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THE NON-PAYERS.

A District Secretary, having read our article last week on 'Making the most of the Money,' writes to us that, judging by his own experience, most associations would be a good deal better off than they are if all the members, or rather professed members, paid their subscriptions. He complains that there are men who, although well able to afford the small annual contribution, do not meet this liability, while continuing to enjoy the privileges of membership. We cannot imagine that there are many such in any individual association, but such as there are, it must be admitted, show a very mean spirit. To pose as members, share what advantages can be obtained in the way of peals or meetings and in some cases allowances towards teas or travelling expenses, and fail to contribute the shilling or two a year which is asked by the associations, is not a spirit which is becoming to a member of a brotherhood like the ringing fraternity. We see constantly in reports of various ringing organisations pointed reminders of the fact that far too many subscriptions are overdue. Where they are merely belated, it is unfair to the officers responsible for the work, for not only are they given a great deal of extra trouble, but may conceivably be left in want of funds to meet liabilities. Where, however, subscriptions remain entirely unpaid for a year or two the case is far worse.

Ringing associations, of course, have the matter in their own hands. They can afford to be without such members and if ringers of the type of which complaint is made were struck off the membership roll if their subscriptions were not paid during the current year, they would have little cause to grumble. It may be very nice for an association to show big figures as to membership, but they are actually misleading if they do not represent the real position in 'paid up' members. As with most other problems, this one has its difficulties, and there may be fear of permanently losing men if drastic action is taken. All we can say on this point, however, is that the associations have to choose between carrying what the theatrical folk call 'dead-heads,' or eliminating them from the roll and debarring them from the privileges of membership. Why, for instance, should an association subscribe towards the teas provided at meetings, or pay for the printing of names in their reports, and particularly the cost of printing peals which are the most expensive fare of these productions, unless the members in return pay their annual subscription? The remedy, of course, is a rule to cut off such ringers from membership, and the courage to enforce it. It may be drastic, but it would probably have the desired effect.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Four Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	THOMAS GROMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
GEORGE R. PYE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal of Maximus for the association and the first twelve-bell peal by the association rung within the county. Mr. Kippin has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and it was Mr. Roberts' 50th peal for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	*THOMAS WITTS 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
LESLIE BARRY 3	† P. S. GEORGE HASTINGS 8
BASIL LATHAM 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	*HARRY PHELPS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal inside.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
EDWIN BUESDEN 4	HARRY PARKES 9
WILLIAM DUDLEY 5	*JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 350th peal. Rung after meeting. Short for Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril M. Mitchell, son of the ringer of the 6th, for his 21st birthday.

ST. LAURENCE, THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, in E.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
PERCY J. SPICE 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Gilbert R. Goodship.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
WALTER PERKINS 3	KEITH HART 8
HENRY W. GAYTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
CHARLES H. PAGE 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNET, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	PERCY J. SPICE 7
EDWIN BUESDEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	HARRY PARKES 9
GILBERT R. GOODSHP ... 5	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques, one of the local band failing to put in an appearance.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
LESLIE BARRY 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
BASIL LATHAM 3	P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... 8
GEORGE GOULDING 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*GEORGE ROBERTS Treble	C. WILLIAM COOPER ... 5
*GEORGE SMITH 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY 4	*VERNON BEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. William Cooper, who kindly entertained the visitors to tea.

KINGSWINFOR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	*HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	*ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5
MADRICE T. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

F. A. Salter hails from Nottingham, G. A. Wightman from Lavenham, and A. Catterwell from Wickham St. Paul. The rest are local men.

UPTON ST. LEONARD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE CONDICK 2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 6
JESSE GILLET 3	THOMAS CLISSOLD ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM AVERY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
*PHILIP HODGKIN 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
SAM E. TAYLOR 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS Treble	SIDNEY A. STAGG ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	HARRY SIMMONS ... 6
*STUART SANDFORD 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7
WILLIAM R. BOND 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	LESTER L. GRAY ... 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 6
*WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
CHARLES J. CHOQUET 4	EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
FREDERICK R. BORFETT ... 4	WILLIAM GLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILSON ALLIN	Treble	HERBERT FRETWELL	5
*WILLIAM H. T. KING	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
JACK BAILEY	3	THOMAS STIMPSON	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	RONALD DOVE	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBE	Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5
ALEC TAYLOR	2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS	6
THOMAS H. TAYSON	3	WALTER TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	4	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT G. PEARCE	Treble	VICTOR CRABB	5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
EDWARD G. COWARD	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
FREDERICK C. BENDER	4	REGINALD F. BECK	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6, 7 and 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	Treble	GEORGE APPS	5
JOHN FEIST	2	EDMUND DAVEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	WILLIAM H. STENNING	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT BIGGS	Treble	JOHN GIBSON	5
*EDWIN BARKER	2	†FRED RYDER	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	*HERBERT TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal since January 1st, 1889. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band, and were elected members of the association previously. Mr. Nash is from London, and was elected a life member. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ruth Taylor (daughter of the tenor ringer) and Mr. Fred Hutton.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRD	Treble	GEORGE DENT	5
LEWIS A. CORDELL	2	*PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM	6
*FREDERICK WHITBY	3	STANLEY CLARK	7
WILLIAM NORRIS	4	HARRY SMALE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal of Superlative inside. P. G. Springham hails from Frindsbury, Kent.

ALDBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
WALTER BARRETT	2	CHARLES CLARKE	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN EVANS	Treble	ERNEST STITCH	5
FRANK ROWSELL	2	ALBERT E. GRAY	6
ROYDEN DAVIES	3	CHARLES H. PERRY	7
JOHN DARCH	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 7. Thanks are accorded to the ringer of the treble, who kindly took a rope at very short notice, the band having met short.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE	Treble	ALBERT RELFE	5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ARTHUR H. SMITH	3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND	7
BERT LUCK	4	*PHILIP HODGKIN	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* 50th peal and rung in his 50th year as a ringer; also rung in honour of the 81st birthday of Mrs. H. Relfe, mother and grandmother of ringers of 5 and 7 respectively.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	FRED HINDLE	5
ARNOLD BLACKBURN	2	FRED HODGSON	6
ALBERT MARSHALL	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
JAMES INGHAM	4	WILLIAM HORAN	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough.

The ringers of the treble and 5th are from Blackburn, 2nd, 3rd and 6th from Liversedge, 4th from Mytholmroyd, and tenor from Todmorden. Mr. Fred Hindle was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association before the peal was commenced.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, August 6th, at the Church of St. Mary's, touches of Cambridge and Double Court Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, B. Chilvers 3, W. Clover 4, J. Betts 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST CLULOW Treble	J. W. KIRTON 4
L. PIERREPONT 2	J. WALDEN 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th are from Southwell Cathedral, Sutton-on-Trent, Orston, Bottesford and Lincoln Cathedral respectively. J. Walden was made a life member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE BRYANT Treble	FRANK J. DAVEY 4
ARTHUR G. SELLEY 2	*JOHN WAY 5
*JOHN HOPKINS 3	*ERNEST HOLMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are local men, second hails from Silverton, 3rd and 4th Exeter. The conductor's 100th peal for the above Guild.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. approx.

ALFRED HOLLAND Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
MISS KATHLEEN JUTSON 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	*FRED BLOOD Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

*Elected a member of the above Guild. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band, 2nd and 3rd to St. Mary's, Peterborough, 4th to Deeping St. Nicholas, 5th to Market Deeping, tenor to St. Mary's, Nottingham. Arranged for F. Blood, who was anxious to score a peal on these bells, Crowland being his birthplace. Thanks are accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Holland for making the necessary preparations and for entertaining the party. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the eldest son of the conductor.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. C. J. STURTON Treble	L. PIERREPONT 4
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	WALTER WHITE 5
J. WALDEN 3	R. H. BARTRAM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

This was R. H. Bartram's 125th peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY H. TATE Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
GEORGE FREEBREY 2	JACK BAILEY 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. I. B. Ll. Gibbs) for the use of the bells, and the local singers for having everything ready.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HALL Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	THOMAS HILDITCH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung as a triple birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At 13, HARLESDON ROAD, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY R. PASMORE 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	S. WARREN STURGIS 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: WILLIAM S. LANGDON.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, head of Groton College, Mass., U.S.A., who is visiting Europe, received hearty congratulations upon ringing the above peal at the first attempt. With the exception of a quarter-peal a week or so previously, and a few short touches during his visit, he has no opportunity of ringing this method.

A PEAL AT CROWLAND ABBEY.

Crowland Abbey, credited with having the first peal of bells hung for ringing in this country, is not a place really to tempt peal ringers. The tower is open from floor to bell chamber, and the hundred feet of rope is merely controlled by three sets of guides. Mr. Fred Blood, the hon. secretary of the Sherwood Youths, who is a native of Crowland, has always been anxious to score a peal on these bells, and nearly twenty years ago made two abortive attempts. On Saturday, July 31st, he achieved his ambition, but the peal was rung amid the distraction of an almost constant stream of visitors to the Abbey. The Rector did his best to keep the inquisitive ones on the move, and, what was still more important, quiet.

The band, which was made up entirely of visiting ringers, except for Mr. Alfred Holland, were heartily congratulated at the finish, and they desire to thank the Rector and Mr. Holland for permission and the arrangements made. Mr. Blood also wishes to express his thanks to the other members of the band for meeting him and helping him to achieve his desire.

A.O.F. DELEGATE AT READING.

Two very enjoyable evenings were arranged at very short notice by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Guild, to meet Mr. G. E. Chappell, a delegate from Wickham, Hants, to the meeting at Reading of the High Court of Foresters. The towers selected were Pangbourne and Englefield, two very nice rings of six. At Pangbourne, 720 Plain Bob was rung: John Bowers 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Jim Abery 3, Miss Nelly Collins 4, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6. 720 Oxford Single: Miss Nelly Collins 1, J. Bowers 2, Jim Abery 4, J. Smith 4, R. Abery 5, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. At Englefield tower 720 Kent Treble Bob: R. Abery 1, J. Abery 2, J. Smith 3, G. E. Chappell 4, J. Lewinden 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6. 360 Oxford Single: Mrs. D. Murray 1, J. Abery 2, R. T. Hibbert 3, J. Smith 4, R. Abery 5, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 6. Mr. Chappell was elected a member of Oxford Guild, and wishes to thank Mr. R. T. Hibbert and all the ringers who met him at so short a notice.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR AT BOURNE, CAMBS.

On Saturday, July 30th, an attempt was made for peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bourn. After ringing 3,136 changes, it came to grief, the band being: A. E. Austin 1, R. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, S. H. Wood 4, F. Warrington 5, A. G. Rivers 6, T. R. Dennis 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8. Longest length by Messrs. Tack and Howard.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS. — At the conclusion of the regatta race for 'Vicar's Sculls' on Bank Holiday, three 720's, being two 720's Cambridge Surprise and one of Oxford Treble Bob: G. Perkins 1, G. L. Perkins 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Greaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by Messrs. Perkins and first attempt.

AN IRISH TOUR.

A Bank Holiday visit to Ireland, by an English team of ringers, resulted in the accomplishment of the following performances between July 30th to August 3rd, 1927.

To the clergymen and ringers of the respective towers, at which the visitors were kindly permitted to ring, a debt of gratitude is due. It is almost needless to add that the promoter of this successful gathering was Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D.

JOHN WILKINSON 1	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDITH K. PARKER 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
*WILLIAM BIBBY 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 10
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. Ten of the visitors were elected as members of the Irish Association before attempting the peal. Rung on the Minor Twelve. The first peal of Maximus rung at any tower outside of English territory.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. in B.

JOHN WILKINSON 1	GEORGE R. PYE 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
EDITH K. PARKER 3	EDWARD JENKINS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by Miss EDITH K. PARKER.

These bells consist of an old octave by Rudhall, of Gloucester, the treble and tenor having been added by Murphy, of Dublin.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF 1	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDITH K. PARKER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 8
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung out of England. The eleven heaviest bells were the gift of Lord Iveagh in 1899, two trebles being added in 1909 by R. R. Cherry, Esq.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At Christ Church Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

THOMAS HAMMOND 1	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE R. PYE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The Rev. Canon Scott (Vicar and a practical ringer) met the visitors to welcome them to Bray, and kindly provided refreshing hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. Green 1, C. J. Choquet 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, L. Gray 5, John Lee 6, A. C. Darnell 7, H. Taylor 8.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 1	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The bells are by Taylor and Co., cast in 1898, and were hung in the new church in 1899. The Vicar and Curate met the band at the church to offer them welcome and hospitality.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING 1	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	*JAMES SWINLEY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES MORGAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged by Mr. Sperring for the Irish tourists on their way home.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES SWINDLEY 1	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Holiday visitors to Rhyl are indebted to Mr. Hughes and the Rector for kind permission to attempt a peal.

A KENTISH JUBILEE.

MR. PHILIP HODGKIN'S LONG RECORD.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, has just completed his ringing jubilee. He started his belfry career at Aldington, Kent, in June, 1877, where he rang for 14 years. He came to Headcorn in 1891, and has completed 36 years at this place, where he has had charge of the local band during that time. He has also acted as caretaker of this fine ring of eight bells, on which, in celebration of his jubilee, he rang his 50th peal on August 6th, a peal of 5,088 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Most of his peals have been at the heavy end on tenors, ranging from 14 to 30 cwt. One peal was rung for the Sussex Association, and the rest for the Kent County Association, and chiefly in the Weald of Kent. The following is the list:—Plain Bob Minor 3, Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 20, Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Triples 8, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Spliced Oxford and Kent 1, total 50. These peals were rung in twelve different towers, the first one, in 1882, being the second peal for the Kent County Association.

A SIX BELL TOUR.

A tour among six-bell towers was enjoyed by the Thornham Magna ringers for their annual outing. The first call was at Sproughton, where they were met by Mr. C. Moe, who gave them a hearty welcome. Then on to Stratford St. Mary (a fine peal of six bells), Higham and Langham. An excellent dinner was ready, prepared by the host (Mr. L. Sterry) at the Gun Inn, Dedham. After dinner touches were rung on the handbells when leaving. Then on to Ardleigh (the only eight-bell tower visited during the day), Bromley and Mistley, where a good tea awaited them. On the way home they called at Stutton and Holbrook. The touches rung were Cambridge Surprise, Minor, London Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, and at Ardleigh Kent Major. The ringers wish to thank Messrs. Featherstone, Souter and also G. Moss and Honeywood (Misley).

TOUR IN BEDS AND HERTS.

The Apsley End ringers, with a few friends from neighbouring churches, had their annual outing on July 9th. The morning was not very inviting, but the holiday feeling being foremost, the weather caused little concern. All turning up in good time, the party set forth, handbells included, to make the first stop at Hempstead, not for ringing, but to pick up two more, one the 'father' of the party, who was found outside a notable resting place. Then along the narrow roads to Houghton Regis, where hangs a peal of six, with a tenor of 18 cwt. Touches were rung to allow all to have a pull, and the bells lowered again. A few of the party then got on with the handbells, while the rest were postcard hunting and 'snap' taking. Boarding the bus again, a move was made along rough roads to Kempston, which was reached about 10.15. Here the party were met by two local ringers, and enjoyed ringing on the best peal of bells they met with during the day. The Vicar, late of Apsley, being on holiday, his daughter entered the belfry, and gave a most cordial welcome to the visiting ringers. The programme would not allow a long stay with this beautiful peal, with a tenor of 19 cwt., so the bus was boarded again for Clapham. The sun, beginning to shine at this time, caused the spirits of the party to rise very noticeably. At Clapham several of the party contented themselves with looking round the church instead of ringing, as the peal is very light, the tenor weighing only 5½ cwt. The first few attempts to ring proved unsuccessful, but, after getting used to the trebles, some Plain Bob was eventually brought round. The usual treble or second man was here seen ringing the tenor, which he was able to do much better than managing the very awkward treble, with a long draft. Bedford and dinner were the next objectives, and, after enjoying a good meal at 'The Silver Grill,' some preferred the river to ringing, the remainder of the party adjourning to St. Peter's Church, where the bells were already being pulled up by the steeplekeeper. This peal, with a tenor of 12 cwt., was very suitable for after-dinner exercise, as the 'go' is splendid. One of the late arrivals was greatly disturbed because the bells were ringing and he could not find a way up the tower. The reason was because he was trying to get up from inside instead of from outside. He eventually arrived, and the bells were kept going for about an hour. Meeting the river enthusiasts (some of whom had blisters on their hands), a move was made for Sandy, which was reached about 4 o'clock. Here, once again, the necessary gentleman with the key was waiting, and touches were rung on this peal of six until nearly 5 o'clock. Hitchin was the next place of importance to the party, but before arriving

a few photographs had to be taken. Tea, at Nott's Restaurant, was very welcome, although certain members seemed more interested in telephones than tea, and others imagined they had started dinner again. However, the meal was brought to a successful conclusion, and once more the motor started, this time on to Codicote. This place has a handy peal of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. The bells are very noisy in the belfry, but the 'go' is pretty good. One of the local ringers here had a pull, it being very rarely he has the chance of ringing with a change ringing hand. A move was then made to St. Albans, where St. Stephen's bells were made good use of for three parts of an hour. Some of the party, beginning to get tired, our 'friend with the key' gave a hand in a few touches. A very interesting feature here is the swaying of the tower, which can be seen distinctly from the churchyard. The bells were lowered, and, after a short stay in St. Albans, home was made for, with a few songs to cheer the weary. Reaching Apsley about 10.45, the party were dropped at their various destinations, and so ended a glorious ringing day. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The band take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and steeplekeepers and others who helped to make this outing such a success.

HEREFORD MEN'S FIRST PULL ON TWELVE.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Holmer ringers, with the churchwardens and other Hereford district ringers, took part in an outing, the party numbering nineteen. Leaving Hereford at 7.45 a.m., and travelling via Ledbury and Tewkesbury, the first stop was at Ashchurch for a few touches on the musical peal of six bells. Charlton King's was the next stop, where Mr. Dyer, who had raised the bells in readiness, met the party. Grandsire Triples and Stedman was rung, but the tenor proved too much of an handful even for the Samsons. After refreshments, a start was made for Painswick, where Mr. Albert Wright met the visitors and escorted them to the tower and its famous peal of twelve. After raising ten in peal, a few rounds were rung on the twelve, as the majority present had never before been in a 12-bell tower. Then, after a touch of Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the party adjourned to the 'Golden Heart' for an excellent lunch. At Barnwood, where members of the local band and Messrs. J. Austen and J. Williams met the visitors, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung. After tea at Gloucester the party proceeded to Harbury for a pull on the recently restored peal of six, and then the return to Hereford completed a most pleasant trip.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, formerly of Hackney, received many congratulations on their golden wedding last Friday, and during the week-end they received many visitors at 32, Whitechapel Road, London, where they were staying.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast by St. Martin's Guild, on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, September 14th, at the same time.

Canon Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association, leaves England for South Africa on August 20th, and expects to be away about nine months.

The recent first peals of Superlative Surprise Maximus at Ipswich recall the fact that it was at St. Mary le Tower on August 15th, 1908, that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

A peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on the famous but now 'defunct' Coventry bells, on August 17th, 1812.

A year earlier, on August 18th, 1811, 5,376 'Cambridge Surprise Eight-In,' the first in the North of England, was rung at Keighley.

There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday evening, August 21st, as the church will be closed. Sunday ringing will be resumed on September 18th.

MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the above, it is already suggested that a new bell should be placed in a new church by ringers' subscriptions as a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who was for so long the worthy president of the M.C.A. Ald. R. B. Chambers, of Derby, is preparing the subscription lists for same, and can, no doubt, give full particulars. Nevertheless, I think it a good suggestion that his last peal should be recorded and worded as a memorial.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. WEBB

(Member of the Committee, M.C.A.).

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been expecting to see in your columns questions raised on the subject of Superlative Surprise Maximus since it was discussed by the Central Council. I have read the report of the debate on the question, as I had previously read Mr. Law James's article in your issue of December 5th last, and his letter in which he described the method which has since been rung at Ipswich as 'interesting but not Superlative.'

What I should like to see explained by Mr. Law James is, why is not the Ipswich method as good an extension of Superlative Major as Mr. James's extension to Maximus of Shipway's Royal? Probably he can do this without 'blinding us with science' or leaving us to grope our way through masses of figures.

There is a lot of interest in this question among Surprise ringers, men who know the practical side of method ringing, and among these it will require a good deal of argument to prove that Superlative Maximus, as rung at Ipswich, is not a better extension of Superlative Major than is the method which Mr. James deduces from Shipway's Royal.

When answering this question, which I hope he will, perhaps Mr. James will give us further enlightenment upon another point. In his article of December 24th he shows us how, largely by force of circumstances, Shipway's method develops in the way it does, and, after considering the arguments pro and con of the possible changes at the first cross section, he says we are driven back to (V.),

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Thus, 4th's place in the Major (5th's from the back) becomes 6th's place in Royal (which is also 5th's from the back).

Then, having shown to his own satisfaction that Shipway's is the true extension to Royal, he argues that the Maximus must be produced by the same rules.

When I went on to examine the Maximus constructed by Mr. James from the Royal, I expected to find at the first cross-section 8th's place (still 5th's from the back) made on twelve bells, but instead he returns to the 4th's as in the Major. Mr. James may, of course, be able to explain away this extraordinary feature, but, in my opinion, it makes his Maximus a different method to the Royal.

An examination of Cambridge Surprise shows no such variation in the places. At the first cross-section 4th's place is made in Major, Royal and Maximus alike, and it does not appear to me to be a very 'scientific' plan to extend Superlative by having 4th's in Major and Maximus and 6th's in Royal. Again, Mr. James may have an explanation to offer, and I am sure there are others besides myself who would like to see these and other points cleared up.

Yours truly,

A PLAIN RINGER.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

This is the second of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

TRANSPPOSITION.

Transposition may readily be seen by means of cards. Take twelve small cardboard squares, and separately number them 1-2-3-4, two sets in black and one set in red, so that you have two black and one red of each of the numbers 1-2-3 and 4.

Place your first lead head in a row of black 1-2-3-4, and under this put the first lead end in black (1342). Now cover your lead head (1234) by placing on the top a red row of the second lead head 1-3-4-2. Now you have a red row 1342, and a black one 1342 underneath. Your 'rounds' row (1234) is out of sight, but the whole point is that you KNOW where each number is, BECAUSE it is in its proper place—'1' in first place, '2' in second place, etc.

Now transfer the red cards to the row beneath, one at a time, and in the order of the underneath row (first 1, then 3, then 4, etc.), but IGNORE THE NUMBERS showing on the red cards. The red card which must be placed upon the '1' underneath, is the card which is COVERING THE BLACK '1' ABOVE, no matter what is the number on the red card. Uncover the black number above (first 1, then 3, etc.), and transfer the red card to the same black number below; that is, the red '1' will be taken off the black '1' above, and placed upon the black '1' below; the red '4' from the black '3' above to the black '3' below, etc., etc. You will then have a red row beneath, 1-4-2-3, which is the second lead end.

To find the third lead end, cover your black 1234, with your third lead head in red (1423), and proceed as before, remembering that the first lead is ALWAYS the example given, so that your black row underneath will still be 1-3-4-2. Your result will be 1234, which is the third (and last) lead end.

A little practice, and you can write down any transposition by SAYING TO YOURSELF the example row 'one-three-four-two' (or whatever it may be), and, as you say it, writing down the DIFFERENT figures, which (covering as it were) your new lead head will put in the positions, that should properly be occupied (at 1234) by the bells you are saying—'One-three-four-two.' The figures you write will be different from those you say, because you will write what you SEE IN THE PLACE, that should be occupied BY THE BELL YOU ARE SAYING.

When pricking out the 'lead ends,' it is sometimes necessary to know which position (at the previous lead end) was occupied by a particular bell that is going to appear in the lead end under consideration.

The bell-numbers at the row which is the end of the first lead, automatically fix in the mind the positions occupied by those bells at the previous 'lead end' (rounds); for the reason that, at rounds the No. 1 Train starts from platform 1; the No. 2 from platform 2, etc., and so long as we know the Train Number, we also know the platform at rounds, because the train and platform numbers at 1234 coincide. If the end of the first lead is 1342, we know—without any thought—that the bell in fourth's place here (the 2) came from second's place at the previous 'lead end' (1234) because it is a '2'; likewise, the bell in third's place at 1342 (the 4) came from fourth's place at 1234, because it is a '4,' and so on, it so happening that at rounds every bell is in its OWN POSITION in the row.

This knowledge is useful when pricking out 'calls,' which we may consider later on more fully; but for the moment, suppose that we wished to 'make a call' WHEN bell No. 3 appears in fourth's place at a lead end. Reference to our first lead end (1342), shows that the bell in fourth's place (2), came from second's place at the previous 'lead end' (1234). We know this because it is a '2'; therefore, we can know that bell No. 3 will appear in fourth's place, at that lead end which comes immediately AFTER THE ONE where she (the 3) appears in second's place. We can apply this to make a call when any bell number is placed in any position whatever at a lead end.

Merely as an illustration:—If your example row was 14263857, being the first lead end of a method, you would know that the bell in (say) sixth's place there, came from eighth's place at the lead before—because it is an '8'; therefore, if you wished to make a call WHEN No. 7 BELL appears in sixth's place (instead of the 8) you can know that No. 7 would be in sixth's place, at the lead end after the one where she (the 7) appears in eighth's place.

PLAIN COURSE LEAD ENDS.

We can now prick out the lead ends of Plain Bob Minor, but first let us obtain the rows of a plain course.

Commence the first lead with 123456; change three pairs to produce the next row (214365); then change the two centre pairs; that is to say, the first and last bells retain the same places while the middle four change, giving 241635. Then continue throughout the lead with:—Three pairs, 2 middle, 3 pairs, 2 middle, etc., until the treble appears on the front again, for her first blow there. This is done five times in all, with an odd 3 pairs last, giving 132546.

Plain Bob is a 'Second's Place' method, so that at the treble's second blow on the front, the bell in second's place (the 3) retains the same position, and the remaining four bells change in pairs, giving 135264 as the head of the second lead, thus:—

1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 (5 2) (6 4)

Repeat this changing of pairs, starting from the second lead head (135264) exactly as is done in the first lead. At the end, the first blow of the treble on the front will give 153624. Second's place being made in the next row (by the 5) and the remainder changing as before, results in 156342 as the third lead head. Repeat this from every new lead-head found, and rounds will eventually turn up, and we have then obtained all of the rows in the plain course.

The lead-heads will turn up in the order given below, where they are shown as lead ENDS. That is to say, the first 123456 has the line drawn under it, and is therefore treated as the last lead end in the course, and not as the first lead head. If the line is drawn under the two rows, where the treble has her whole pull at lead, then the backstroke row (135264) is treated as the lead end, the 'practical' way; if it is drawn between the two rows, then this same row is treated as the next lead head, the 'theoretical' way.

Thus:—

Practically.		Theoretically.
etc.		etc.
123456		135264
132546		152646
135264	(lead end)	135264 (lead head)
etc.		etc.

Then the lead-ends of the plain course of Bob Minor are:—
123456

- 1st 123456 We may prick out these lead ends with the aid of our
- 2nd 156342 black and red cards, and I will briefly describe the
- 3rd 164523 procedure again.
- 4th 142635 Rounds and the first lead end are ALWAYS the
- 5th 123456 example rows, so that we must not diverge.

Place rounds down in a row of black cards 1-2-3-4-5-6, and under this in black the first lead end 1-3-5-2-6-4. Cover the 123456 with the head of the second lead in red, 135264. You now have a red row 135264 (being the second lead-head), and a black row underneath, also 135264 (being the first lead-end). Here is emphasised the point, that the same row is both the end of the lead and also the head of the following lead.

Proceed as we have done before, to transfer the red cards from the row above to the row below, by uncovering the hidden 123456, one at a time and in the order of the underneath row (first the 1, then the 3, then 5, then 2, etc.), and covering the black numbers below, with the red card which uncovers the same black number above; no matter what is the red number—these must be ignored whilst transferring the cards.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly, that this operation of transfer be done in the STRICT ORDER (reading from left to right) of the first lead-end which we have in the black row underneath, whatever this row may be. In other methods it may not be 135264, but while dealing with the same method it is always the same row; that is, with Plain Bob it is always 135264, unless altered by a 'call,' which we shall consider later.

So then, concentrate upon the order of the underneath row. Say to yourself—I must cover the black '1' (at 135264 below) with the red card which I shall find upon the black '1' above, which at present is invisible; this done, I have to cover the black '3' below with the red card (no matter what its number) that at present is covering the black '3' above. Next the '5' below from the '5' above; next the '2,' followed by the '6,' and lastly the '4.' The black numbers below will disappear, one at a time, and in order from left to right; the black numbers above will appear, one at a time, but in no particular order. The completed red row below will then be the lead end following, that is 156342.

By conforming strictly to this order you will get used to saying the one ('one-three-five-two-six-four'), and at the same time writing another row, 156342, or whatever it may happen to be.

You will now have a black row 123456 and a red row underneath (156342), which is your second lead end. Transfer this red row bodily to the row above, covering the black 123456 with the red 156342. Underneath will be left your black row (still 135264). Transfer as before, and the result will be a red row underneath (164523), which is the third lead-end. Carry on in this manner until you reach 123456, which is the last lead-end of your plain course.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On July 17th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Surprise: W. Thornley 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.—On July 31st, for evening service, 720 London Surprise: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.—On August 7th, for evening service, 720 Southwark: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

INFORMAL JOINT MEETING WITH ELY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Felsted on Saturday last. A short service was held, and an address given by Rev. H. T. C. Weatherhead (Vicar). Tea and meeting followed in the Memorial Hall. The Vicar presided at the tea, and Mr. F. Claydon (District Master) was in the chair at the meeting. There was an attendance of only 25 members, due largely to the holidays. Several from adjoining towers were away from home, and a flower show was being held in the next parish of Rayne. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. A. Saunders, Mr. G. Wiffen, Mr. G. W. Dixon and Mr. F. Warrington (secretary for the Archdeaconry of Ely), and the following other members of the Ely Diocesan Association: Miss K. Willers (Trumpington), who had cycled 28 miles in the intense heat, Messrs. B. D. Buttress, A. G. Prince, F. Hurry, E. H. Finch, A. E. Austin and A. Rivers.

Before the meeting commenced the Master made feeling reference to the death of the late district secretary (Mr. W. H. Dyson), and the members stood in silence for one minute as a token of respect.

The Master, who has been doing the secretarial work since the death of the district secretary, was asked to continue until the end of the year, when the vacancy will be filled.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Booking in November.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address; to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service; to the Felsted friends, who kindly provided the tea, and to Mr. W. T. Farrow (churchwarden), who is also a ringer, for the excellent arrangements made.—The Vicar, responding, expressed his thanks to the association for paying a visit to his parish.

The Master gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Ely Association, who had travelled long distances, and expressed his regret at the small attendance of local ringers for reasons previously stated.—Mr. E. H. Finch (Stapleford) and Mr. A. E. Austin suitably replied. At their suggestion it was agreed to arrange for a joint meeting of the two associations at a future date.

This concluded a small but very enthusiastic joint meeting, although not pre-arranged, of the two neighbouring associations. During the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were rung.

NORFOLK GUILD.

A SMALL, BUT PLEASANT MEETING AT SWAFFHAM.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday. The ring of eight bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church were, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Keeling Scott), at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served at the George Hotel, and the Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read a letter from the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) conveying his best wishes to all members for a successful meeting.

Mr. G. P. Burton was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president, supported by the secretary, Messrs. W. B. Duncan (district secretary for Aylsham) and Ben S. Thompson (district secretary for Norwich), and also Mr. Thomas Fitzjohn, of Scartho, Great Grimsby, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry, and representatives from Magdalen, Wallington, King's Lynn, Tharston, etc.

The Secretary moved that the belfry election (prior to a peal) of Mr. George Holmes, of Sheffield, be ratified, and proposed the election of Mr. Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry, as a life member (non-resident).—This was agreed to.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. Keeling Scott for the use of the bells.

The business meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, when other members turned up to take part.

Although this was a small meeting with respect to the number of members present, it was not an unsuccessful one, and was much enjoyed by those present for the enthusiasm and good fellowship that reigned throughout the day. Some good touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung during the morning, afternoon and evening, and the ringing may be said to have been above the average for a general meeting.

FETE IN AID OF BELLS.

By a fete held at Sutton-on-Trent on Bank Holiday the remaining debt on the bell fund of the Parish Church was extinguished. The whole village entered heartily into the day's proceedings, and many visitors helped to swell the throng. The bells were ringing merrily from noon onwards until late in the evening, with a brief interval in order to enable the Chairman of the sports to make a short speech and propose a vote of thanks. The advertisement in 'The Ringing World' attracted a good attendance of ringers from the following places: Anston, Worksop, Warsop, Ordsall, Gainsborough, North Collingham, Mansfield, Nottingham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Branston and South Normanton, Mr. C. S. Ryles (hon. secretary) and Mr. Wheelodon, of the North Staffordshire and District Association, and also a full muster of the local company. The following methods were rung during the day: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent,

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THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will Mr. Hunt object to my saying that he shows some sensitiveness when he asks for an apology, while saying he himself has 'a blunt way of putting things'? A little less bluntness and a little more courtesy in handling this matter would have certainly been desirable. In order, therefore, to make a start, I will give Mr. Hunt the apology he asks for, and admit that I was mistaken in thinking that the trouble was due to his imagination. Whether he will prefer the alternative I cannot say, but it now appears the cause was a failure to grasp the first principle of our native tongue. If he will compare the first rule in English grammar with the phrase 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major,' he will find that in that phrase there is only one word which is a name. The other four words may be called 'attributes,' 'adjectives,' 'epithets,' or 'descriptions,' but in no case have they anything to do with us or our report. Therefore, for the fourth time, I must repeat my statement; and I will add to it, and say that the name of the method which has always been called 'Norwich' cannot be affected by anything in our report. 'Norwich' it always has been, and 'Norwich' it always will be, and nothing the Council can do, let alone a committee, can alter it.

The statement that the report would have given any power to the committee is also flatly contradicted by the report itself. Resolution 11 reads:—'No names or terms, supplementary or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.'

Although personally I did very little of the work of the committee, I was responsible for suggesting these two points. First, that the report should be divided up into as many independent portions as possible. And, second, that the C.C. should revise everything. It seemed to me that in names which everyone has to use, one cannot get too wide a method of approval before they are fixed.

In reply to Mr. Fowler, may I say that no one wants to deprecate the great achievement of the Ashton company in ringing and naming the 132 Treble Bob methods. But it was the confusion caused by such indiscriminate nomenclature which was the cause of the formation of this committee. Therefore, his complaint is against the Council, and not against us, who only did what we were asked to do. Incidentally, I may point out that his statement: 'If you have an infant registered as Rose, Lily, or Violet, you cannot alter it,' is altogether incorrect. Not only are there regulations whereby this can be done at the Registry Office, but a new name can be given at Baptism, and again at Confirmation. Therefore his company need not worry if the C.C. does have to alter some not very well established names.

I do not suppose Mr. Trollope will appreciate Mr. Hunt's implication that he also has got his grammar wrong; nor do I agree with Mr. Hunt's inference from the Ipswich meeting. But what does appear from their own words, is that the confusion of which Mr. Hunt's letter speaks, was caused by Mr. Trollope leading the Ipswich meeting astray, and by Mr. Hunt leading the Maunton House meeting astray. He seems so satisfied with this result that he says he does 'not think it worth while saying any more.' Has he no idea of the responsibility of his words and actions?

Ufford Rectory.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

ANOTHER PEAL FOR MR. WARREN STURGIS.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Groton College, Mass. U.S.A., whose visit to England, with his eldest son, we referred to last week, when they took part in a peal on tower bells at Colerne, Wilts, has now rung a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, with members of the College Youths. This is a notable achievement, as Mr. Sturgis has had comparatively little practice in the method, and he rang the peal at the first attempt.

We hope the success that has attended the efforts of Mr. Sturgis and his son will fire anew their enthusiasm for instructing the younger citizens of Groton and Boston in the art of change ringing, and that before long we may be able to congratulate Mr. Sturgis and his family upon ringing a peal of Triples or Major together, for his daughter and two sons are very keen to emulate the feat of their father. They have all rung both Grandsire and Bob Major on handbells. It would indeed be interesting to record a peal rung in the U.S.A. by citizens of that country.

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Oxford, Double Bob. St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob. Violet and Woodbine, Cambridge and London Surprise.

There was a large attendance at the sports in the afternoon, and a novel spectacle was a 'Wild West Show,' which was greatly enjoyed by spectators and performers alike. Two of the local ringers took part in this, and the whole show proved that a good deal of local talent can be found in Nottinghamshire villages.

The proceeds of the fete completely wiped off the debt on the Bell Restoration Fund, and the ringers and public in general will be greatly encouraged by the fact that sufficient has been raised to pay for the six bells. One more fete, together with a fine day, would no doubt bring in sufficient to add the two new trebles to complete the octave.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EYAM.

On Bank Holiday Monday morning the secretary only knew of about half-a-dozen people who intended visiting Eyam, a beautiful little spot in the heart of the Derbyshire moors, but what looked like turning out to be a dismal failure was eventually a glorious success, no less than 50 members and friends making the journey from Barnsley, Chesterfield, Dore, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Rawmarsh, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Ecclesfield and Treeton, and life members from Ashton-under-Lyne and Hazel Grove, and a visitor in Mr. Alfred Hall, from Cheadle, Staffs.

Eyam, so well known in history for the heroic part which the inhabitants played during the time of the Plague, gave the visitors a real hearty welcome, the Rev. W. P. Wright, who had done so much in getting the peal augmented to six, and Mr. U. Daine, churchwarden and bell ringer, sparing no effort to make everyone feel at home.

A great variety of methods were rung on this fine little peal by Taylor's during the afternoon and evening, and, together with touches on the handbells in the churchyard, created great interest amongst the onlookers from 'Steelopolis,' who had come over on the usual holiday ramble.

Tea was provided at Mrs. Godber's refreshment rooms, but imagine the look of bewilderment and perplexity on this good woman's face; she had only received advices from six ringers for tea and over 40 wanted supplying. Whether she performed the miracle of the three barley loaves over again the writer cannot say, but, with the ingenuity and resourcefulness for which country folk are noted, she managed to supply all wants.

By the kindness of the Rev. W. P. Wright, the business meeting was held in his garden, presided over by Mr. G. Lewis. The Secretary paid tribute to the esteem and affection which everyone held for the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, and was requested to convey to the widow, family, and Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the society's respectful sympathy.

Two new members were elected, after which Mr. Potter and Mr. Cockey expressed the thanks of members to the Rector, to the Rev. W. P. Wright and to the local band for the very sincere welcome extended to all.

Glorious weather prevailed throughout the day, a fact which contributed in no small way to the success of the meeting.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method, of which the first peal was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on June 8th last, has the Rev. E. Banks James as its author, and it was named by the Rector of Holy Trinity after St. Blaise, who had associations with this ancient town along the Pilgrims' Way, which has now become the cathedral city of the new diocese. Peals in this new method are obtainable without the 2nd or 3rd coming behind with the tenor.

The method:—

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12346578	34256	—			
21436587	53246	—			
24135678	24536	—			
42316587	52436	—			
24136857	43526	—			
42318675					
43281657	65324	—			
34826175	26354	—			
38421657	35264	—			
83246175	23564	—			
38246175	53624	—			
83627451					
38267415	46325	—			
83624751	24365	—			
38264571	36245	—			
38265417	23645	—			
38265471	42635	—			
83624517	63425	—			
38642157	54326	—			
83461275	25346	—			
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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Llanstephan, where the ring of eight bells were made good use of during the day. Ringers were present from Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Morriston, Gorseinon, Llanelly, Llandilo, Tenby and Brecon St. Mary's and St. David's. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Thomas), and the Lord Bishop gave a very interesting address. Tea was provided by the Vicar and church people, to which about 80 sat down and did justice to all the good things provided.

The business meeting was held on the Vicarage lawn, the Lord Bishop presiding. The Hon. Treasurer gave his report, showing a balance of over £10. The Master of the Guild presented his report of the Central Council meeting in London, and was congratulated by the Chairman.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting for 1928 at Brecon.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells) wished to resign on account of his having left Brecon, and the Lord Bishop paid a fine tribute to Mr. Howells for his good work for the Guild, and hoped he may reconsider his decision.

Mr. F. E. Thomas (Brecon) was elected hon. secretary pro tem.

The other officers were elected as follows:—President, the Lord Bishop; Master, Mr. A. J. Pitzman. New members were elected as follows: G. Howells (Llanstephan), D. Michael, W. Robbins (Llanelly), G. M. Jones, H. Howells (Llandilo), W. Webb, A. Jones, C. Pettitt (Gorseinon) and C. Francis (Morriston). The Tenby band of ringers (12) were welcomed to the Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Russell for the very excellent design of the membership card and for his services at the ringing competition; to the Lord Bishop for his address and presiding at the meeting, and to the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas and church people for their generosity in providing tea. Another visit was then paid to the tower by some, while others had to return to Carmarthen to catch the train.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PROPOSED JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Andover on Saturday, July 23rd, when 22 members attended from the following towers: Andover, Basingstoke, Bramley, Highclere, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Oakley, Silchester, Wootton Hill and Winchester. During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the bells at St. Mary's Church, the methods rung being Grand-sire Doubles (for the beginners), Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

The Rev. E. Jones (District Secretary) was away on holiday, and the Rev. H. T. Adams officiated in his stead.

Tea was partaken of in the Bowling Club Pavilion, and, at the business meeting which followed the General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the ringers, he had approached the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth, who had both sanctioned and approved the proposal to form a joint Diocesan Association for the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth. He suggested that a special meeting be held at a convenient centre in the autumn, so that arrangements could be made to start the new association on January 1st next.

After a good deal of discussion it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the committee, and that all details be submitted to the districts at their annual meetings in November.

The Secretary reported that the next meeting would be at Odiham, due notice of which would be given in 'The Ringing World.'

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the above was held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the three churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the afternoon and evening by the respective Vicars and wardens, and were rung in various methods. An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies, who also looked after the wants of the party. Tea was served in the Parish Hall adjoining Bishop Wearmouth Church. There was a very small attendance, the clerk of the weather no doubt being responsible, as it left off 'raining' and came down 'anyhow,' so that the streets resembled small rivers. Fourteen sat down to tea, some in their shirt sleeves whilst their coats were dried. In the absence of the President, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president of the Eastern District, presided. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the three churches for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for supplying the tea and looking after them so well.—These votes were carried by acclamation.

Four new members were elected. The following towers were represented: Tanfield, Shildon, Willington, Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals, St. George's, Newcastle, and the three local towers.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evening service, on Sunday, July 31st, 720, Kent Treble Bob, with tenor cover: F. Warrington 1, E. J. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. L. Perkins 5, C. W. Cook (conductor), J. Mahoney 8.

A VISIT TO EAST KENT.

AND A BAG OF KENT.

For a holiday week-end tour in East Kent the pioneer, who is named after a 'Cheese man,' managed, at the last moment, to charter a 'Good ship,' which proved no 'Dud'—'Ben,' with his 'nett,' landed, on a 'Fur bank,' a 'Pike,' who, having a liking for 'Spice,' tried to e-'lope' with 'Robert's' to Quex 'Park-es,' and was lucky not to finish at '—hell.' See peal columns.

When sufficient had put in an appearance on Saturday evening, July 30th, a peal of Cambridge Major was attempted on the bells at the Tower of Quex Park, but the attempt met its 'Waterloo' after two hours' ringing. Can you wonder at it, after travelling in crowded trains and wondering where one was going to sleep? A final attempt to find sufficient lodging was made, and, unfortunately, two of the visitors, 'Cheese' and 'lope,' above mentioned, decided to seek repose in the quietness and solitude of the tower in the Park. Needless to say, they were early astir, and, just after 7 a.m., eleven men, good and true, were ready for Stedman Cinques—even Teddy B., who had cycled in from Canterbury—but the local tenor man failed to put in an appearance, even three-quarters of an hour after the appointed time. So it was decided to go for Kent Royal, and J. H. C., who has a good bag at this tower, kindly stood out, and explored the beauties of the Park. This peal came into rounds 15 minutes after the appointed time to stop ringing. Although the church is a good distance from the tower, it is an understood fact that no ringing is to take place while a service is in progress, so the ringers hope to be excused, more especially as they were under the guidance of 'Robert's.'

After a good meal and finding a bed for the unlucky members for the night, the Park was again visited, and an attempt made for Stedman Cinques, which, unfortunately, came to grief after nearly two hours, and, incidentally, it was not the fault of the novices. Perhaps some were overjoyed to know that all would sleep peacefully.

A bus run into Ramsgate enabled the party to have a ring on the bells at St. Laurence for the evening service, and try the ten which were to be utilised on the following morning for an attempt for the first peal of Royal on the bells. Birchington was reached just before 10 p.m., and all should have been grateful for an early sleep. Four of the faithfuls who were occupying one room were startled at a late hour by a 'Bob' under the window, and a 'Fishy' voice asking the number of his lodging, as he had forgotten, and lost his bed mate and his 'nett' somewhere in the vicinity of 'Sovereign Street.'

The lost one must have found his way back, as a full muster was reported at Ramsgate just after 9 a.m. the following day. This time the 'forgetful one' volunteered to stand out, and the remainder had the satisfaction of ringing the first peal of Royal on the bells of St. Laurence—Kent being the method.

After a hurried dinner, at which the health of the wife of the 'good ship' was drunk on the occasion of her birthday, the next port of call was Canterbury for Stedman Cinques. Here was met the gentleman from Crayford, who was said to be the cause of such a stir in the daily papers that day by demanding a holiday—any way, he was at the Cathedral ready to take a rope. After waiting half-an-hour for one of the locals to complete the band, time did not permit of an attempt for Cinques, and the visitors had to be satisfied with another peal of Kent Royal.

This visit to Kent may be properly termed a 'Kent' tour, as of five attempts the three successful were Kent Treble Bob Royal. Don't think, dear reader, they could only ring that. Some would have liked to have wrung necks if they could.

The parting of the ways took place after the Canterbury peal, and all are grateful to those who helped to make the visit so enjoyable, and would like to offer their sincere thanks through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to all concerned.

SALFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

King Sol was kind to the ringers of the Church of Sacred Trinity, Salford, when they had their annual outing. Leaving the 'Flat Iron' at 1.30, the 'de luxe' car travelled nicely as far as Hazel Grove, when something went wrong with the engine. Eventually the drive was continued. Fairfield, Buxton, was reached, where, by a stroke of luck, a wedding was taking place. Such an auspicious occasion as that was not allowed to pass without suitable celebration, and the 'local lads' were given an exhibition of prowess by touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, etc., for which the visitors were thanked. Travelled next to Bakewell, where the inner man (and woman)—for there were lady friends with the party—was attended, full justice being done to an excellent repast. The drive was then continued to Matlock Bath, Buxton, etc. As often happens on these drives, something kept going wrong with the engine, and the excursionists had to keep getting out to stretch their legs—at least some of them did. However, after a most enjoyable day, home was reached by 10.30, and best thanks are tendered to the Church Council for enabling the company to have such a splendid day's outing.

BRIDGEND RINGERS IN WORCESTER.

On Monday, August 1st, the Bridgend ringers, together with their wives, journeyed by train to Worcester. Arriving just after 12, (Continued in next column.)

A CONTINENTAL TRIP.

THANET RINGERS VISIT BRUGES.

August 1st and 2nd are days long to be remembered by the St. Laurence (Thanet) Society, when, for their annual outing, they made an excursion to Bruges.

For some considerable time it has been the great wish of the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., H.C.F.) to take his ringers to Bruges to hear the Great Carrillon and continental ringing at its best. Through the splendid response to the Vicar's appeal, and the hearty co-operation and hard work of the hon. secretary, the great event in the history of St. Laurence ringers was accomplished.

Starting from Ramsgate Station at 10.30 a.m., the party proceeded to Dover, the great topic of conversation being 'change.' Most of the party, under the guidance of the Vicar, went to the Bureau d'Exchange and secured 172 frs. to the £. We then boarded the 'Stadanteverpen,' and the rain, ever an uninvited guest, accompanied us. One wondered why! This year he seems very aggressive to holiday makers. To come on our outing we considered the very limit, but it did not dampen the spirit of the St. Laurence lads, who were out for anything that came along. Many interesting and amusing things took place on the journey. As soon as we were aboard, the Vicar saw to it that we all had seats along the rail—one never knows what is in the mind of the Vicar, he is always so considerate, and has done this trip before. All comfortably seated (except for our conductor), the company unfasted mystery parcels, whose contents, if moistened somewhat by the rain, made a very acceptable meal, and an old gull, seated upon a davit, looked on with an air of keen expectation, which, however, was doomed to disappointment, as St. Laurence men are all good sailors. We had not proceeded far when our conductor found his seat too small and disappeared; then the secretary, having no change, proceeded below to exchange. Returning on deck with hands well filled with notes, he gave the Vicar his first opportunity to give him a lesson on change. Having grasped all the bobs and singles, he again went below to get out of the wet, only to return soon after with a quantity of small coin of various sizes, to complain that the bobs wouldn't come right, and, after appealing to the company in vain, tried one of the other passengers. The conductor, returning from 'nowhere,' soon put him right, when they both bobbed below again, not to be visible for some time. The weather brightened when we passed Ruytengen, and our conductor and secretary reappeared glowing with health, having got the exchange to their mutual satisfaction, and other members reappeared after having been to unheard of parts of the ship, the boldest smoking cigars of a brand equally unheard of.

All was bustle and hurry at Ostend, and having passed the Customs, we emulated the children of Israel, having a speedy meal, and then rushed for the train to Bruges. On arrival there, we went to the hotel, and then made for the Campanile, as we wished to see the inner workings. After a little delay, and much parleying, we were admitted, and, having gained the summit, were shown the bells and mechanism, also some splendid views from the top, 287 feet above the folks in the Grande Place below us. We climbed 341 steps, but it was well worth it. The heavy bell weighs eight tons. We then returned to the hotel for dinner, after which we took our seats in the Grande Place for the concert. The programme included 'Land of Hope and Glory,' specially put in for us, and an encore, and finished with the English National Anthem, also in our honour. We then returned to the hotel for the night, having safely completed the first half of the programme.

Tuesday morning saw us all afoot by 5.30 a.m., and, after breakfast at 7.15, we went by motor to visit some of the war cemeteries. Tyne Cot impressed us all with its magnificence; Hell Corner, Hodges' Crater, etc., were visited, and we reached Ypres at 11.30 for lunch. Here the time passed very rapidly, and only five minutes could be allotted for viewing the Menin Gate, that wonderful monument to those who fell at the Ypres salient. Cameras were, of course, very busy here.

From Ypres we returned to Ostend, and thence to Dover, where, having some time to wait, we visited St. Mary's, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major, returning to Ramsgate about 9.50 p.m.

The ringers wish to thank all who so heartily supported them, both with good wishes and such generous gifts; also the Vicar for his kind thought and consideration on this ever-to-be-remembered outing.

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The party were met by Mr. W. C. Jones and Mr. W. Edgington, two of the Cathedral ringers, who escorted them to All Saints' Church, where the bells were available before dinner. A short touch on this lovely peal was much enjoyed. After dinner at the Angel Hotel the party paid a visit to the fine old Cathedral and various places of interest before going to St. Helen's Church, where more ringing was indulged in. Tea was partaken of at the same hotel, and the rest of the evening hours were spent as only ringers can spend them. Leaving Worcester about 9.30, the party arrived home in the early hours of the morning, everyone having spent a very enjoyable day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Cathedral men for their kindness, and also the incumbents for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, A. Price 4, L. Mannerling 5, J. T. Newington 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Arranged for Mr. J. T. Newington, of Bedford.

HESTON.—On Sunday, August 7th, for annual war memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Lewis 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. G. Lewis 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, F. Humphreys 8.

PITNEY.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. A. Folkard 1, S. H. Godfrey 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Harding 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, P. W. Norton 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Miss Enda Godfrey, daughter of the 2nd ringer.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Sunday, July 31st, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 43 mins.: A. White 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, G. Smart (Brighton) 3, R. F. Elkington (Leicester) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, A. R. Ward 7, T. Kemp 8.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—For evening service, on July 31st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Carter 1, W. Riemell 2, C. Trap 3, J. Attwood 4, F. Ponting 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6. All local ringers except F. Ponting, who hails from Minchinhampton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: W. C. Lindsey 1, F. C. Webb 2, C. V. Hare 3, F. W. Croft 4, F. Gardner (first 720 in the method) 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. B. Shepard 1, F. Overton 2, A. Bolland (Stoney Stanton) first attempt at Treble Bob, 3, J. Kennington 4, R. S. Long (Sheffield Cathedral) 5, R. Mingay 6, C. W. Taylor (conductor) 7, S. Bromfield 8. Also 168 of Stedman Triples.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Hutchison 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, F. Read (conductor) 5, J. Hirst 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, F. Read (conductor) 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Bolderstone 4, A. Yates 5, A. Lord 6, J. Hirst 8. Rung with the tenor covering. On Wednesday, July 27th, 960 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Lord 3, A. Hutchison 4, R. Bolderstone 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. A half peal was attempted, but owing to the bells having run dry, the conductor called them round.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, July 24th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise, 1,280 Double Norwich, and on Sunday, July 30th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise, by: F. Bird, P. C. Springham, F. Whibly, L. Cordell, G. Dent, S. Clark, W. Hobbs and W. Wheeler. Arranged for P. C. Springham, who was spending a holiday in the district.

EAST ANGLIAN EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Lavenham ringers held their annual outing, travelling by charabanc. The first stop was made at Eye, believed to be the smallest borough town in the country. Here the party were met by Mr. H. Day, who led them to the tower, where touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge were rung, during which some of the youngsters climbed the Castle steps. The journey was then continued to Redenhall; dinner being partaken of at the 'Yew Tree' Inn, after which a course of Grandsire Gaters was rung on the 'large ten' of a peal of 24 handbells, which were left to the 'Ringers of Redenhall' by the late Captain Penistone Moore. A selection of old airs was rendered by the handbell quartet, and then steps were taken to the church. Here Mr. Frederick Borrett, of Pulham Market, welcomed the visitors. Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Superlative were the methods rung on this fine peal of bells. Diss was next visited, Messrs. J. Souter, G. Archer and W. Wiskens greeting the visitors, and courses of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge being tapped off. The bells at this tower form a grand old peal. At Pulgrave, the last call on the programme, the party found a light peal of eight, which Mr. G. More had in readiness. The first few leads here would have lost a few hundred points, had it been a ringing contest instead of an outing, but remembering a 'Norfolk tip' given them earlier in the day—'To eke 'em out!' Grandsire, Double Norwich, Kent and Superlative were managed. Tea at the 'Swan Inn' followed, after which the shy H.Q. were again pressed into service, much to the delight of 'Winnie,' mine host, and the local P.B.'s. Then came 'farewell time' to Winnie, etc., which was the only 'hitch' in the programme. All aboard for Lavenham! one long last backward glance by George's Ravellers and Co., and the party were off for home, which was reached about 10.20 p.m., at the end of an (almost) perfect day. The band wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all those kind friends who helped to make the outing a success.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Clifford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bovey Tracey on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea about 4, meeting afterwards.—G. A. Taylor, The Village, Grappenhall, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at the Parish Church, Whalley, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. Meeting and social 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—John Watson, 46, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, August 20th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Rd., Armley, Leeds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by meat tea, 1s. 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 15th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purleigh, Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Eveleigh Room, opposite the Church, 5 p.m. This meeting is being held at the special request of the Rector, Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, August 17th.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Rd., Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business after. Everyone welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 17th.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longdon, on August 20th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. The branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—John Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street Upton-on-Severn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY & HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Northaw, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each at 5.30. Cheap tickets from Kings Cross, Broad Street, etc., to Cuffley or Potters Bar. Hatfield bells after tea. Bus from Little Heath, near Northaw; or motor will be arranged if possible. Please advise either of the undersigned by 17th inst., for tea requirements.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Rd., E. 4., W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Gamston, Retford, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6 recently augmented by new treble, rehung and retuned) ready early, and available until 9 p.m. IMPORTANT. All those requiring tea, must advise Mr. R. Ashford, Gamston, Retford, not later than Tuesday, August 16th. The church is situated 2½ miles from Retford on main London road, good bus service passes the church frequently. Visitors from kindred associations heartily welcome.—H. Haigh, 103, Gateford road, Worksop, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A meeting of the abovesaid district will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guilds service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A combined practice will be arranged at Pirbright for Saturday, September 17th, at 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Also West Meon (8) and Petersfield (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday 16th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Rd., Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 6d. each, and meeting afterwards. Business: Election of Secretary.—Peter Boardman, School House, Halewood, Sec. pro. tem.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, August 20th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1/3 per head). Usual business meeting follows tea.—C. Beeston, District Secretary, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A short service of Initiation will be held on Thursday, August 25th at 7 p.m. The new peal of 8 open for ringing after service when all ringers will be welcome. A Ringers' Day will be arranged one Saturday in September.—P. Webb.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs., on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Lewis, 180, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than first post Tuesday, August 23rd.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 395, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal. Will those intending being present please let me know on or before Wednesday, 24th August?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free for all ringers who notify Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, Notts, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY.—The usual Monday practice is abandoned during August. Next meeting September 5th.—James E. Davis, Tower Keeper.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Arkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatsheaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—All communications regarding peals should now be addressed to W. Barton, Peal Secretary, 46, Alexandra Road, Pudsey, Yorks.

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