, in wishing the hostess many happy returns of her birthday, it was said that it was probably a record, where bell ringers travelled 27 miles annually to ring the bells to commemorate a lady's birthday.

Mrs. Ralph, in returning thanks for the compliment, hoped to see them all again next year. She also said how pleased she would be to see the ladies, especially a band of lady bell ringers.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN.

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36245	—	—	2	2
32465	1	—	2	2
46325	1	—	2	1
52364	2	—	2	1
65243	—	—	2	2
62453	1	—	2	2
45623	1	—	2	1
32654	2	—	2	1
53246	—	—	2	2
52436	1	—	2	2
54326	1	—	2	2
64523	—	—	1	2
34625	—	—	1	2
23456	—	—	2	2

First rung at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, by the Midland Counties Association, conducted by Ernest Morris, July 9th, 1927. If rung in the Kent variation, the 2nd is never in 7-8 with the tenor.

LANCS RINGERS' PICNIC.

On Whit Tuesday the ringers of St. James', Churchkirk, Lancs, had their annual outing. Travelling by motor saloon, they left Church at 7.45 a.m., and bowled merrily along until they arrived at Norbury, of Spliced Minor fame. Plain and Kent Treble Bob were rung here, and then the party went on to Macclesfield, where they arrived just in time to ring for service at 11.30 on this lovely peal of twelve bells by Taylor and Co. After exploring the historic church and town, they started the big climb to the Three-Shire-heads, halting at the Cat and Fiddle, 1,700ft. above sea level, where cameras and 'glasses' were busy. Descending into Buxton, all did justice to the splendid dinner awaiting them, after which they rang touches of Minor on the pretty but noisy peal of six at Fairfield. Leaving Buxton at 5 p.m., they arrived at New Mills for tea, and then visited the Parish Church for the final pull. The homeward run was completed at 11.30 p.m., after a splendid day.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—At the Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Abery 1, W. Ford 2, J. Smith 3, A. T. Claydon 4, G. Parson 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Not many peals of Dublin Surprise have been rung, but the first in the method to the credit of the Sussex Association was accomplished on Saturday, at Crawley, by a band, none of whom had struck a blow in the method before pulling off in the peal.

The G.W.R. and L.M. and S.R. will grant return tickets for single fare to Oxford from any station in the diocese, on Saturday next, to all applicants who wish to attend the annual festival.

A useful suggestion to incumbents who dislike long spells of ringing is the action taken by the Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday. He notified in his parish magazine that the attempt would be made, and asked any parishioners who objected to a long peal on this date kindly to go out to tea!

Provincial visitors to London generally look forward to a hectic time, and if they make their preparations in the right way they can get it. We hope the King's Norton ringers, who were in London on Saturday, enjoyed themselves.

A 'James' peal of Grandsire Triples by the St. James' Society at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, was rung on July 25th, 1889.

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

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

The peal rung at Thurcaston on July 4th was in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, and to him and his wife the band offer their congratulations.

The bells of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London, are rung for service at 5.30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell, cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, has promised to attend the next annual dinner of the Sherwood Youths.

Mr. R. Congreve Pridgeon, a member of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, finished very close to the winner of the King's Prize on Saturday at Bisley. He was third, and only two points behind the gold medallist.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' the Rev. H. Drake, I take it on behalf of the Nomenclature Committee, makes the following statement: 'All we did was to make a series of suggestions and to offer them to the Council to select those which they wanted.' With your permission, I would like to give your readers my views of the whole matter. In 1923-24 the Analysis Committee named the Minor methods and renamed some that had had a respectable name for years. This caused a lot of feeling in the Exorcise, and several associations sent delegates to the 1924 London meeting with protests. Resulting from those protests the Nomenclature Committee was elected, and those who elected them, myself among the number, hoped for better names to some of the Minor methods. At the 1925 Chester meeting nothing was done. The meeting in 1926 at Ipswich was none too well attended, owing to the strike. The committee brought forward thirteen resolutions. Mr. Burton, their convener, read the whole of them straight off, and asked the Council to give a plain 'Yes' or 'No' to his committee's proposals, which he moved on their behalf. Here, Sir, lies the signal for the dissolution of this committee. Had this committee used a little more diplomacy, they would have carried some of their resolutions, but to ask the Council to swallow resolutions such as altering Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first peal of which was rung 156 years ago, was expecting too much. This committee had a splendid chance to make history, provided they stuck to the task for which they were elected. I daresay some will ask, 'What would you have done?' Not moved 13 resolutions at once, as was done at Ipswich, but clause by clause. If this had been done, it would have been successful, would have justified their election, and given satisfaction to those associations that wanted suitable names to the Minor methods. My statement as to what happened at Ipswich is borne out by the official minutes. I beg to say the Council never had the opportunity to select any one suggestion made by the Nomenclature Committee.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday last. After about an hour's ringing, the Guild's service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (the Ven. E. W. Hunkin), assisted by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monk's Kirby. It was the first time the Guild has visited Rugby since the induction of the new Rector, and he cordially welcomed them in his address.

After tea, the general meeting was held, the Rector being in the chair. Ten new members were elected, and the places for the next three months' meetings were chosen as follow: Brinklow, Coleshill, and Bedworth.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and also for the use of the bells.—Mr. A. Wilkerson seconded. The Rector suitably replied.

Ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. About 30 members attended, and a successful meeting was brought to a close at 8 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. PRYCE TAYLOR. TRAGIC END OF VISIT TO AMERICA.

Ringers throughout the country will be shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, who has succumbed, after quite a short illness, in Canada, while on a business trip to the American continent. Mr. Taylor, accompanied by his wife, went to the United States in April to attend the opening of a large carillon which his firm had made for Germantown, Philadelphia. Since that time he had visited a number of cities, and recently arrived at Toronto. Here, on Sunday of last week, he was taken suddenly ill, and removed to the Wellesley Hospital, where peritonitis was diagnosed, and an immediate operation was deemed necessary. This was performed, and, though the best was hoped for, the case was apparently hopeless from the first. He passed away on Friday.

Needless to say the news, which was cabled, came as a terrible blow to the family in England, and to them, and particularly to the young widow, the deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out.

The third son of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, who died in 1919, Mr. Pryce Taylor was 36 years of age. He was educated at Shaftesbury College, under his uncle, Mr. Pryce Thomas Taylor, who was headmaster there for many years. He was then, for a while, with the Becton Humber Company, before entering the famous bell foundry firm at Loughborough, to join his uncle, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, in the business.

With his three brothers, Mr. Pryce Taylor served in the Army during the war, which brought tragedy to the family. The three—John William, Gerard Bardsley, and Arnold Broadley—were killed, and Pryce was wounded.

Mr. Pryce Taylor was a keen sportsman, being a well-known Midland hockey player, and had represented his county on several occasions. He was also a tennis enthusiast and a member of the Longcliffe Golf Club. He was an ardent cricketer and a member of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club. Throughout the Loughborough and Leicester districts he will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

It is, however, from his connection with church bells that he was most widely known, for his work in the business at Loughborough took him to every part of the country. His youthful spirits and his genial nature won him hosts of friends wherever he went, and he was always a welcome visitor at any ringers' function. He took an active interest in ringing, as well as an important part in the concerns of the great foundry, and in this way closely followed in the steps of his lamented father. He was a member of the Loughborough Parish Church band and a ringer of considerable ability. He served the Midland Counties Association as representative on the Central Council, and was a member of the Standing Committee of that body. He was also a member of many other associations and Guilds throughout the country.

This visit to America was the second he had paid, and it had been most successful, for Mr. Taylor had taken orders for two new carillons, as well as other work.

We understand that arrangements are being made to bring the remains back to England for burial.

At Belgrave, Leicester, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged and rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Taylor, the ringers, all of whom were members of the M.C.A., being: L. G. Pratt 1, Miss Mary L. Cufflin 2, H. W. Martin 3, A. Disney 4, J. Pole 5, K. R. Elliott 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AXBRIDGE DEANERY'S NEW SECRETARY.

A special meeting of the members of the Axbridge-Deanery was held at Cheddar on Saturday, July 8th, when there was a good number present from all parts of the district. Ringing was carried on from 3 to 5, Grandsire Triples and Doubles, also Stedman and Bob Major being rung. A short service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector, whose address was specially appropriate to the occasion. Tea followed at Lewis' Valley Restaurant, and at the business meeting afterwards Rev. E. S. Lock (Master of the association) alluded to the great loss which the association had sustained by the death of Mr. Gabriel Chamberlain, the local secretary of the Axbridge Deanery. He was one of the most efficient secretaries, as well as being an enthusiastic ringer and conductor, and he would be greatly missed by the members of that association.

As a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman, the members stood in silence for a minute or so.

One of the items on the agenda was the election of a secretary in place of the late Mr. Chamberlain. It was resolved that Mr. Leonard Tanner fill the vacancy, that gentleman stating he would be pleased to accept the position, and promising to do his best in the interests of the association.

Mr. Alec Evans (Burnham) was next appointed Ringing Master, the assembly enthusiastically receiving his promise to act in that capacity.

The Rector, at the close of the meeting, said he was pleased to see members, and kindly invited them to inspect his grounds and gardens. Later, more ringing was indulged in until about 8.30 p.m., whilst some of the party strolled up the wonderful Cheddar Gorge and admired its glories.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT IN OXFORD.

ST. GILES' BELLS AUGMENTED.

Following quickly upon the augmentation of St. Ebbe's little peal to eight bells, Oxford has gained another octave by the addition of two trebles to the ring at St. Giles' Church. The new bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and the bell hanging has been most successfully carried out by Mr. R. White, of Appleton. The tenor has had the canons removed.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Inge) at the evening service on Sunday week, when special Psalms were sung, and the preacher was Canon Nolloth.

Canon Nolloth took as his text Psalm 150, verse 5, and said that for more than 700 years the music of the bells had resounded from the ancient tower of St. Giles', and it was interesting to know that the five bells cast or recast in 1850 were founded by the Loughborough firm which at that time had a small foundry in the parish of St. Ebbe. There was no need for him to dwell on the great advantage of having a complete peal, and no doubt the ringers would find it a great help in practising their art. In Holy Writ there were many allusions to bells, while literature and poetry were also full of allusions to them, for they were associated with all the events of human life. During the last 30 years a remarkable revolution had come about in the founding of bells, and they were now being made better than they had ever been made in the past. Their deepest message was that they called people to the service of Jehovah, and one often asked whether the summons was obeyed as frequently as it used to be. Referring to the ringers in general, the preacher said they now had a higher sense of the solemnity of divine usage of their art—and who, after the clergy, could be more glad to see a large congregation than the ringers who had helped to call them together?

The opening touch after the service of dedication was a course of Grandsire Triples, the ringers being as follows: W. Blake 1, E. Exon 2, W. Brigham 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, F. Exon 5, V. Bennett 6, W. Stone 7, A. Dumber 8. After the ordinary service over 40 ringers visited the belfry, and several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Major were rung. The approximate weights of the bells, and the inscriptions upon them, are as follow:—

Treble.—4½ cwt., Venite exultate Domino, Henricus Wylie Hughes, 1927.

2nd.—5 cwt., Te Deum Laudamus, 1927.

3rd.—5½ cwt., Gloria in Excelsis.

4th.—6 cwt., Benedictus qui veni in nomine Domini.

5th.—7 cwt., Magnificat anima mea Dominum ait Maria.

6th.—8½ cwt., Sonitus Aegidii descendat culmina Coeli.

7th.—10½ cwt., Sum Rosa pulsati Mundi Katerina vocata.

Tenor.—14 cwt., Feare God, honor the Kyng, 1632.

A BELL FUND FETE.

Ringers in Yorkshire and the North and East Midlands in search of a real 'bank holiday' should visit Sutton-on-Trent on August 1st, when there is to be a gala and sports in aid of the bells restoration fund. Details of the arrangements will be found in our notice column, but our readers will be interested to learn that by means of similar fetes since 1922 the sum of £650 has been raised for the fund. It is hoped this year to raise £150 and clear off the remainder of the debt.

Sutton bells are a splendid ring of six, and the frame is built for two more. If the efforts of past years are continued a little longer the additional bells should soon be forthcoming. There is an excellent band of ringers, including two ladies, who can ring a dozen six-bell methods, including Cambridge Surprise, and they are all enthusiastic workers for the church in many ways. They would be greatly encouraged if ringing friends rolled up in hundreds to the fete and to sample the village bells, which will be available all day.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Saturday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. A. Button 1, H. A. Barnett 2, A. Cutler 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, J. Thomas (conductor) 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, A. Cutler 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERMILL, WILTS.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *E. C. Marlow 1, *E. Kill 2, F. Precey (conductor) 3, A. Smith 4, *E. F. Marlow 5, E. F. White 6. * First quarter of Doubles.

THE TOUR IN SCOTLAND.

By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 443.)

'O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.'

Burns.

On Sunday, at Edinburgh, the tourists divided, and yet they were united—with our Scotch friends, making up 'sides' for the two towers and ringing for service both morning and evening. Several Southerners were astonished at the impressive and solemn ceremony within the church, carried out in true native form.

This day of rest afforded us an opportunity of visiting the place of birth and burial of John Knox, the famous bygone Scottish Church reformer; the beautiful memorials to Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott; some had a peep at the castle that stands sentinel-like upon its bold, rugged eminence, with the Scottish national war memorial nearing completion, and others stood round the 'Heart of Midlothian,' a spot marked as the centre of the county by stones let into the road heart-pattern. All this was thoroughly enjoyed with the help of our stout-hearted guide, Mr. Sampson. Everyone found the 'round table' at the Clarendon in the evening after service, and here handbells were employed in Stedman Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The morning hours of Monday were devoted to sight seeing, correspondence and the despatch of picture postcards to distant friends, as we were not due at Leith tower until five o'clock. The steeple-keeper, Mr. W. Lawson, gave us the same kind attention, and kindly hoped we should be able to 'last out' the peal, as the bells swing unevenly. This attempt was successful, due to the band, perhaps, having had two days' rest, and being thus well prepared to pull hard and hold tight. The Rector, the Rev. Wm. Hall, was pleased to hear the 'first' had been rung on his bells, and with him a number of change ringers from all the towers in Edinburgh met us as we came down from the belfry, remarking on the fair and even striking with such difficult handling. The bells were cast at Whitechapel in 1866, the total weight of the octave being 88 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. They were the gift of Miss Wood, of Hermitage Park.

Supper was ordered for 9 p.m. at the Clarendon, during which repeat the thanks of the visitors to all kind friends of the art of change ringing in fair Edinburgh was proposed by Mr. Fussell and supported by Mr. H. Chapman. The only difficulty in this task was to remember whether the respective clergyman were Ministers, Rectors, Vicars or Provosts. There is, at present, no ringing association or Guild in Scotland, and this meant considerable personal correspondence with everyone concerned. Elsewhere in the British Isles some hard-working branch or general Guild secretary fixes one up in quick time with few letters. We did not close the supper with 'Auld Lang Syne,' but everyone felt it in the air as they were saying 'Good-night,' for we were off to Bonnie Dundee early next morning.

'And, surely, ye'll be your pint stoup,
And, surely, I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.'

Breakfast at six on Tuesday, and Princes Street at 7 a.m. for the Midland train via Larbert to Alloa Church, where we were 'off' into changes before 8.30. Here our peal formed a fitting farewell to the Rev. A. J. Wheatley (Vicar), who was leaving for Broughton Ferry. The superintendent of police met us as we descended from the tower, and offered congratulations. He had had people come to him to stop the bells, who did not know we had travelled some 400 miles to ring them. Mr. Brenner, away at work, left all in order for us, and the Church Council had approved and made our visit known. Hence we were not lodged in the local gaol. It was fortunate our start was so early—a funeral at 12 and a wedding at 2 o'clock had to be fitted in, for such is life! These bells are a nice, handy ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Taylor, 1925, and go like tops. We all felt 'Younger' when the bells came into rounds, but there was no time to 'taste it.' While alluding to the brewing industry, let me give you a copy of the lettering on a stone tablet near the belfry door:—

'The old six bells were the gift of many friends, 1871, and in 1925 they were recast and rehung at the instance of the congregation. At this time the trebles were added by Viscount Younger, of Leckie.'

Some of my readers may have read the recent correspondence in the daily Press relating to a mural painting placed in St. Stephen's Hall, Westminster, presented by Viscount Younger. It portrays an historical fact concerning the Union of England and Scotland in the year 1707, just two hundred and twenty years ago. Here I should like briefly to refer to a matter of sanitation and decency. This was the fourth church whereat we found a well-fitted lavatory at the foot of the tower, properly constructed within the church for the convenience of church folk.

We hastened to the station, and the further journey by the L.N. and E. Railway meant two changes at junctions, and no set meal, but we duly landed in Dundee at 2.55.

'Come, fill up my cup, fill up my can;
Come, saddle my horses, and call out my men;
Unhook the Westport, and let us gae free,
For it's up wi' the bonnets o' Bonnie Dundee.'

The City Hotel, near the old steeple, housed us for two days' stay in this bonnie city, beloved by Winston Churchill, and though it was 4 p.m. before we could break our fast, right well was it broken, with real Scotch beefsteak and oatmeal biscuits, before going to the tower at five o'clock. For the first time in my experience it was necessary to ask a City Corporation for the use of the bells, and in this instance permission was readily given by the town clerk, Mr. W. H. Blythe Martin. Dundee's old steeple—the only part of a 14th century church left standing after a devastating fire—is dedicated to St. Mary. It has ever since been in the custody of the Corporation. Adjoining the tower stands a block of ecclesiastical buildings, constituting three separate churches dedicated to St. Mary, St. Clement and St. David, with separate services at each, although only the parting walls divide them.

This one ring of bells answers for all purposes, civil and religious. The campanile resembles many of those to be seen in the old English borough towns. It stands on rising ground in the centre of the city, and from it a good view of the town and neighbourhood, the estuary of the Tay and its long bridge of engineering fame and disaster may be had. The head ringer at Dundee is Mr. Strachan. He and his team are appointed paid officials, and everything was done by them to ensure our success. As a society, they were formed in September, 1874, and possess a large set of handbells, with table for time playing, stored in the belfry, where they practise. Photographs of the members taken in 1880, 1897 and 1920 are hung on the walls, with a war roll of honour containing the names of 11 members who served King and country. There is also a list of the subscribers to the new bell frame, peal of bells and chimes of 1872.

On a brass plate is recorded a peal by members of the St. Mary's Society, Edinburgh, conducted by W. H. Barber, being the first peal of Stedman in Scotland, and the farthest North of England until our arrival. My old friend, the late Matt Wood, called his first peal on the bells in 1873, at the opening ceremony. It was also the first peal in Scotland. Looking at the peal tablet reminded me of him, and the time—some 12 years after he called it—when he described to me in his sanctum at Bethnal Green the eventful journey he and his band made up to Dundee. We added one more leaf to the wreath of 'laurels' which this fine old belfry is making, and the beds at the City Hotel (all doubles) were very welcome to the band of tired but well satisfied churchmen. Licensing laws in Scotland were strange to us—total closing on Sundays and daily at 9 p.m., and we were for two days North of the Tweed without tasting the malt. To this I may add that seven of our ten men were non-smokers, and perhaps this kind of 'half training' had something to do with the absence of a breakdown.

Dundee claims the tallest police constable in Britain. He stands 6ft. 9in. in his socks. When we saw him on point duty signalling with his 'long arm of the law,' the passing motor-cars appeared to glide under them. To the top of his helmet was 7ft. 5½in. high, and it was a new suggestion for Scott's poem:—

'Up, up with the helmets of Bonnie Dundee.'

The eve of the eclipse of the sun led us to consider early rising to see it, but the weather not being too promising only one of our men ventured to climb Law Hill, a 400ft. elevation, a mile or two out of the city, where several thousand people assembled to see but little of the event. Our shepherd went, and it is doubtful if he rounded up so large a Highland flock. So far North we found the daylight longer—artificial light was not needed to go to bed at 11 o'clock or later, and as I lay in bed the face of the old steeple clock could be easily read in the distance. The last thing I remember of my first day in Dundee was the booming of the tenor bell at the hour. The tenor weighs 20 cwt., and was cast by Mears at Whitechapel in 1819.

The weather cleared at breakfast time on Wednesday, and each went his own way. The faithful 'couple' crossed the Tay by ferry boat, discovering a new make of 'timepiece' at Newport. Others went to the city museum and the library, discovering three volumes on church bells, one of which described and illustrated the famous handbell named the Gwilt of 14th century Scotch handcraft. Being early-closing day, our peal was timed for 2.30 p.m. Messrs. Young and Stenhouse met us at St. Paul's Cathedral, and assisted in the preparations for the Stedman accomplished here. The Very Rev. Provost Alex. C. Dow, M.A., expressed his regret that he would not be at home to welcome us. I was interested in reading his article in the Scottish Episcopal Church magazine for June, suggesting the use of the English Hymnal at this cathedral.

'The bells they ring backward, the drums they are beat,
But the Provost—dunce man—said, "Just e'en let it be,
For the town is well rid o' that de'il o' Dundee."

Scott.

The climb up the stone spiral staircase meant 97 steps, similar to Ludlow or Edinburgh Cathedral. No one 'ran' up, especially one 'chap' who is a heavy 'man.' The belfry is comfortable, with good windows and ventilation, but the ropes are not true, the tenor rope falling nearly in the centre of a circle made by the other seven, hence Major was out of the question without acquaintance with the 'go' of the tenors. Total weight of the peal, cast in Whitechapel in 1871, is 93 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Geographically, I believe this tower is about 400 yards nearer the North Pole than the old steeple, and it was an unusual favour to be allowed a peal attempt here. This was the fourth cathedral at which

The authorities had graciously said 'Yes' to our application. Smiling faces gathered round the festive board, and the party only broke up at 11 o'clock for bed, after instructions for the morrow had been issued by the 'captain.'

Delay in the arrangements to visit Paisley, owing to the 7th bell being out of order and our only refusal, Glasgow Cathedral, led to an application for the bells of Inverness Cathedral. Permission was very kindly given to us by the Very Rev. Provost Mackenzie, who, in his letter, mentioned that he used to ring once but was rather out of practice now. St. Andrew's, Inverness, bells were rehung by Warner and Son in 1914. In 1877, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung upon them, conducted by H. Haley, the only one, and the first of Major in Scotland. Some of our members would have liked to stretch their ringing records from Land's End to John o' Groats at this opportunity, but Paisley and Carlisle won the vote, and home-ward was the order. We heard that good progress is being made with the new tower building at Inverary. It is now up to the bell-frame floor level, but the beautiful peal of 10 bells, cast by Taylor, are temporarily housed in a small building near the church. Future tourists through the Caledonian Canal will be able to get a touch on tower bells at either end.

Leaving Dundee at 8 a.m., via Perth, we duly made Glasgow, and alighted at Buchanan Street. Our further journey to Paisley was made by tram car, some seven miles, for 3d., and we were put down at the wrong church, a beautiful building presented as a memorial by the family of Coats. At present it is without a peal of bells. Our tram tickets were examined four times on the way, and we were notified where to change for Killiecrankie. However, no one heeded it, and I could have told the conductor that most members of our fascinating art are already 'crankie' enough. Traversing three sides of a half-mile rectangle of busy streets, we arrived at the United Free Church of St. James half hour behind time. The minister, the Rev. L. A. Sutherland, Mr. A. E. Wrecks (formerly of Manchester), and the captain of the local ringers, Mr. A. Rodger, met us at the church gate with greetings all round, and here the Major was duly brought round. The bells are a musical octave by Taylor and Sons (1911), tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., in E flat. The work of repair on the 7th bearings had only been completed two days before our arrival. This ringing chamber may be termed a 'tip-top' place. Everything is spotlessly clean and well fitted up for the ringers' convenience—floor covering and mats for the ropes, good windows and ventilation, seats, pegs, and lavatory basin, cupboards and a set of handbells. I can honestly recommend it to the favourable notice of the archdeacons of more than one diocese between Newcastle and Castle Cary. We learnt that the local society of ringers were shortly taking their annual day's outing, and were visiting the Trossachs and Loch Lomond without any bell ringing. Rather like going to a dance without the fiddler. We saw the important Glasgow works where Mr. E. H. Lewis consummates the science of strains and stressers. Hurrying back to Buchanan Street Station, the 3.50 express, Glasgow to Carlisle, was boarded, and we were glad to get tea on board, where the ticket examiner shared a personal regard for our 'Bob.' Whether the Midland official knew it was Mr. Pye's birthday or not, I could not say, but he did not have the opportunity of toasting Bob's health. We had the pleasure of toasting success to the Midland Railway at George's expense later in the day at the Carlisle Arms. The journey out of Scotland passed off very well. Five staid bachelors heaved a sigh of relief on passing the scene of so many hasty marriages—Gretna Green—where the old village harmonious blacksmith, who tied the 'knot,' rang his anvil for the church bells and never cared a 'rap' about Simpson harmonics.

In one of the old thoroughfares of the City of Carlisle, called Botchergate, accommodation for just our party and no more was found at Ridley's Hotel, and the first thing we did was to sit down to a right good supper—eight till eight is a long interval with only scraps to eat, catch as catch can. This was a farewell 'set-to' for Mr. Williams, who was leaving us at midnight with the voice of 'Master' calling him home. The cathedral bells had been kindly placed at our disposal by the Dean, the Very Rev. H. V. Stuart, which time and train did not permit us to accept for Thursday, unfortunately, but our regret was toned down by looking over the cathedral and the ancient castle, with some of the principal streets of the city. Before going to bed, the past six days were gone over again in our conversation—the peals, the mileage and the hearty reception given to us everywhere by 'the lads we left behind' us. We packed Mr. Williams off with his little handbag bulging with a copy of the Midland Railway time-tables. How he squeezed in his seven peals as well is still somewhat a mystery at three score years and ten.

PANGBOURNE BELLS

The six bells at Pangbourne (tenor about 10 cwt.) have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and go excellently. On Saturday, June 25th, ringers from Mortimer, Englefield, Goring and Harwell visited the village, at the invitation of Mr. J. Smith (Pangbourne), and rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Ford 1, J. Bower 2, J. Abery 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Smith 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in which R. G. Rice, E. Holloway and A. H. Clayton took part; also first 720 on bells since rehanging.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

In the annual report of the district secretary (Mr. F. S. W. Butler) it is stated that the Northern Branch had made satisfactory progress during the past year. The success of the newly-formed district at Sleaford is very gratifying, and gives promise of good results in this part of the branch for the future. After a reference to the various meetings held during the year, the report proceeds: The number of peals rung in the branch during the past year was nineteen: Doubles (on handbells) in three methods, 1; Minor, 4 (one method 2, three methods 2); Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman Triples, 3; Bob Major (1 on handbells), 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Royal, 1; total, 19. Included in this list seven members have rung their first peal, and five their first peal on handbells, thus showing that double-handed ringing is on the increase in the branch. The nineteen peals have been distributed amongst the districts as follows: Sleaford 7, Lincoln 6, and Grimsby 6. I regret to say that no peals have been rung by resident members of the Gainsborough district since the year 1924.

In the month of November a form was sent to each of the towers connected with the branch asking for details respecting 'Particulars of rings of bells, methods and ringing.' With the exception of a few instances these forms have been returned. By the information received, it is gratifying and most encouraging to learn that good progress is being made, especially in some of the six-bell towers, where advanced methods are being rung.

During the year the four bells at Stallingborough Church have been quarter-turned, hung in a new steel frame with ball bearings and new fittings, also room left for two additional bells at some future date.

By a call to higher service, four members have been taken from us within the past twelve months: Mr. J. T. Holmes (who for a considerable number of years was a most active member of the Heckington company); Mr. T. Mann, Burton-on-Stather; Mr. G. W. Collins, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln; and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, a member of the Cathedral company. He was a man of cheerful disposition, a good ringer, deeply respected by all who knew him, also a staunch and loyal member of the Guild.

Several new members were elected during the year, and the number on the register is 354 (44 honorary and 310 performing), as compared with 340 (33 honorary and 307 performing) at the end of 1925. The number of members in each district is as follows: Gainsborough, honorary 25, performing; Grimsby, 13, 96; Lincoln, 5, 113; Sleaford, 1, 39; total, 44, 310.

The Committee desire to express their sympathy with the ringers of the Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, who have not a ring of eight available in the city, but desire to express the pleasure it gives them to know that instructions have been given for the completion and hanging of the ring of twelve at the Cathedral, and also to know that they will be available for ringing at the great thanksgiving service, which is to be held to celebrate the completion of the restoration, to which all are looking forward.

RHYMES FROM 'STANDARD METHODS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—With further reference to the first peal on Willoughby Waterleys bells, and the comments on same you kindly published in your issue of July 1st, it might be added that the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Ingham, M.A.), late Precentor of Liverpool Cathedral, was given 'Standard Methods' to digest during our ringing. Although not a change ringer, the following lines go to show his quick grasp of our 'ringing phrases and terms,' and I think will prove interesting to your readers.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS,

Gen. Hon. Sec., M.C.A.

TREBLE TO TENOR A 'SNAPPING.'

'Up' and 'down,' and 'in' and 'out,'
Do not 'course' if you have got;
'Hunting,' 'leading,' 'changes,' 'strokes,'
Do not think that these are jokes.
'Dodge the middle,' 'behind,' 'before,'
Be a 'Bob,' but not a bore.
Don't go 'wrong,' but get 'right' 'home,'
Else climb down from up the dome.
'Maximus' is just a twelve,
'Tuffings' not the only helve.
'Minors,' 'Triples,' 'Majors' call
Men of muscle, short or tall.
'Caters,' 'Royal,' 'Cinques' there are,
'Singles,' 'Doubles,' don't debar;
Then you'll flourish 'touch' or 'peal,'
Show your nous and prove your zeal.

E. A. INGHAM,

Rector.

Willoughby Waterleys, Leicestershire,
July 5th, 1927.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FRITH, KENT.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, S. A. Stagg 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Hott 4, R. A. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, for evensong, on July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, G. H. Sentance 2, G. W. Harris 3, Jesse Pulpett 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, C. Matthews 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Tring.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 26 mins.: A. Winn 1, J. Cannings 2, S. Sheppard 3, C. Ainley 4, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First 720 in a Surprise method by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on Sunday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Jordan 1, H. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, A. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, A. J. Pitman's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, F. Hopper 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. R. Parker 4, A. Robinson 5, J. W. Sharpe 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, T. Denny 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, July 17th, at the Church of Immanuel for evensong, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. W. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. W. Roberts 4, G. H. Cross (conductor) 5, R. Bullen 6, J. L. Watkins 7, J. Bennett 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: O. Payne 1, W. Mills 2, E. J. Ladd 3, N. E. Hope 4, W. Willie 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

ASH (NEXT SANDWICH).—For morning service on Sunday, July 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. Baker 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Sharp 3, Harrison Smith 4, L. J. Honess 5, F. Slingsby 6, F. A. Fairbeard 7, T. E. Sone (composer and conductor) 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Olliver 1, K. Snelling 2, R. V. Johnson 3, C. H. Surridge 4, C. Nice 5, N. Elliott 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, J. Morley 8. Rung by the local band.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, July 17th, at the Parish Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Royal (1,296 changes) in 54 mins.: G. Oakes 1, J. W. J. Cottam 2, A. Firth 3, C. Poulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, J. Brothwell 6, G. Tukey 7, C. E. Wright 8, S. Briggs 9, C. Ryder (conductor) 10. All above are service ringers.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): A. Newman (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 1, J. Faithfull 2, H. Payne 3, W. Madgwick 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, F. Cole (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. Arranged for F. Cole.

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with bells half-muffled: Cliff Francis 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, Geo. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6. Rung on Sunday following the burial of Sir J. T. D. Llewellyn, Bart., of Penllergare, who was a benefactor of this parish.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal (1,243 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: E. H. Spice 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, G. Gilbert 4, T. Jull 5, S. Taylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 8.

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: E. Hobbs 1, W. Walker 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, W. E. Taylor 4, J. Eldridge 5, E. Eldridge 6, T. Goodchild 7, H. Jones 8.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruskington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 27th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea, Sleaford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (✓) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. provided by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. O. Orr, for those who notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Moon 1, L. Warner 2, R. O. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, F. Hunt (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. Hunt, of Luton.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, on Trinity Sunday, for matins, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): S. Moody 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, J. Leal 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8, 6 and 8 covering.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. A birthday compliment to A. Callaway.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Trinity Sunday, for sung mass, 928 Kent Treble Bob Major in 34 mins.: G. Copley 1, A. G. Wood 2, H. Taylor 3, P. Massam 4, T. W. Strangeways (conductor) 5, A. Wormald 6, H. L. Jones 7, G. W. Steel 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Copley 1, A. G. Wood 2, H. Taylor 3, E. Ward 4, P. Massam 5, A. Wormald 6, H. L. Jones 7, T. W. Strangeways (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, after the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Davis (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss J. Colegate (first quarter-peal) 2, A. J. Ford 3, G. W. Harris 4, G. H. Daynes 5, W. Merritt 6, C. Elliott 7, J. Harding (first quarter-peal), aged 17, 8.—On Saturday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Marsh (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Merritt 2, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 3, J. Hurrell 4, A. J. Ford 5, W. H. Daynes 6, C. Elliott 7, C. Davis 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 1,200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Ward 1, E. Skelton (first quarter-peal) 2, C. Newman 3, N. Thomas 4, A. Perkins 5, A. Bigley (longest length as conductor) 6, H. Chambers 7, W. Perkins 8.

WOOLTON HALL, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, after evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rex 3, F. Knapp 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balsam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Whit Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. C. Moule 1, J. Harper 2, E. Haynes (longest length inside) 3, K. Williers 4, A. Wilson (conductor) 5.

HOUNSLOW.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings) in 42 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, J. Kent 3, W. E. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, C. Gash 6. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Whit Sunday for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 1,376 Bob Major: *Miss G. Norris 1, H. Markwell 2, *C. Collinson 3, W. Collinson 4, F. Ballard 5, D. Findlay 6, W. Latter 7, A. Rickardson (composer and conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 44 mins.: A. Greenfield (conductor) 1, A. Rowley 2, R. Round 3, R. Hall 4, W. Prestidge 5, J. T. Greenfield 6, H. Hubble 7, A. Prestidge 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Rowlinson 1, Miss K. A. Jutson 2, Miss A. M. Dale 3, E. Wakeling 4, W. H. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by a local band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,280 changes) in 59 mins.: H. Nelson 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

LENSLADE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, at Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): T. Dixon 1, Miss Phyllis Moss (conductor) 2, C. C. Mayne 3, F. Buttrum 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers 7, W. Gates 8. Arranged for Miss Moss and C. Mayne, who were visiting the district.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Meadows 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, A. Prestidge 3, J. Round 4, W. Prestidge 5, J. T. Greenfield 6, H. Hubble 7, H. Smith 8.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, May 1st, for evensong, and a birthday compliment to E. Brett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, A. Brading 2, A. Long (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Chambers 4, C. Taylor 5, P. Reynolds 6, A. R. Ward (conductor) 7, E. Brett 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service at St. Peter's, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Whittle 1, A. Hearmon, sen., 2, G. Bunch 3, C. Bunch 4, A. Goodall 5, G. Butler (conductor) 6, S. Riddell 7, A. Hearmon, jun., 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., for morning service: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Martin 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a compliment to R. Kynaston on attaining his majority.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob Minor: A. Slade 1, W. R. Parker 2, E. Sibley 3, W. H. Austin 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. J. Dove (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *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.

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, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members.—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 ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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. — F. Farrant, Sec., North Street, Martock.

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.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

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.

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.—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.

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.). —A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

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.

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.

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.

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.—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.—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.—Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Police Bowling Green, August 13th. Usual arrangements. Please forward names.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

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. Tea, 1/- per head.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

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, Smockington, Hinckley.

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.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers for next two years. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT. — GALA DAY, and Sports, Dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Bells Restoration Fund. The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Bank Holiday Monday (August 1st). Visitors from everywhere welcome. Tea provided on ground from 3.30 p.m. in marquee. Plain tea: 1s., children 6d. Meat tea: 1s. 6d. and 1s. Admission to grounds: 6d. and 3d. Crow Park Station lies half-way between Newark and Retford. The L.N.E. Railway will issue cheap return tickets to Crow Park Station from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from Retford and Newark. The express, due Crow Park Station 8.32 p.m., will stop specially for passengers to Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster. Roll up in hundreds!—H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 26th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. Bells (8) will be available. Luncheon will be arranged at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. for all those who send in their names to the general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 27th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Notice to be present for tea should be sent to Mr. W. T. Farrow, churchwarden, not later than Thursday, Aug. 4th.—C. H. Howard.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 6th, at Old Glossop Church. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting will be held at 7 o'clock prompt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with subscriptions. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

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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WENLTON, DURHAM.—On Wednesday, July 13th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Bennett 1, W. Bennett, jun., 2, J. Gray 3, E. Hern (conductor) 4, J. Scott 5, E. Gosden 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Bennett, jun., 1, E. Hern (conductor) 2, W. Bennett 3, J. Scott 4, J. Grant 5, E. Gosden 6.—Also 720 Double Oxford Minor: W. Bennett 1, J. Gray 2, E. Gosden 3, J. Smith 4, J. Scott 5, E. Hern (conductor) 6. Messrs. Scott, Gosden, Gray and Hern are from North Shields, the remainder being local men.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Thursday, June 23rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Steadman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. F. Chulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, G. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

EVERCREECH.—On June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: F. D. Rickards (Shepton Mallet) 1, F. Reakes 2, W. Osmant 3, H. Sanger (first quarter as conductor) 4, E. T. Carter (Llandaff Cathedral) 5, R. Whitehead 6, P. Hill 7, A. White 8.

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