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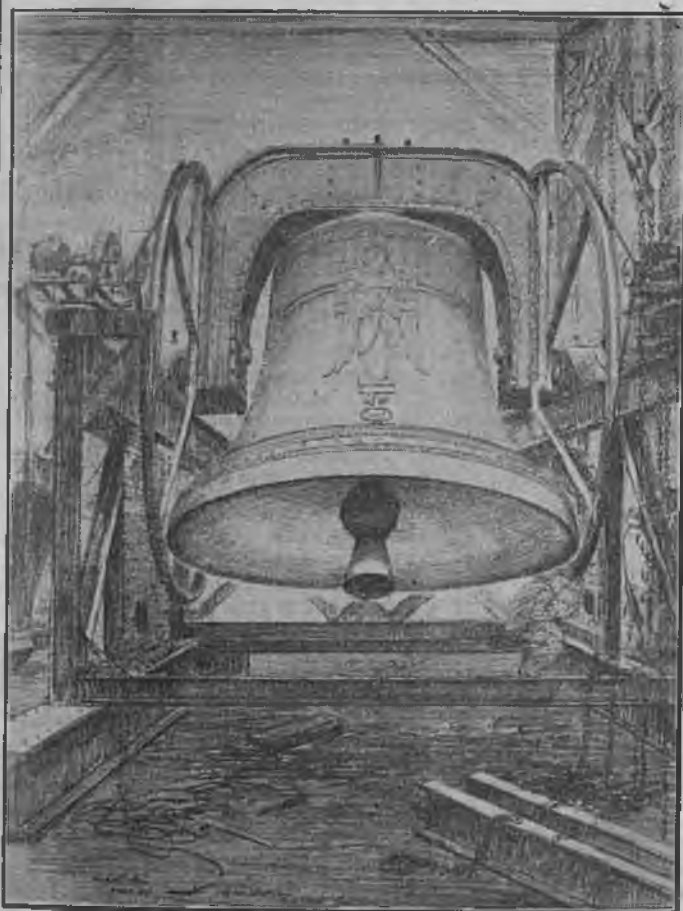
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Very few of our change ringing organisations, happily, are faced with the definite rivalry of associations who are first and foremost champions of the 'stoney' brigade. Yet there exist in the West of England one or two societies whose membership consists exclusively of non-change ringers, and who, in their own districts, carry on a fairly successful campaign to the detriment of the Guilds which are promoting the art of change ringing. The most serious of these rivalries exists in Devon, where the Devon Association, as our readers will recently have learned from correspondence in our columns, has set up in active opposition to the old Devon Guild. This association is influentially supported; it has as President, Viscount Hambleden, and among the Vice-Presidents is the Earl of Portsmouth. It sets out that its object is to encourage the art of ringing in the country parishes and to further its aim a competition for a shield and certificates is held annually. It can easily be understood that among those who know nothing of the art of change ringing, which the Exercise has been promoting for nearly three hundred years, the association makes an appeal which church authorities are likely to support, especially as its competition is open only to service ringers. At any rate, the association is something of a menace to the old Guild, which has, for more than fifty years, often in the face of immense difficulties, sought to spread the science of change ringing among the ringers of Devon.

It is not always easy to judge local circumstances and feeling from a distance, but it seems to us that only good could result from efforts to bring these two organisations together into one body of Church workers. Clergy are as actively interested in the one as in the other, and it ought not to be beyond the wit of man to draw them together, despite the suggestion that the call change ringers have declared their intention of 'carrying the war into the enemy's camp.' After all, the Devon Guild has the Bishop of the Diocese as its patron, and his influence, if sought, would, we imagine, be on the side of amalgamation, for opposition factors in a work such as this can do no good in the diocese. We presume that one of the great stumbling-blocks is the existence of the competition for bands in the association. The Devon Guild, rightly or wrongly, sets its face very sternly against anything of this kind, and its rules provide 'that no member shall take part in any ringing match for prizes; should he do so he will be liable to immediate exclusion from the Guild.' There are a number of associations who now recognise change ringing competitions, and we are not sure that the Devon Guild's rule is not a little out of date, for, with

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proper safeguards, a contest such as that organised by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, for instance, must encourage better ringing among the bands; and better ringing is a thing that must be continually striven for. The old abuses that used to accompany the prize ringing events of bygone years no longer exist, and it is of little use to ignore facts. An amalgamation of the two societies would bring strength to the organisation of church bell ringers in Devon; it would open the door, at any rate, to further attempts to spread change ringing and remove from the heart of the diocese a cause for jealousy and rivalry. Despite the question asked almost in despair by the Devon Guild's secretary, 'What could the Devon Guild do?' we suggest that one way to approach the situation would be to get the Bishop to bring the two organisations together for a friendly talk, with the Diocesan himself in the chair. An accommodating spirit would then, we are sure, do a great deal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES Treble	ALBERT WALKER 6
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
CHARLES WEBB 4	JOHN BRAGG 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

HAROLD JACKSON Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 6
ROBERT HERRING 2	PETER LAFLIN 7
TOM WILDE 3	TITUS BARLOW 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY 9
JAMES H. RIDING 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Venerable Archdeacon J. H. Thorp, M.A., B.D., who attained his 75th birthday on the 19th inst. It is 30 years since Mr. A. E. Pegler rang a peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 2	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal in the method.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN H. DODD Treble	†WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM ... 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	†JOHN HUGHES 6
††FRANK WOOSNAM 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
JOHN BREESE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. †† First peal away from the treble. This peal was specially arranged to enable the first 'all-local' peal to be rung on the bells; and it is believed to be the first peal of Major to be rung for the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild by a band all of whom are members of one and the same local company.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
FRANK ROSSELL 4	WINSTON JAMES Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung after meeting short for Little Bob Major.

LLANTRISANT.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH LOVATT Treble	THOMAS HAMLYN 5
GEORGE WINES 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
FREDERICK LASBURY 3	HARRY PAGE 7
TOM PAGE 4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 29). Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all the band and for the association. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells since they were augmented to eight by J. Taylor and Co., and the longest length on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHRIK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
WILLIE AARON 2	SYDNEY BROWN 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	JAMES INGHAM 7
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOBARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method for all but the ringers of 4th and tenor. First in the method as conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
MISS FREDA ORR 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung especially in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Ward. First peal in the method by the association, in the county and by all the band.

DERBY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY 2	GEORGE WEST 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	JOHN FLOWER 7
LAURENCE CHADBURN 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob in Derby.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDGAR E. SWIFT Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	PERCY E. JONES 6
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*RICHARD WARNETT 4	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

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

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM 5
*JOHN R. BARTRAM 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
*ARTHUR W. WARD 4	*EDGAR W. HIGGS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. E. W. Higgs was elected a life member of the M.C.A. before starting the peal.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY BARNES Treble	JAMES McCLOSKEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
EDWARD DALINGWATER 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal rung in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
JOHN T. BROTHWELL 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
CHARLES MASON 4	HAROLD KENT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. Remaliah Coupe, who has been a ringer at Bolsover for 50 years.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On July 4th, being the occasion of the opening of the Moore Cottage Hospital, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins.: Mrs. F. Clements 1, W. Wright 2, B. Phillips 3, G. Ayres 4, E. Withers 5, T. Banning (conductor) 6, F. Clements 7, C. Pratley 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
EDWARD V. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	CHARLES J. HEAD	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob. Birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker and the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
FRED HAWKES	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to F. Hawkes.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	4
EDWARD A. HERN	2	HENRY B. TAYLOR	5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	ADAM DEAS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in seven different methods. Rung in honour of the Duke and Duchess of York, who visited Jarrow the same day.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE G. MANSFIELD ...	Treble	*ARTHUR MANSFIELD ...	4
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	5
J. WILFRED SHARP	3	JOHN M. GRAY	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ethel Gray, youngest daughter of the ringer of the tenor, on attaining her 21st birthday. The conductor was on holiday from Cirencester, and was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, for a wedding on July 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King 4, T. Kendall 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Banks James' composition.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE	Treble	JAMES MARTIN	4
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
JOHN WILKINSON	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Minor in the tower. Peals of Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus have now been rung in this tower. It is the first tower in which the full 'series' has been accomplished. The above band, with one exception, have taken part in all the performances.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kingston Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

HENRY STAPLETON	Treble	WILLIAM STOCK	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	5
PEARL INSKIP	3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
CYRIL TANSSELL	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. G. HARRISON	Treble	GEORGE ARCHER	4
D. WHITING	2	G. A. BLAXCELL	5
A. J. BERRY	3	WM. STEGGALL	Tenor

Conducted by WM. STEGGALL.

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 extents (ten callings) of Plain Bob; two 240's arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and 24 extents (ten different callings) of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

THOMAS J. JAMES	Treble	*WILLIAM TENNANT	3
CYRIL POOLEY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	4

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on these bells, cast in 1623 by William Brend, of Norwich. Mr. James was elected a member of the Guild. His last peal was rung in 1910 at Duffryn, Glamorgan.

BELGRAVE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, May 17th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Heath 1, S. W. Chapman 2, J. Cole 3, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 4, G. Tillson 5, R. Barrow 6, A. Skinner 7, F. Haslum 8.—On Sunday, May 20th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. G. Pratt 1, R. Barrow 2, H. W. Martin 3, E. Bagworth 4, G. Tillson 5, N. Bagworth 6, A. Skinner (conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1928, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. George Earle,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in B.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4

CYRIL POOLZY ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5-6

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: ARTHUR SAUNDERS.

100th peal by W. Arnold, 525th peal by the conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeble.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. L. Wiseman,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2 | HORACE COOPER ... 5-6

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | LEWIS WISEMAN ... 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The following peals were rung in a programme which covered a fortnight of week-day evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons:—

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5

BERNARD WELLS ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

†GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble | WALTER CHARMAN ... 5

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 6

*KENNETH SNELLING ... 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 7

PETER CHARMAN ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

BETCHWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... Treble | ALFRED J. BULL ... 5

GEORGE F. HOAD ... 2 | BERNARD WELLS ... 6

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3 | CECIL NICE ... 7

NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by the late F. PIRSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble | ALAN R. PINK ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

LEONARD A. TIDY ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY ... Treble | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 6

GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

BERNARD WELLS ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CECIL NICE ... Treble | HUGH R. THORPE ... 5

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6

GEORGE F. HOAD ... 3 | WALTER CLAYDON ... 7

*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 8

BERNARD WELLS ... 5 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble | *FRANK SADLER ... 5

KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

BERNARD WELLS ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7

ALFRED J. BULL ... 4 | *WALTER HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Bob Triples.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

BERNARD WELLS ... Treble | LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5

*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 2 | NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6

†KENNETH SNELLING ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

*ALAN R. PINK ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5

*KENNETH SNELLING ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 6

WILLIAM WAITS ... 3 | ALFRED J. BULL ... 7

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Switron,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER... ..	Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
BERNARD WELLS... ..	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
Three other peals were attempted, viz., at Turner's Hill, Lower Beeding, Sussex, and Redhill, Surrey, but came to grief.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

The bells of St. Mary's Church were rung on Saturday, July 14th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Henley, residents of the parish, on the occasion of their golden wedding, the marriage having taken place in Sussex on July 15th, 1878, in just such weather as the day a half-century later in life. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 49 mins. by a team of neighbouring ringers, which was conducted by their eldest son (one of two pairs of 'pigeons'), and composed by the Bucks and Berks veteran, Mr. J. J. Parker, who is now in his 75th year, and has himself seen the 'golden rounds' of matrimony: E. T. Hooper 1, T. S. Smith 2, J. J. Parker 3, W. Welling 4, W. H. Fussell 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Henley 7, G. Basden 8. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by W. Welling, and a 'fascinating flourish' of that musical method, Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by Mr. Parker, were also brought home.

The photographer placed on record a picture of the stalwart Henley family, and while the group was subjected to the lens the ringers were subjected to a glass that did not magnify. W. H. F.

TEN EXTENTS OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

The following ten extents of London Surprise Minor contain 5-6 the right way behind:—

23456	23456	23456
64235.1	56423.2	23564.4
35264.2	62345.3	45236.1
42356.1	55624.1	45362.4
63425.1	46532.1	23456.1
63254.4	54632.5	23564.4
42635.1	26543.1	45236.1
23564.3	63452.3	45362.4
45236.1	23645.1	34256.1P
62453.1	56234.1	
34625.1	34256.2 or 42356P	9 bobs
34256.4 or 42356P		and 12 bobs.
Twice repeated.		
9 bobs	9 bobs	21 bobs
and	and	and
21 bobs.	24 bobs.	9 bobs.
23456		

The first three arrangements contain two true and complete extents, and come under the new definition of a peal of Minor adopted at Hereford.

H. LAW JAMES.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE BELLS OPEN AGAIN.

On Saturday, July 21st, Ambleside ringers, with friends from Glasgow, Kendal and Manchester, reopened the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Nurse). In the afternoon two touches of Triples were rung on the bells to allow Mr. Paley, of Messrs. Austin and Paley, church architects, to examine the tower under stress, and then the ringers adjourned to the Bay Cafe for tea, which was provided by the Rector. Returning to the church, a course of Bob Minor was rung on handbells in the churchyard by T. F. Hewitson 1-2, W. Robinson 3-4, T. B. Newton 5-6, E. Jennings covering 7-8. The lady cleaner of the church caused great amusement amongst the party by asking the ringers if they had brought the bells out of the tower in order to ring them outside. In the evening a good 336 of Stedman Triples was rung on the church bells: T. F. Hewitson 1, E. Ashley 2, E. Jennings 3, H. Hardy 4, T. B. Newton 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8. Also 504 Grandsire by: E. Jennings 1, J. Sewell 2, W. Nevinston 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Atkinson 5, T. F. Hewitson 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Wilson 8. W. Robinson conducted both these touches. This was the first time the bells had been rung since some time before the war, and it is hoped to have them rung regularly for service after a band has been formed.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Foxton on Saturday, July 21st. Ringers were present from Anstey, Hallaton, Husbands Bosworth, Humberstone, Thurmaston, Market Harborough, Leicester, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, and the local band was also represented. The six bells were raised about 4 p.m., after which touches of Plain Bob and Double Court Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung. Fourteen members and friends then adjourned for tea at the Black Horse Hotel.

After tea the belfry was again visited, and a six-score of Stedman was rung, followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise. The business was then transacted, and it was decided to hold the September meeting at Enderby.

Another course each of Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise were then rung, and the bells were lowered in peal about 7.45 p.m.

The tone of the bells is quite good, but the 'go' leaves very much to be desired, the tenor especially going very badly. After the ringing had finished, several members viewed the famous Foxton Locks.

A CENTENARIAN HONOURED.

Through the kindness of Mr. A. B. Osbourne, a band of ringers were invited to ring the bells of St. Peter's Church, Roydon, Essex, on Saturday, to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of the parishioners, Mrs. Mary Paveley. Eleven ringers turned up from the neighbouring towers to honour the old lady. The first 'touch' on the bells was a well-struck 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles, with different calling. Brought round in 40 minutes, conducted by W. Burton, of Roydon. J. Shuttlewood, a local ringer, had the honour of ringing the treble, and was desired to convey to Mrs. Paveley the delight it had given the ringers to ring for her 100th birthday, and also to express their united good wishes for her health and happiness. This touch was followed by a long length of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Wedlock. Then another 'touch' of 240 changes of Grandsire Doubles (Morris' arrangement) followed, also conducted by W. Wedlock. The ringing was concluded by two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Three ringers hailed from Harlow Common, three from Epping Upland, two from Roydon, one from North Weald, and two from Epping, all of whom wish to express their thanks to Mr. A. B. Osbourne for his kind hospitality.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S GIFT TO MR. G. EDWARDS.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held their summer meeting at Penshurst on Saturday week, when members of the following towers attended: Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Chiddingstone, Hever, Lamberhurst, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Penshurst. There were also visitors from East Grinstead and Limsfield Chart.

The tower was opened at 2.30 p.m., when various touches were indulged in, and later the Rector, the Rev. James Cropper, conducted a well-attended service, at which he gave an appropriate address.

At the conclusion of the service the members visited Penshurst Place by kind permission of Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, a privilege which was greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed. On the return to the Village Hall the ringers passed through the Rectory garden, an incident which added pleasure to the outing.

At the Village Hall the company was met by the Rector, Mr. L. Elwood, and Mr. E. Baker, who joined the visitors at tea, at which 62 sat down. A well-prepared meal was served by Mr. Shibby in his usual efficient manner. Following the tea the business of the meeting was proceeded with, and a few practising members were proposed and elected, together with the Rev. James Cropper and Mr. E. Baker as honorary members. The next meeting was fixed for September at Cowden.

Mr. Latter, the district secretary, eulogised the work for the association of Mr. G. Edwards, and asked him to accept a small present as an appreciation from his fellow-members. Mr. Edwards, he pointed out, had been the district representative on the Central Committee for 16 years, and in that time had missed only one meeting, a record of which anyone might be proud.

The Chairman then handed Mr. Edwards a chiming clock in mahogany case.

Mr. Edwards thanked the members most heartily for the unexpected and surprising gift, and urged them to carry out their duties with all the energy they could.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Lord de L'Isle, Miss Arnold and Mr. J. M. Sturgess.

Mr. Latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to Lord de L'Isle for the visit to the Castle; Mr. H. Featherstone for presiding at the organ; and Mr. G. Edwards for making the arrangements for the day.

Ringling was then indulged in till nine o'clock, and by general consent the meeting was considered the most successful for a number of years.

BUCKNALL RINGERS' RECORD.

The band at Bucknall, Staffs, have now rung extents of the whole of the Minor methods in the Central Council's Collection. No fewer than 86 of them have been rung this year. The ringers will be interested to know if any other company has rung all these methods, or whether they are the first to 'complete the book.'

The ringers of the 86 methods have been: William Wheeldon, rung 56, conducted 18; Charles Preston, 50, 4; William Fradley, 70, 18; Miss Alice Preston, 81, 10; Charles Bowen, 72, 18; Harry Billings, 41, 2; Reginald Preston 80, 16; John Wheeldon, jun., 66.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Southam on Saturday last, when about 40 members and friends were present, and some good practice ringing was enjoyed. Tea at the Black Dog Inn was followed by the general meeting, at which Mr. A. Wilkerson was voted to the chair in the absence of the president.

Shilton was elected as the August meeting place, Willoughby for September and Warwick for October.—Five new members were elected.

Mr. F. W. Perrons proposed that a special meeting be held at Coventry on Saturday, November 24th, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Guild. This having been agreed to, a sub-committee was elected, comprising the Master, the secretary and Mr. F. W. Perrons, to make arrangements for a social evening on that day.

Mr. J. Sykes asked the members to consider whether it would be advisable to change the name of the Guild to the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch was held at Willingham on Saturday last. The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Hair), after which the company sat down to tea at Day's Gardens. In the absence of the district secretary (Mr. F. Warrington), the Rev. H. B. Woolley took the minutes of the meeting. Rev. A. C. Hair presided. It was decided (subject to permission being granted) to hold the next meeting at Ickleton some time in September.

Among those present were Mr. John Taylor, Master of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. A. G. Rivers, Mr. E. J. Butler, London, Mr. B. Buttress, Fulbourn, and members from Long Stanton, Willingham, Sawston, Melbourn, Trumpington and Over. Ringing was good generally, although one or two notable ringers were absent through indifferent health.

A PLEA FOR THE DEAF-BLIND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to call the attention of your readers to the above cause?

This well-deserving cause has of late been brought to the public notice more than formerly, but it is not generally known that there is a section of the blind community who have the additional handicap of total or almost total deafness. Of these there are some 1,300 in this country, a small number, it may seem, but in terms of human suffering the problem which it represents is both vast and poignant. To be deaf-blind means to live in perpetual darkness and silence, monotony and an isolation from which wireless—that wonderful new compensation of the hearing blind—can bring no relief. Exercise and fresh air are, too, inevitably lacking.

'The Deaf-Blind Helpers' League' is the name of a society which has been formed to promote the social welfare of these poor people. It will consist of deaf-blind members and seeing associates (in which capacity the help of the hearing-blind and seeing-deaf will be thankfully received). The associates will be asked to interest themselves in the welfare of the deaf-blind in general, and in that of, say, one or two of them in particular. We may say that this society was originated by a lady who is herself deaf-blind.

Familiarity of the hand-speech will, of course, be needed by those who undertake personal help, and for correspondence work a knowledge of Braille will be necessary, but neither of these is difficult to learn. One of our cherished dreams is the founding of a hostel for the deaf-blind where they may spend a really happy holiday—a thing which, under all the circumstances of their case, is at present difficult for them to compass. It may be as well to state that the league is non-sectarian and non-political. It is registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

No good work can be carried out without funds, and we shall therefore gratefully welcome subscriptions and donations, however small.

We appeal to all who have the happiness of their fellows at heart to help us in our endeavour to brighten and enrich the lives of these sorely-tried people by their active co-operation as associates.—Yours sincerely,

E. FRASER.
Hon. Secretary.

8, Wellington Terrace,
Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

HOUNSLOW.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, H. Worstfold (Egham) 4, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 5, J. Kent 6, J. W. Trappitt, sen., 7, C. Gash 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Miss Phyllis Moss, a well-known West Middlesex ringer, has recently undergone an operation in a London hospital. Her many friends will be glad to learn she is making a satisfactory recovery.

Sir Charles Wakefield has given £500 for the restoration of Hythe Parish Church bells, now silent after 120 years.

There is a recrudescence in certain daily newspapers of the complaints against the ringing of church bells and the striking of church clocks. One writer from Bath even complains of church bells rung for services. Strange, is it not, that it is the occasionally rung bells that come in almost exclusively for attack? The other noises that have grown up round us, and are almost continuous, such as the raucous hoot of the motor horn, are accepted without protest.

The first peal has just been rung on the five bells at Paston, Norfolk. They were cast in 1623 by William Brend, of Norwich, who cast, among others, a ring of four of the same weight at the same time for Acle, but while Paston are in A, Acle are in F sharp.

Local tradition has it that the Paston tenor weighs 15 cwt., but the 'Norwich Mercury' of July 13th, 1816, says: 'On Friday sen'night was opened at Paston in Norfolk a peal of bells by ringers from this city. The tenor weighs 12 cwt., and is in the key of A.'

We were in error last week when we stated that Mr. John Thomas had previously rung two church bells to a peal. The Double Norwich at Corston was the first in which he had performed this wonderful feat.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

It was on July 29th, 1785, that William Shipway arrived in London from Bath, to improve his opportunities of ringing. That was really a momentous event for change ringing.

On July 30th, 1792, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung at Aston, Birmingham.

AN OLD BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of your antiquarian readers have noticed the following statement in a 'Book about bells,' by Rev. G. S. Tyack, on page 125?

'In the present year (1897) an interesting discovery was made in Suffolk which seems to point to this time of destruction (the Reformation). In cleaning an old pond at Rooksie Farm, Preston, in that county . . . a bell bearing the date 1133 was laid bare, embedded in the clay which formed the subsoil. One wonders was it flung there by despoilers or by some friendly hands endeavouring to save it from destruction, who afterwards failed to recover it.'

Although a native of Suffolk, and fairly familiar with the Lavenham district, I never before heard of this discovery, and am wondering what truth there is in the above statement as to the date of the bell. Is it not a fact that pre-Reformation bells are invariably undated?—Yours, etc.

P. LAFLIN.

FEE-FO-FUM !

Behold! A giant am I!
From deepest crypt to tower
I hold—save keys of heaven and hell—
An autocratic power!
Mine is the will, and only mine,
Within this ancient abbey,
My rule is stern, but, sad to say,
Most other Deans are flabby!
Noblesse oblige! In small degree
I bow to public feeling.
I let the bells ring now and then,
But can forbid their pealing.
For ringers with their lusty limbs,
Their Grandsires, Bobs and Caters,
Compared with me, a Gaïtered Dean,
Are very small pertaters!
Tho' weaker Deans may anxious be
This noxious art to foster,
Such things as that will never be
While I am Dean of Gloucester!
For why should I permit a tribe
Of most uncultured people,
To break on my serenity,
With noises from my steeple?
So to the mast I nail my flag,
Emblazoned with 'Forbidden!'
Let other Deans do what they will,
I'll not be ringer-ridden!
I bolt and bar the belfry doors;
My status elevated
Protects the Dean of Gloucester's Bells
From being desecrated!

J. P. A.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD ATTENDS A RALLY.

Saturday, July 21st, was a red-letter day in the history of the Barnsley and District Association. For the first time the Lord Bishop of Wakefield was present at a meeting. It was a veritable 'rally' of ringers and friends. The Rectory, with spacious grounds near to St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, had been thrown open by Rev. Canon Hone, Rural Dean and hon. president of the association, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and by the latter hour one hundred and fifty persons had assembled. Service was held in church. The prayers were read by Canon Hone, and the Bishop gave an address based on the text, 'Ye shall be my messengers,' and urged his congregation to maintain the highest possible tone in religion.

Prior to the tea a photograph was taken, with the Bishop in the centre, and it is hoped copies of this will be available at an early date. Tea followed on the lawn, a happy gathering in a most delightful scene. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung.

Mr. W. Reynor, of Sandal, and an ex-president, proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship. In doing so, he dated a change in Yorkshire ringers' doings to the time when Mr. Jasper Snowden, son of a Yorkshire Vicar, started the Yorkshire Association over fifty years ago. Other associations had followed in harmony with the parent association.

His Lordship replied, and warmly praised the efforts of the associations to further their art, which, when rightly understood and practised, reflected the true feeling of the church. Such associations were a help to the church, and must be acknowledged as such.

The Secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Hone and Mrs. Hone for the use of Rectory grounds, to St. Mary's Mothers' Union for the perfect arrangements for tea, and to the ringers' wives for their consideration and approval of their ringing husbands throughout the various meetings.

One feature of the event was a display of ringers' trophies, viz., a cup won by Wath in 1836 at Ecclesfield, long since forgotten but lately presented by a donor to the local ringers; a 'loving cup' presented to St. Peter's company, Sheffield, by Preston ringers in 1886; a beautiful peal book and a challenge cup, belonging to Sheffield and District Association; the noble challenge cup of Halifax and District Association; the challenge cup of Hoylandswaine; the large challenge shield of Barnsley and District Association; an emblem and book of rules of the Society of College Youths.

Ringing on tower and handbells filled in the vacant times until 9 p.m.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT OLD HILL.

On Saturday, July 14th, eight members of the Dudley and District Guild met in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, to do honour to two of their most respected members, viz., Mr. John Price and Mr. Bert Price, on the occasion of their birthday, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the unsatisfactory 'go' of the bells for peal ringing this was found impossible, and Mr. John Goodman (the conductor) brought the bells round at a quarter-peal, which was accomplished in 47 mins.: G. Swallow 1, S. J. Hughes 2, P. Hackett 3, W. Fendall 4, B. Gough 5, W. Green 6, J. Goodman, jun., 7, G. Guest 8. Afterwards the band adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price, where they were met by other ringers and their wives and sweethearts at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Price to tea and supper. During the interval, the company were entertained by handbell ringing and various games on the lawn. The hospitality and welcome extended to the visitors by Mr. and Mrs. Price was greatly appreciated, and the hope was expressed that they would all meet again if spared next year.

At the conclusion of supper Mr. Herbert Sheppard proposed hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Price for their generous hospitality, and congratulated Mr. J. Price and Mr. Bert Price upon their birthdays.—Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded, and Mr. B. Gough supported the proposition, which, it is needless to say, was received in a real Black Country style.—Mr. and Mrs. Price briefly thanked their guests for their presence, and also for the kind words spoken of them.—The enjoyable proceedings concluded with further handbell ringing.

HASTINGS RINGERS' OUTING.

Ringers from St. Clement's Church, Hastings, together with their lady friends, made an excursion to Margate for their annual outing. En route they rang at Brookland and Lydd, and, passing through New Romney and Folkestone, reached Dover at 11.30, where a brief stop was made for a walk in the Dover Priory. Margate was reached at 1.15, and St. John's bells were set ringing. Afterwards the ringers visited Cliftonville Promenade and Dreamland Amusement Park, where, we regret to state, they lost most of their day's wealth. Proceeding to Brixington, and, later, Ques Park, they were enabled, by kind permission of Major Cotton, to ring on the twelve bells in the Waterloo tower. Proceeding to Canterbury, a meat tea was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Cathedral visited, but the bells were not rung. Hastings was reached by way of Ashford, Tenterden and Northram a little before midnight. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents and towerkeepers for allowing them to ring at the various places mentioned, also their own secretary for having arranged such a grand day's outing. G. R. M.

HANDBELLS BROADCAST.

GREAT SUCCESS AT A BIRMINGHAM SERVICE.

The broadcast of handbells from St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, before the evening service on Sunday was perfectly done. It had been intended to ring Stedman Cinques, but the limited time (a bare five minutes) made it necessary to ring Caters only.

It was a big undertaking, as those who have rung handbells in public will realise. The ringers stood in the chancel. There was a crowded congregation—sufficient in itself to make any ringers nervous. Coupled to this the fact that the microphone was also there, with other thousands of unseen listeners over the ether, made the task all the more difficult. But a perfect course was rung, without the slightest hitch or flaw, and several correspondents have asked us to express their congratulations to the band.

The course occupied four and a half minutes, and an arrangement had been made with the organist to improvise in the same key as the handbells (B flat) the moment the ringing stopped, and this he did splendidly, the whole effect being admirable. The ringers were P.O. Ladin 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, A. E. Norman 9-10.

The performance was unique, the circumstances such that anything might have happened—trips, slips or even a complete breakdown—but the band not only upheld their own reputation; they served the Exercise right well.

BOLTON RINGERS IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.

On Saturday last the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club again placed their athletic ground at the disposal of ringers of the district, their wives and friends, and well over a hundred availed themselves of the opportunity to have a good time in the hands of the police. First a bowling match was arranged between the police and the ringers, and although the former were at home, they did not get too much of their own way, their win being only by a margin of four points.

Then followed the usual 'tower' challenges, which were contested in a very enthusiastic manner, because the results of these give rise to many taunts during the ensuing year.

Meanwhile the ladies were preparing tea. When the trundlers were tired of the greensward, an adjournment was made to the pavilion for a 'free and easy' impromptu concert, and when one looked round and saw rolls of music coming out of every corner, he felt assured of a good musical evening.

Mr. J. Booth and his daughter, from Standish, who gave selections on handbells, brought encores again and again. Their rendering of 'Robin Adair' so delighted everybody that they had to give it again before they left. Miss A. Potter, Miss E. Cutsforth and Mr. J. Williams supplied the vocal solos, whilst P. C. Hayhurst attended to the humorous side of the entertainment. 'Community' singing, dancing and touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters on handbells were indulged in, and 10.30 brought to a close all too soon one of the best socials held in the branch.

P. C. Hayhurst moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, and extended on behalf of the club a hearty welcome to the ringers on future occasions. This was seconded by Chief Inspector Atkinson.—Mr. E. Cutsforth then moved a vote of thanks to the police for their generosity in placing their grounds at the disposal of the ringers. There had been, he said, entertainment for everybody. There was the athletic ground, the bowling green, the bar and the pavilion, and, above all, the opportunity of creating a good friendship between all.—This motion was seconded by Mr. A. Burton. Another member who supported this said he would like to couple the name of the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, with the vote, for his special efforts in keeping together one of the best branches in the country. To him they owed many thanks.—The National Anthem closed the evening.

ST. ALPHEGE CHURCH, CANTERBURY.

AN APPEAL.

An appeal is made to the public for funds in order that the bells of the ancient Church of St. Alphege, Canterbury, may be retuned and rebung, and that the octave may be completed by the purchase of two additional bells.

Toward the sum of £250 required, only £35 has been raised in the parish, which is a poor one.

St. Alphege is the only church in the city where the bells are rung up to changes for Sunday services throughout the year.

Donations may be sent to Miss E. Chambers, hon. secretary, 39, Palace Street; Mr. F. Brett, the conductor, 32, Stour Street; or to the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Carter, 58, St. Peter's Street.

KINGSTHORPE RINGERS' OUTING.

The bellringers of Kingsthorpe, Northants, with their wives and friends, including the Rev. J. P. and Mrs. De Putson, Mr. Edwards (Vicar's warden), Mr. Brown (people's warden), and Mr. Wilford (Master of the Guild), held their half-day tour on July 7th, visiting Isham, Cranford, Woodford and Great Addington, where tea was provided. Ringstead and Higham Ferrers were afterwards visited, and at each church various touches were rung. The excursion was most enjoyable, and thanks are extended to the Vicars of the various parishes for the use of the bells.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. C. H. AUSTIN.

The sad death of Mr. Charles Henry Austin, who was killed at Sulgrave Church by falling from the bell frame to the church floor, as recorded in our last issue, was the subject of an inquest held by the Banbury coroner.

Charles Poole, of Croydon, a fellow-workman, said the deceased was cementing the bell girders in readiness for the rebanging of the bells, and was working on a ladder about eight feet long. He could not reach the girders from where he was, and was going to move the ladder to another position. He had moved the cement board, and was about to get down to move the ladder when he evidently slipped, and fell backward through the trap-door, which was used for hoisting materials up by pulleys, striking his head on the stone floor below.

Dr. Johnson, of Sulgrave, who was summoned, and arrived just before the deceased died, stated that the case was hopeless from the first, the deceased's skull being fractured.

Evidence was also given by Sidney Charles Wootton, aged 15, who was assisting the deceased. He was on the ground floor and was looking up through the trap door. He heard the deceased moving down the ladder which stood on the belfry floor. He then saw the deceased fall through the trap door on to the ground floor. He seemed to fall backwards. He should think he slipped off the ladder and then fell sideways, as if he had tried to grab at the pulley rope, but he did not think he touched anything in his fall until he struck the floor. Witness went to him and lifted his head up and spoke to him, but deceased did not answer. Charles Poole came down from the belfry and sent witness for the doctor, and deceased was still alive when Dr. Johnson came.

A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned, and expressions of sympathy were tendered to the widow, who was present at the inquest, by the coroner, the jury, and Mr. Barnes (on behalf of the Iron and Steel Cage Insurance Co.), and Capt. Freeborn (who was present to represent Messrs. Gillett and Johnston).

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the service being conducted at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, by the Vicar of All Saints' (Rev. C. W. Janvrin).

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. John Austin (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. Yule (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Harold (brother), Phyllis and Winnie (sisters), Walter (brother-in-law), Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (representing Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the deceased's employers, Croydon), and Mr. and Mrs. Brunsdon.

The coffin was borne to the grave by the bellringers of St. Michael's, Messrs. G. Baldwin, E. Beckett, G. L. Brunsdon, G. Cundick, E. Davis, J. Gillett, W. H. Harris, and J. Stephens, and ex-Sergt. Williams (Newent).

Floral tributes were sent by the wife and children; mother and father; sisters Winnie and Phyllis; brother Harold and brother-in-law Walt; Mrs. Ware (Sulgrave); C. Poole (Croydon); Mrs. Chequer and family; Francis and Flossie; Cyril Laura; Aunt Sherborn and Mrs. Corfield; Mrs. Brown (Sulgrave); Cyril Johnston; Frank, Lily, and Peggie (Cardiff); Mr. and Mrs. Yule; staff and fellow-workers; villagers of Sulgrave; brother ringers of St. Michael's Juniors, and the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council of Sulgrave.

At the conclusion of the service two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung over the grave on handbells by Messrs. G. Brunsdon, E. Davis, ex-Sergt. Williams, and Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary of the Gloucester Branch of the association), while later in the afternoon muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung at the belfry of St. Michael's.

After the funeral at St. Mary de Crypt Church, Gloucester, the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths and St. Michael's Juniors, of which the late Mr. Austin was a member, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Gillett 1, W. H. Harris 2, G. L. Brunsdon 3, T. Baldwin (conductor) 4, H. Beckett 5, G. Cundick 6, ex-Sergt. Williams 7, E. E. Davies 8. All the ringers are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and belong to the Gloucester Branch.

At the monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch, held at Longney on Saturday, the Vicar, the Rev. S. Rowland, referred to the loss that Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin had sustained by the death of their son. He read a copy of a letter of condolence sent by the branch secretary (W. H. Harris) expressing the deepest sympathy of the members in the loss which their friends had sustained, and he asked the members to stand in silence as a last token of respect.

At the service held at St. Michael's on Sunday evening the preacher, Rev. Dennis (acting pro tem. for the Rev. Braithwaite) made special reference to the sad bereavement which had befallen Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the widow and family. The service was attended by the St. Michael's Junior's Society.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, on Thursday, July 19th, as a last token of respect: D. Wright (conductor) 1, T. A. S. Bloxham 2, F. W. Larby 3, B. N. Newton 4, E. Denham 5, W. Bulpitt 6, W. Groves 7, F. E. Collins 8. The late Mr. Austin had for the past five years been closely associated with this tower. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor are employees of the Croydon Bell Foundry, and were workmates of the deceased.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT CURDRIDGE.

Excellent weather favoured the meeting of the Portsmouth District held at Curdridge on Saturday last, and, although the attendance was not up to the usual average, those who did attend had a very enjoyable time. Members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Haslemere, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ringwood, Swanmore and Wickham, and also Mr. G. Bull from Binfield, Berks.

Service was held at 4.30 p.m., at which the Vicar (Rev. A. Helps Storey) conducted the Guild's form of service. In the course of his address he expressed delight in welcoming the members to Curdridge, and hoped that they would soon visit them again.

A splendid tea awaited the ringers at the Reading Room, over which the Vicar presided. At the business meeting which followed he was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by the secretary (Mr. E. W. Rogers). Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member, and Messrs. C. Guy (St. Mary's, Portsmouth), and E. Warner (St. Thomas'), as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shedfield together with Wickham and Swanmore during October, the date being left for the secretary to arrange. Due notice of this, however, will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

It was also decided to hold a by-meeting at Bishop's Waltham (where it is hoped shortly to complete the octave) on August 25th, or, failing that, at Hambledon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. A. Mears for having everything in readiness, and also to the organist. This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing, where they were met by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), who had come from another meeting at Micheldever. The Vicar accompanied the ringers to the tower, and took part in some Grandsire Triples. Other ringing included Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Norfolk Surprise Major.

At the request of the Vicar, after the tower-bell ringing had ceased, some of the members rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major 'in hand' on the Vicarage lawn.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Romsey on Saturday, July 14th. The Abbey bells were available during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise being rung. Tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, after service in the Abbey, at which the address was given by the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. W. B. Corhan). A short meeting was held with the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Braithwaite (vice-president), Mr. Geo. Williams (Master), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district sec.) and members from North Stoneham, Eling, Ringwood, Winchester, Dibden, Southampton, Portsmouth, Portsea, King's Somborne, Netley, Fareham, Guildford Cathedral and Romsey.

Mr. H. Dunn, of Romsey, was elected a member of the Guild.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and address, and also for presiding. Thanks were also expressed to Canon Braithwaite for his presence at the meeting.

The next meeting is fixed for North Stoneham on Saturday, October 13th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

DEATH OF ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RINGER.

On Tuesday, July 10th, there passed away at the age of 76 one who will be greatly missed in the tower of St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Coming from the neighbouring village of Packington, George Hutton joined St. Helen's Society in 1890, and held the office of captain from 1896 to 1905. By his quiet, unobtrusive manner and his reliability as a 'ringer' and as a 'man,' he endeared himself to all who knew him. He was a member of the Midland Counties Association, and had 19 peals to his credit, one of them a peal of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, the only peal on the bells at the church of his native village of Packington, where his remains were laid to rest on Friday, July 13th. The officiating clergyman was the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Charles Pratt, a son of the Rev. Charles Pratt, a former Vicar, whose service the deceased entered at the early age of eleven years.

It was on the retirement of the Rev. Charles Pratt to reside in Ashby that the deceased came with him, remaining in his service and in connection with his family for the long period of 64 years. On the completion of 50 years' service the deceased was presented by the family of the Rev. C. Pratt with a handsome clock and an autograph album bearing the signatures of all the members of the family.

The pall bearers were four of his fellow-ringers—J. Curtis, E. W. Beadsmoore, J. Curtis and J. Bradford.

The bells of St. Helen's were rung half-muffled on Friday evening, also on Sunday, July 15th, when a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round for morning service in 49 mins.: H. Beadsmoore 1, T. Beadsmoore 2, A. Beadsmoore 3, J. H. Dunmore 4, Joseph Curtis 5, John Curtis 6, E. W. Beadsmoore (conductor) 7, J. Bradford 8.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin wish to thank most sincerely all their fellow-ringers for the kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE.

The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, the programme being a trip into Hertfordshire with the intention of visiting St. Albans, the centre of Church life for the diocese of St. Albans, to which Braintree belonged previous to the formation of the diocese of Chelmsford. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and their esteemed friend, Mr. W. Keeble, travelled by charabanc, and arrived at All Saints', Hertford, at 10 a.m., when they were met by one of the local ringers. Bob Major, Cambridge Major, and Stedman Caters were brought round on the very line ring of ten. St. Andrew's, situated near by, was next visited. Here the tower was found locked, and no official in charge, as the vergor was away on holiday. Fortunately, Mr. Walter Ayre, who had heard of the visit, appeared on the scene, and after some wanderings procured the key, the visitors in the meanwhile ringing a well-struck course of Rob Royal on handbells in the church porch. After raising the bells, a handy ring of eight, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung in excellent style.

Hatfield was next on the list of towers. Mr. J. T. Kentish was here awaiting the visitors. After suitable explanation and apologies for the late arrival, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were accomplished. Bidding farewell to Mr. Kentish, the party proceeded on the journey to St. Albans for lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, the company numbering twenty-three, including Mr. W. Ayre. No ringing was possible at St. Albans, as permission could not be obtained at either the Cathedral or St. Peter's. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the Cathedral, made very interesting by the vergor, who took the party round and proved an excellent guide.

The next move was to Benington via Knebworth. At the latter place the bells were not available owing to the condition of the tower, and notification had been received the previous day that ringing was out of the question at Benington owing to illness near the church. As tea had been ordered there, and all were anxious to visit the church, the home of the late Squire Proctor's band, the party arrived about 5 p.m., and partook of a bountiful tea provided by Mrs. Cheyne. A quiet look round this old-world village and the church was much enjoyed. Although no ringing was possible, the opportunity of treading in the footsteps and reading the records in the tower of this once world-famed band was appreciated. Leaving the delightful country village, the ringers proceeded to Stansted, Essex, arriving about 8 p.m. to make the last call for the day. A party from Stowmarket had left half an hour earlier, and the new arrivals found several of the local band at the church to welcome them. Everything being in readiness, these excellent going bells were soon pouring forth their melody to the tune of Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman, the striking being well high perfect. A pleasant ride of eighteen miles found the Braintree folk home again at 10 p.m. Although their disappointment was great at not being able to ring at several churches, a most enjoyable time was spent in ideal weather. The Guild beg to offer their sincere thanks to all who assisted in making the outing a success, especially Mr. W. Ayre.

A TOUR ROUND KENT.

On Saturday, June 16th, the Milton-next-Gravesend band, accompanied by the Rector and churchwardens and friends, had their outing and visited Dover.

The journey was made by charabanc through the finest scenery in Kent, by way of Rochester, Maidstone, Sutton Valence to Tenterden, where the first stop was arranged for a ring, but unfortunately this was denied the visitors owing to illness near the church. After a look round this beautiful place, the journey was resumed by way of Woodchurch, Hythe, Folkestone (where the cliffs of France could be clearly seen), to Dover, where an excellent dinner was waiting for the hungry trippers at the Dovorain Restaurant. Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the tower at St. Mary's and an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Others had a look round the harbour, but there were no aspirants to swim the Channel. The homeward journey was by way of Canterbury, where tea was partaken of at the Queen Elizabeth Guest Chamber, well worthy of a visit. The bells at Canterbury Cathedral were placed at the disposal of the party, but owing to a misunderstanding it was 7.30 before the keys of the tower arrived. Full advantage was, however, taken of the limited time; the twelve bells were rung in rounds, thus enabling three or four to have their first pull on twelve bells, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were also rung, the company having been depleted by some who, having got tired of waiting, had gone sight-seeing. Leaving Canterbury at nine enabled Gravesend to be reached before 11 p.m., thus ending a very enjoyable day in decent weather. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking through 'The Ringing World' all who so kindly helped to make the outing a success, with an extra word of thanks to Mr. E. Buesden, of Canterbury, and the Austin car that accompanied the party, who between them were the means of finding the keys of the Cathedral tower.

FIRST SPLICED 720.

On Monday, July 9th, at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancs, a spliced 720 of Oxford and London Scholars' Pleasure, in 26 mins.: H. Taylor 1, J. Clayton 2, F. Welham 3, J. Singleton 4, E. Garside 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6. First spliced 720 in the methods by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung in the town of Mossley.

BRENTWOOD RINGERS' 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY.'

The day selected by the ringers of St. Thomas', Brentwood, for their outing was a glorious one. In the early hours, ere the town had fully roused itself from its slumbers and the last cat had returned from its nocturnal meandering, individual ringers with light hearts and light coats on their arms (for who can trust this English summer?) met at Henderson's garage and formed one jolly band of change ringers, who were out for a busman's holiday—a day's ringing in distant towers. Just after seven o'clock the two charabancs moved off, friends were collected at Bontley and the final party mustered 36.

After passing through some delightful country, the first halt was called at Harpenden at 9.20 a.m. Within five minutes the bells were up and the first touch had commenced. Anxious villagers being suddenly aroused by some excellent ringing inquired why the bells were being rung. Some thought of the oldest inhabitant—maybe a jubilee—but one bright informant satisfied his curiosity with an equally bright remark that 'some men were pulling the ropes.' Harpenden Church has in its old tower a fine peal of eight.

The next stop was at Leighton Buzzard, where a fine peal of ten were set in motion at 12 noon. The tenor had just sounded the hour of one when the whole party, who were joined by Mr. Nichols, secretary of the local band, sat down to an excellent luncheon at the Plume-of-Feathers Hotel. The Rev. Adams Clarke, who is very keen on ringing and was accompanying the party, took the chair.

The duty of change ringers is to ring bells and not to talk, so the after-lunch speeches were short.—Mr. Ringe, the Master, said how pleased they all were that Mr. Adams Clarke had been able to come with them, and that it was the first time one of the clergy had accompanied them. Mr. Ringe went on to thank the secretary of the Leighton Buzzard band for his kindness in having the bells ready and for getting permission to ring them. He welcomed the visitors, and thanked Mr. G. Miles on behalf of everyone for the admirable arrangements he had made for the success of the outing and for his judicious booking of the sun.—Mr. Adams Clarke, above the loud exclamations and interruptions of the smallest member of the party (a dog bailing from Romford), expressed his thanks to the ringers, and said how pleased he was to be with such a jolly party. Mr. Butler, of Romford, the owner of the aforesaid interrupter, replied for the visitors, and expressed a wish on their behalf to be invited again next year.

The journey was continued, and in the broiling sun the party stepped out at Hemel Hempstead and entered St. Mary's Church to have a pull on the fine peal of eight. At 4.30 the bells were lowered, and the party proceeded to St. Mary's Hall, and partook of an excellent tea which the caretaker had arranged. The inevitable photographs were then taken in the middle of the public highway, traffic being diverted for the time being into a one-way route.

The Vicar of Hemel Hempstead saw the party off, and expressed the hope that all had enjoyed themselves, and so, amid applause, the party moved off to St. Albans, where many availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the fine old Abbey.

On leaving St. Albans, owing to an error on the part of the driver, a serious happening occurred, the cars being brought to a dead stop in a cul-de-sac outside the city prison. The party withdrew hurriedly. Although it is an ill wind that blows to a prison, it did the party good, for they saw more of the town if only one of its gloomy aspects. At 7.20 again a halt was called, this time in the tiny village of Aldenham. The church is an old one, with a good peal of bells, which were made full use of. Then the homeward journey began, and Brentwood spire was soon seen. Tired but very happy, after a wonderful day of sunshine, fresh air and some good ringing, the band rang their last 'touch' on their own door bells, and so to bed, to dream of the fellowship of ringers, the good arrangements of the day, and hopes for the future years. During the outing, touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

MR. WILLIAM C. RUMSEY'S 300 PEALS.

Methods.	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	1	1
Minor	12	7
Bob Triples	2	0
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Stedman Triples	15	2
Erin Triples	1	0
Bob Major	25	10
Kent Treble Bob Major	22	12
Oxford Treble Bob Major	37	14
Double Oxford Major	3	0
Superlative Surprise Major	40	18
Cambridge Surprise Major	34	14
New Cambridge	5	3
Norfolk Surprise	2	2
Yorkshire Surprise	2	2
London Surprise	3	0
Double Norwich Major	81	46
Stedman Caters	2	0
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	0

Total ... 300 137

IPSWICH RINGERS VISIT NORFOLK.

A visit to a number of Norfolk churches was made by St. Clement's, Ipswich, ringers for their fourth annual outing. The first stop was at Great Ashfield (five bells). Having arrived before the scheduled time, a group photograph was taken by the secretary (Mr. F. Howell). On one group he was also included by the use of a self-timer attachment. After a short ring a move was made to Badwell Ash (five bells), and then on to Welscham-le-Willows (six bells). Here the Vicar met the party, and escorted them round the fine church. After a short ring the next stops were at Hopston (six bells), and Market Weston (five bells).

A quick run was then made for the Fox Inn at Garboldisham, where dinner was partaken of. Dinner over, the secretary was called on to give a few selections at the piano while the party rested after their labours.

Visiting the church (six bells), some of the party had their first ring in Norfolk. North Lopham was the next stop, and the eight bells were soon going in Major methods. A call at Kenninghall had been arranged, but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, this had to be cancelled at the last moment. However, the Rector of Banham came to the rescue, and allowed the use of his six bells. Tea was served at the Fighting Cocks Inn at Winfarthing, and afterwards there was a short spell of ringing on the good peal of six at the Parish Church. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Barber), a former curate of St. Clement's, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Palgrave (eight bells) was the next peal on the programme, and with the assistance of some of the local band, some good ringing took place. A young ringer (age 14) came in for some attention from the local men for the able manner in which he carried out his first attempt at Major ringing, especially on such light bells. Yaxley (six bells) was the last stop for a ring. Leaving here at nine o'clock, the journey home was via Creeting and Needham Market, and everyone agreed they had had an excellent day's outing, only marred by four heavy storms during the day.

CRAWLEY RINGERS INVADE HANTS AND SURREY.

A PRELUDE TO A FORTNIGHT'S PEAL RINGING.

At 7.30 one fine July morning the Crawley ringers with some ringing friends from the surrounding towers set out from Crawley on their annual excursion. After a two hours' ride through some glorious country, including Cowdray Park with its ruins, etc., a halt was made at Midhurst, where there is a peal of six bells. These were soon raised and set going to the tune of London, Cambridge Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and rounds to suit all. After inspecting items of interest in this old town, the party embarked for Petersfield with its nice peal of eight, where Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round. The next stopping place was Privett, where Norfolk Surprise, Treble Bob, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. A good going peal of bells these, and some good striking was obtained. A prolonged halt was made for an excellent dinner prepared by mine host of the Sun Inn, to which all did justice. After a short rest, with handbell ringing, tunes and changes, the journey was continued to Chawton, with its peal of six bells. Some difficulty was experienced in ringing these owing to the ropes having to be knotted to get the lengths, but Cambridge, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round successfully. The next tower on the list was Alton, where there is a fine ring by Gillett and Johnston. Some good ringing was accomplished here, the methods being Norfolk and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. Tea came next, and after this had been disposed of a move was made for Bentley with its ring of six, the church being somewhat difficult to find. Cambridge, Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung. Last, but not least, Farnham was reached. Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. A short time was spent in looking round the town and in other places, and then, about 9.30, a start for home was made, with a short pause at Bramley for refreshments. Apparently not sufficient ringing had been done during the day, for handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung to the delight of the inhabitants. Crawley was reached at about 11.30, but the writer and others did not arrive home until an hour after that. Everyone voted it an excellent outing, and thanks are due to the various incumbents and the towerkeepers who met the party and had everything in readiness, also to the organiser, Mr. O. Sippetts, who must have worked very hard in arranging the excursion. This outing was a prelude to a 14 days' peal ringing effort, peals being arranged for evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The result of this part of the programme will be found in the peal columns.

MR. J. H. RAPER'S FIFTY PEALS.

Grandsire Caters, rung 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Bob Major, 3; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 3; Minor, in one method 15 (conducted 6), in two methods 5 (conducted 3), in three methods 4 (conducted 2), in five methods 3 (conducted 1), in six methods 1; Doubles, 5 (conducted 3); total, 50 (conducted 15).

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, H. Belcher 3, H. Worsfold (Egham) 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent 7, C. Gash 8.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

In the following article, which, owing to continued pressure on our space, we have had to hold over for some weeks, the Rev. H. Law James concludes his analyses of method extension.

Eight rows in each lead are the same as Double Bob with the treble in the hunt. We can therefore omit 7th's place with the treble behind and 2nd's place with the treble leading.

12345678	
21436587	
12463578	Cambridge Court with the 6th in the hunt.
21645387	
26143578	
62415387	
26145837	
62418573	Double Norwich with the tenor in the hunt.
26481537	
62845173	
68241537	
86125173	
68245713	
86427531	Cambridge Court with the 7th in the hunt.
68472513	
86745231	
87654321	
	The second half of the lead is simply the reverse of the first half-lead.

Shipway extended the method to Royal, and the bells in the hunt in Royal are 6, 8, 9 and 7, as the treble goes up, and, referring again to what has been said of the extension of plain hunting Court methods, you will find all the place making consist of extensions of Double or Single Court Minor, in the same way that all the place making in the Major comes from the same source.

In Superlative Maximus the bells in the hunt are 6, 8, 12, 9 and 7, as the treble goes up, and the places again are all extensions of Double and Single Court.

In the extension rung at Ipswich the bells in the hunt are 6, 10, 12, 11 and 7, the place making again being derived from Double and Single Court Minor, and this extension is not Superlative Maximus simply because it appeared 100 years too late.

H. LAW JAMES.

SUGGESTIONS OF A FLAT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Tell 'Simple Simon' that if he was ringing the method and the treble was not where he ought to have been, he should have fetched him. 'Perhaps his mus-coles were tired.' Further, he should have known that in twelve-bell ringing it is not essential to go above eight's place. That is if the method is striking enough.

A word to the Acoustics Committee. Outside the tower: While the bells are still at the foundry, broadcast their notes into the tower. Then tune the bells to fit their surroundings. Church authorities who cannot afford a peal could instal a wireless set and borrow the bells from the foundry.

Inside the tower: If the bells are noisy, stand next to the one who calls the bobs. Most of them will put the bells out of tune. If a cheap job is all that can be done, try ordinary roofing felt with alternate layers of old newspapers (not 'The Ringing World') until the desired effect is obtained. To some of the grand old peals fit a leather clapper.—Yours,

'A FLAT.'

THE JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the report of the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations at North Mimms, which was contributed to your columns by Mr. C. T. Coles, I would like to add a few remarks, chiefly to thank all ringing friends who travelled from far and near to attend the meeting, making it such a success. Many old friends renewed acquaintance after years of wandering, and many met for the first time. One pleasing feature of the afternoon was to see Mr. W. Pye ringing plain leads with youngsters of 13 and 14 years of age.

As to the service in the church, the Vicar has since expressed his appreciation of the sincere way in which the ringers took part in the service. The work these meetings entail is a real pleasure when one gets such able co-operation as Mr. Coles gives, and the support to the meeting given generally. It shows by good feeling and comradeship that we are out for one common cause—the advancement of change ringing.

W. NASH.

North Mimms.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Thursday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Wilcox and Miss E. Corley: R. Martin 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. T. Evans 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, T. Marshall 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evensong, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, B. Wayman 4, F. C. Ginn 5, Geo. E. Crisp 6. The tower is now restored, and ringing takes place every Sunday at 5.55 p.m. by arrangement.

GREEN'S NORTON.—For morning service at St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Lewis (Cirencester) 1, F. J. Lewis (Cirencester) 2, A. Mansfield 3, W. J. Chester (first quarter in three methods) 4, A. A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 15th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of London ever rung in this church for service.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—On Whit Sunday, at All Saints' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: being 360 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: N. Moxon 1, K. Burchall 2, G. Burchall 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of flags presented to the local troop of Boy Scouts.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, on Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Edmonson 1, W. Brown 2, F. Sheraton 3, L. Donnison 4, J. Crawford 5, G. Ward 6, A. E. Adamson (conductor) 7. S. Walker 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of treble, 4th, 7th and 8th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

LOWER HOMERTON.—For evensong, on Sunday, May 20th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Clark 1, H. Jeffreys 2, G. Ventris 3, F. Alleyway (conductor) 4, E. Dymont 5, W. Briggs 6. First 720 in any method by 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

TICKHILL.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise: A. Winn 1, J. Cannings 2, S. Sheppard 3, C. Ainley 4, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Dodd 1, C. Hooper 2, A. Pitt 3, A. Lewis 4, W. Alsop 5, W. Margetts (conductor) 6, F. Woods 7, P. Luty 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 1,024 Bristol Surprise: A. Keeble 1, E. S. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, C. E. Fisher (longest length in the method) 4, C. E. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. G. Rumser 6, C. Sampson 7, F. J. Smith 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: O. Warner (first quarter) 1, H. Springate 2, J. Kidd 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: E. Bishop 1, J. Roberts 2, W. Trueman 3, H. W. Bishop 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, R. Wood 2, A. C. Gasson 3, E. T. Exeter 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Cooté 1, C. Holman 2, A. C. Gasson 3, A. Laker 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. C. Gasson (conductor) 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Laker 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 4, C. J. Gasson 5, A. Steele 6.

WINGHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church on May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. Branford 1, J. Sharp 2, Harrison Smith 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, F. Fairbeard 6, L. J. Honess 7, H. Gardner 8. Messrs. Eagles and Millway were visitors from Dover.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Lovett 1, H. Page 2, R. Davies 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 3rd.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes): D. Wright 1, G. Austin 2, J. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpitt 4, J. Bennett 5, W. S. Smith 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, W. H. Joiner 8, W. Groves 9, E. Denham 10. Composed by Mr. E. Hims. Contains 4-6-8 in the middle, and the 6th behind the 9th in alternate courses.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of the Holy Saviour, for morning service, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Vernon 1, H. Bell 2, J. S. Needham 3, W. Turner 4, S. W. Chapman 5, N. S. Bagworth (conductor) 6, E. H. Bagworth 7, F. Haslam 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, Mr. Jeremiah Vernon, on his retirement from the staff of St. Saviour's ringers, after over forty years of active service.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for evening service on Sunday, May 6th, 720 Stedman Doubles: C. Alderman 1, E. J. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, T. C. Walters 4, A. Coley 5, F. H. Bird 6. First 720 in the method for evening service.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A combined meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at Boyne Tea Rooms or garden at 1s. 3d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Haslemere on Sat., July 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—N. V. Harding, Dis. Sec., Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1928.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Sat., July 28th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christchurch Hall, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. on day of festival, 3s. each to non-members. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 2.30; service 4.30; tea at Horsted Place, by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mellons on Saturday, July 28th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available before and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Webb), followed by tea and meeting in the Parochial Hall.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, July 28th. Everybody welcome. Ringing from 3. Tea arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Bam-
burgh on Saturday, July 28th. Tea at the Grove Café at
5 o'clock, 1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members.
—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth,
Newcastle.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby
on July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea in
the school at 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby
District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at
Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, July 28th.
A good attendance hoped for. All are welcome.—Charles
Draper, Local Sec.

SOUTH ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.—The opening of
Anston bells after re-hanging and retuning, recasting
tenor, and adding two new trebles to complete the octave,
will take place on July 28th by the Lord Bishop of Shef-
field. Service at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Tea
provided (in the Vicarage grounds, weather permitting).
—Hy. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near
Sheffield.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The
annual outing will take place to Beverley on Saturday,
the 28th inst. Permission has been granted to ring on
the Minster bells. Train leaves Doncaster 1.25 p.m.
Will all those who intend going please meet outside
station not later than 1.15 p.m.? Fare: 6s. return.—
Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conis-
borough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley
District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-
the-Hill on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from
4 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers
and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington,
Hinckley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting
will be held at Henbury on Saturday, July 28th. Bells
open from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All members
please make a special effort to attend.—G. Way, 1a,
Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting
at Moreton Corbet, Saturday, July 28th. Bells available
from 2.30. Tea (1s. each) 4.30, followed by meeting.
The beautiful Rectory gardens will be open to visitors.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A
ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, July
28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — George Lambert,
Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A practice meeting
will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 28th.
All ringers and friends will be most welcome.—J. A. Fenton,
Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Abbots Lang-
ley, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6). Bells open 3.30.
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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A
meeting will be held at Inworth on Saturday, July 28th.
Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s.
per head.—Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Earl's Colne,
Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN
GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be
held at Wherwell on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) from
2.30, also Longparish (5). Tea at Wherwell Vicarage
at 5 p.m.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Echinswell Vicarage, New-
bury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough
Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch
will be held at Ramsbury on Saturday, July 28th, at 2.30.
—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, S.O.,
Wilts.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The
quarterly meeting will be held at Barlow Moor Church,
Didsbury, Manchester, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells
available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. in tower.—S.
Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston
Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tichmarsh
on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.
Roll up and visit these beautiful gardens.—J. Nickerson,
Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at
St. Magnus' on August 2nd, 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's
Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th;
*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; St. Andrew's,
Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting
afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham,
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.
—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Satur-
day, August 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d.,
to those who notify me of their intention to be present
before Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome. — H. Parker,
Branch Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Dis-
trict.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at
Allensmore on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) available
3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., free to those
notifying me not later than August 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis.
Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notting-
ham District.—The next monthly meeting will be at
Bingham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) available
from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be had at the Rectory.—F. W.
Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The recently re-hung bells
of St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, will be re-opened on
August Bank Holiday, August 6th. The 10 bells will be
available from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. All ringers are most
cordially invited.—C. Beeston, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the guild
will be held at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday,
Monday, August 6th. By kind permission of the Vicar,
the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, the ring of 12 at St. Nicholas'
Parish Church will be available. Business meeting will
be held at 2.30 p.m. in the belfry.—Arthur L. Coleman,
Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next
meeting will be held at Whiston, August Bank Holiday,
Monday, 6th August. Tea provided 1/- per head to all
who let Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, know before
Saturday, 4th August. Cup Committee earnestly requested
to be present.—R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Full particulars will be published later.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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