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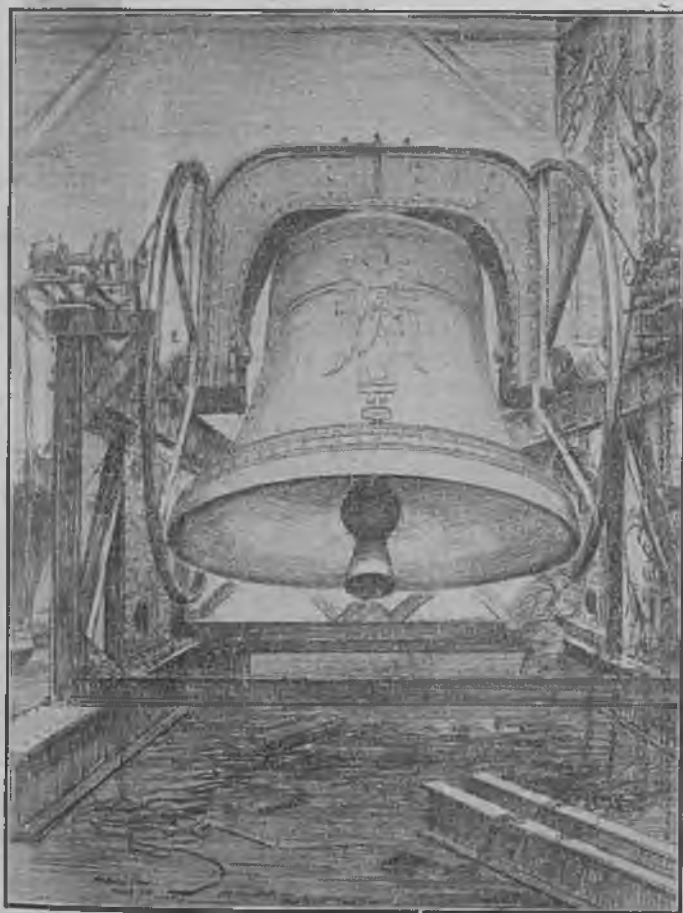
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NEW LIGHT ON FABIAN STEDMAN.

It is strange in what unexpected quarters bits of ringing history come to light. We are able to give this week the details of an incident, indirectly of some importance to our knowledge of one of the greatest figures in the Exercise, which occurred two hundred and sixty years ago, when the very foundations of our art were being laid. Hidden away in an old diary, unknown to many generations of searchers into the history of ringing, were two entries of significance concerning Fabian Stedman and the publication of the first book on change ringing. It has been left to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, to bring them to light, as the result of enquiries which he has made into the history of the bells of his native town, and these records, with the inferences which may probably be drawn from them, will be read with interest.

The diary throws up in a picturesque manner the efforts which Stedman himself made to spread the art of ringing and which was made possible by the publication of his 'Tintinnalogia.' To what extent he was responsible for its contents need not here be entered into, but for more than a hundred years this volume was the basis of the various books which came into being. When a later edition appeared he changed its name to 'Campanologia,' and this title held the field for ringing books down to Shipway's day. Of course, as time went on, efforts were made to improve the contents of the publication; some things were left out, other material was added, but those early publications were largely based upon what Stedman himself had given us in 1668. That much we knew; we now see that Stedman actively set out to spread the art by visiting other centres, and it is quite believable, with the evidence we have of his visits to Leicester and London, that he went to other places as well, and none more likely than Norwich.

The information revealed by these Leicester diary entries leads to another conclusion, and that is that what has been looked upon for the past five and twenty years as being Fabian Stedman's will and, as such, has been cherished as a great discovery, is in all probability the will of some other person of the same name. Arguments on this point are set out in the article which we are printing and need not be traversed here. Perhaps the evidence which we have is not absolutely conclusive in the matter, but it does seem to us to bring the tradition of Stedman having been at any time a civil servant in London within the category of those which can be said to be 'improbable although not demonstrably wrong.' The belief that Stedman was a printer of Cambridge seems to be definitely established by the diary.

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That he should at the same time, or in the later years of his life, have been a civil servant in the Metropolis seems most unlikely. It would be extremely interesting to hear what Mr. R. A. Daniell, to whom the Exercise owes so much for his historical researches, has to say on the matter.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BASIN 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	†JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	*JAMES F. DOFFIELD... .. 10
*GEORGE H. CROSS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus away from the treble. First peal of Superlative Maximus in the county and for the association.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT... .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	†GEORGE MAYERS 9
*GEORGE H. CROSS 4	*JAMES F. DOFFIELD... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. First peal in the method on 12 bells in the county.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER... .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	*FRANCIS BIBBY 9
*WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
*LESTER L. GREY 6	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. Messrs. Hammond and Caunce have now rung 100 peals together. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Bibby.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT... .. Treble	ARTHUR MOORE... .. 6
JAMES CHINERY... .. 2	*RUSSELL RICHES 7
*CHARLES STANNARD ... 3	*WILLIAM STANNARD... .. 8
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	WALTER BARRETT 9
*GEORGE GOWER... .. 5	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*FRANCIS J. DANIELLS ... Treble	*JOHN BERRY 6
†REGINALD G. TOWNSEND ... 2	JESSE GILLET 7
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELLS ... 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 9
ROBERT W. HYNER 5	*WILLIAM A. JONES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. William A. Jones was elected a member of the association before starting the peal.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*HECTOR G. BIRD 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED HACKETT 8
CHARLES WEBB 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Batchelor to Miss Maggie Withers, daughter of Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham. It was also the quarterly peal for this branch.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	GEORGE FREEBERRY 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	*JACK BAILEY 7
HENRY FLETCHER 3	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... 8
*ALFRED MOULD 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	†PERCY H. TATE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBERRY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	*DONALD BARNARD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	*REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 8
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	JOHN A. BORFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BORFORD.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN W. RANSON ... Treble	*ALFRED UNDERWOOD ... 5
WALTER FERN 2	JOHN RANSON 6
*WILLIAM JOHNSTONE 3	*JOHN A. WALTON 7
†HARRY KIRBY 4	*JOSEPH L. WATERFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. Rung in celebration of the tercentenary of the four oldest bells in the Parish Church.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1928, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	†JAMES F. DUFFIELD 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDMUND A. PASSAM ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JACK HONEY 3	JOHN NOBES 7
†RICHARD A. POST 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCY GREEN ... Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
GEORGE E. WILSON 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
STANLEY W. BAYBAT 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Wood. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th hail from Prittlewell, the rest belong to the neighbourhood of Chelmsford.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER ... Treble	*TOM CLARK 5
*HERBERT TORR 2	*JOHN T. BARTON 6
*C. ALAN HEWITT 3	†HARRY MORGAN 7
*JOSEPH DIXON 4	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged for the conductor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
*JOHN W. WARD 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*ROBERT G. KING 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE PERRY Treble	JOHN BASS 5
FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH ... 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
MISS AMY JOHNSON 3	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
HARRY MIDDLETON 4	ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Amy Johnson, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES,

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFIN ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	FREDERICK G. COLE 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	† JAMES BASSETT 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	BERTRAM LUCK 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 7
* MISS ROSE THOMAS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford. † First peal on eight.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS JERVIS Treble	FRED STUBBS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	FRANK KIRK 6
JOHN COLEMAN 3	AMOS SMART 7
CYRIL WILSON 4	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, on leaving to become Vicar of Finedon. He entertained the band to tea after the peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
* JOHN T. KENTISH 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
ALEXANDER EVANS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
SIDNEY A. WYATT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
WILLIAM PIKE 2	GEORGE COOKE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, and believed to be the first on the bells.

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 3
* THOMAS PITTHAM 2	JAMES H. RAPER 4
	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal. This was the first peal on these bells.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

GEORGE PARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW 3
ROWLAND ADAMS 2	HARRY ENGLAND 4
	THOMAS WISE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Mr. Parker has now rung each bell to a peal.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST A. MARSH ... Tenor	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
R. ADAMS 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
	A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

R. Adams was elected a member of the association before starting the peal. The band wish to thank Mr. Marsh for kindly providing refreshments before the start and at the conclusion of the peal.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Tenor
Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 270's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ERNEST MALLENDER Treble	BERT WHEELER 4
FRED WM. KNOWLES 2	FRED CLARKE 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	WILLIAM SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

* First peal for association. Arranged for E. Mallender of Wigan, Lancs.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... Treble	ARTHUR M. THOMAS 4
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 5
HORACE BENNETT 3	WILLIAM J. HODGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, dedicated on June 24th of this year. First peal by the ringer of the tenor, which was given by Mr. Hodge in memory of his father and mother.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

PERCIVAL W. GRICK Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 4
JOHN HOUGH 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
HERBERT HURDMAN 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

CHECKLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwark, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN BARKER Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, which were cast by Rudhalls in 1761.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS TURNER Treble	JAMES MITCHELL 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
WILLIAM SHELFORD 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal other than on the treble to Doubles.

A WESTERN TOUR.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT 6
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
* WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 8
† H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES 9
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CWYBI,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
* WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 2	ERNEST W. MARSH 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FRED HAYES 3	HARRY PARKES 8
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
ERNEST W. MARSH 5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1928, in Three Hours;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY PARKES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
* WILLIAM G. LAVERS 2	ERNEST W. MARSH 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
† ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 4	* ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

MR. W. B. DUNCAN'S 100 PEALS.

Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, New Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 40, Double Oxford Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Bob Major 8; Stedman Triples 1, Minor in three methods 4, Minor in two methods 1, Minor in one method 12; total 100.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that Mr. Trollope has definitely decided not to do that which he asked for powers to do in the matter of sweeping away such absurdities as duplication of names in the 'Collection,' perhaps I might suggest that the committee in charge of the Methods Collection, which I trust includes Mr. Trollope, should publish in the next issue of that publication a complete extent (60 changes) of Carter's Principle of Doubles. We are not all of us so clever as Mr. Trollope and his fellow-figurists, and I am afraid the few things published are rather fogging. I confess I cannot see how to extend the few I see in the old 'Collection,' and have been asked by quite a few five-bell men how they can use this method. Pending the next issue, perhaps someone will oblige in your columns.

And I might just point out in passing that if even the parable of the five wise and five foolish ones is re-enacted in the hereafter, I know an awful lot of folk who will be left outside the door (other than the methods and 'Nomenclature' experts, I mean). I believe at least nine out of every ten country steeplekeepers would be left outside the door, as they never, no never, have any oil in their lamps when the bridegroom arrives, nor on their bells. I am sure that Mephistopheles will spend his moments of leisure in choking all of the lot with broken but empty oil bottles, and then making them ring the never, no never, oiled parish tons. Oh, yes. We have all heard of the 'Parish ton.' 'How much does she weigh?' 'Just a ton, sir!'

I came across two such yesterday. I took my usual Bank Holiday, as Auntie tells all and sundry, sowing a few more 'wild oats.' I enclose one of 'em for publication in the peal columns. I am quite sure that all peal ringers will be left outside the door. They have no oil in their lamps, or else they wouldn't go peal ringing. Now, would they, sir? If the energy expended in all ringing, other than the call to worship, were put to a profitable use the whole of the debt on the church property would be wiped out in ten years, and the dole would no longer be required in the land. All ringers who go country tower hunting would be left outside the door with the towerkeepers, for they have none in their lamps. Yesterday, after one and a half hour's contortions we gave up trying to keep the ropes in the wheels, and watching the enormous cracks in the tower open and shut. Afterwards we wended our weary way to a place the O'Bacon had spotted, and put some oil in lamps. We then went forward to venue No. 2. Here we were told all was in apple-pie order, and the bells rung regularly. I asked how often that was, after I had pulled mine up, and was told they had rung half a dozen changes last Christmas. The peal over, O'Bacon enquired the weight of the 'jam jar,' and got the answer, 'Thirteen or eight.' 'No,' quoth O'B., 'I don't want to know when you fattened them last: I want to know how big she is!'

THE BROAD BLASTER.

For the information of 'The Broad Blaster' and others interested we append the plain course of Carter's Principle. It is worth ringing:—

12345	53124	41532	25413	34251
21435	35214	14352	52143	43521
12453	53241	41325	25134	34512
14235	52314	43152	21543	35421
41253	25341	34125	12534	53412
14523	52431	43215	21354	35142
15432	54213	42351	23145	31524
51423	45231	24315	32154	13542
15243	54321	42135	23514	31452
51234	45312	24153	32541	13425
15324	54132	42513	23451	31245
51342	45123	24531	32415	13254
53124	41532	25413	34251	12345

A Single is made thus:—

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WEDDING BELLS AT BERKSWELL.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised on Bank Holiday at Berks-well Parish Church, between Mr. H. W. Wright, of Nuneaton, and Miss C. Rowley, of Balsall Common, near Coventry. The bridegroom is a member of the All Saints', Chilvers Coton, band, and after the ceremony his fellow-ringers rang touches on the nice-toned peal of six. Rounds, 'Queen's,' and 'Firing' were followed, with the assistance of Mr. H. Summers, of Allesley, by a course of Kent Minor and several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

At the reception which followed, Mr. J. E. Moreton, on behalf of the ringers of Chilvers Coton, presented the happy couple with a set of carvers, together with the good wishes of the band for their future happiness. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Wright were given a rousing send-off when they left by train for their new home at Oswestry (Salop). The ringers were Messrs. J. E. Moreton, A. H. Beamish, J. Draycott, H. Summers, J. Thompson and A. Harding.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday last the Farnham District held their third district meeting at Yorktown, 24 members and visitors attending from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Dorking, Blackwater, Woking, and the local company. Yorktown has a modern church which was opened in 1851. The handsome spire was erected and the eight bells installed in the year 1891. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the Vicar (Rev. R. M. Curwen) conducted the Guild's service, and gave a very encouraging address.

Afterwards, tea was partaken in the Parish Room, and the Vicar, who was unable to stay for the business meeting, was very warmly thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker, the Guild's hon. treasurer, on behalf of the assembled company for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and for taking the service.

At the business meeting Admiral Walker presided, and was supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), the district secretary (Mr. R. Clark), and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). The contingent from Aldershot included several youthful members who are learning the art under Mr. Denyer.

One new member was elected from Farnham, and Mr. Goldsmith gave a report upon the Central Council meeting at Hereford, dealing particularly with the matters in which the Guild was specially interested. He stated that the scheme for putting ringers who migrated into touch with other associations had already been of use.

—Mr. Goldsmith was warmly thanked for his services and report. The Chairman then brought forward the question of a Guild badge, and remarked that from a young ringer's point of view he approved of the scheme. Other ringers present, both young and old, approved of a badge be exhibited, which is made by a Minehead ringer, Mr. G. Stacey.

At the conclusion of the business, Admiral Walker was given a very hearty vote of thanks for presiding.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where ringing in the standard methods was kept up until 8.30 p.m., when another successful meeting was brought to a close.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH OXFORD GUILD.

A successful meeting of the South and West District was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 28th, by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Kitcat.

The bells pealed forth about 3.30 under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Holloway, and assisted by Mr. J. J. Pratt, and good practice was put in on ten bells. Another ten-bell tower is sadly needed in the district, and the hon. secretary is sadly in want of more money for the Isleworth fund to meet this need. Service was conducted by the Rev. Monks, who on behalf of the Vicar welcomed the association to St. John's. The organist was Mr. E. Williams, assisted by Mr. Wm. Taylor. Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodfellow.

The Ringing Master presided at the meeting which followed, and the first duty was to accord Mr. Tom Beadle a most hearty welcome, everyone being delighted to see him again after his long illness. Mr. Beadle received a great ovation, it being nearly two years since he was last able to attend.

The meeting's sympathy was expressed to Miss P. Moss on her recent serious illness, and she received a hearty welcome with best wishes for her speedy recovery. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild (South Bucks District), it being left to the hon. secretary to arrange with the hon. secretary of Oxford Guild, if possible, it being pointed out that the Bucks District and West Middlesex ringers had worked in harmony for upwards of 54 years.

Among the well-known ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Fussell, W. Henley, C. Mayne, W. Welling, J. Hunnisett, Corke, R. A. Fardon, Wingrove, Turner, W. Gutteridge, Fletcher, Taylor and others, while the ladies were represented by Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Mrs. W. Taylor, Misses K. E. and D. R. Fletcher and Miss W. F. Bolt.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to the Rev. Monk, the organist and assistant, the host and hostess, and those who helped with the refreshments, Mr. J. J. Pratt and other members for their attendance and support. The tower was again visited, and Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, etc., were rung.

IN LAKE LAND.

The ringers of Houghton, Lancs., had an enjoyable excursion into the Lake District for their annual outing. Travelling through Lancaster and Carnforth, they stopped at Kendal, where they rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. After dinner, they proceeded to Ambleside, where they rang on one of the finest peals of eight in the North of England. Hawkshead was reached in time for tea. After ringing at this church also, the return was made via Newby Bridge, Kirby Lonsdale, Settle and Clitheroe, Blackburn being reached at 11 p.m. It was the best outing in the annals of the company, and the ringers wish to thank the clergy of the churches visited, also Mr. W. Atkinson and Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, and Mr. C. Webb, of Hawkshead, for meeting them.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**VETERANS' LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED.**

A meeting, anticipated by the members of the Barnsley and District Association with great pleasure, was held on Saturday at Cawthorne, when occasion was taken to do honour to two of the local veterans, Mr. H. Crossland and Mr. Edward Dearnley. The former who is now 83 years of age, worked in a mine until he was 76, and he still rings for service and takes part in contests. He finds daily occupation in doing useful work, such as gardening, and continues to join in the social amenities of the village life. Mr. Dearnley, who is 76, has been a ringer for 57 years. He is still able to join in service ringing, but owing to failing eyesight is not one of the team which has been so successful in ringing competitions, the Cawthorne band having won the Hoylandswaine challenge cup this year, as well as in the years 1925 and 1926. He, however, still follows his occupation as a 'stone waller' on the estate of Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope, at Cannon Hall.

A good company of ringers, ladies and friends, gathered for the meeting. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon, and at 4 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Woolley) conducted a service, assisted by the Vicar of Penistone (Rev. E. B. Carleton), who gave an address.

After tea at Tate's Cafe, an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where the Vicar, who presided, said that the Church Council welcomed the visit of the association, and looked upon it as an annual event.

The Chairman of the Church Council (Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope) also gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He expressed pride in the local ringers, who were, he said, like the bells, 'ever the same, yet ever new.' As chairman of the Council he was asked to present large photographs to Messrs. H. Crossland and E. Dearnley as an appreciation of their long services to the village. In times of joy and sorrow, they had never failed in their duty. He also handed smaller photos to the rest of the band, with the hope that they would all share in the longevity for which the village is famous.

Mr. W. Reyner, president of the association, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope for his services, and on behalf of the association declared that such recognition of the veteran ringers made the day a landmark in their history.—Mr. C. D. Potter (secretary) seconded the vote of thanks.

A photographic group of the whole party was afterwards taken outside the Parish Room, and copies may shortly be had from Mr. W. Brown, Gillygate, Pontefract.

The rest of the evening was happily spent, many of the visitors rambling through the picturesque village to the beautiful park at Cannon Hall, kindly thrown open to them by Mr. J. Spencer Stanhope.

THROUGH THE WEALD OF KENT.

The Canterbury Cathedral company visited the Weald of Kent for their annual outing. Starting from Canterbury at 8.30 a.m., the party of thirteen members took their way via Chartham, up through the pretty little village of Chilham, and on until they reached Charing Hill. And what a magnificent view they had of the valley below, with Eggerton Church nestling amongst the trees on the opposite side. Harrietsham was reached at 10 a.m. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist has a Norman vestry and a beautiful Early Perpendicular nave. The bells, a light peal of eight, with a tenor 13 cwt., went very well indeed. Leaving Harrietsham, the route brought the party close to Leeds Castle and the Church of St. Nicholas, where there are ten bells, and, as some of the party had never rung there, permission was obtained of the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Jacques), who kindly sent his man to see that everything was in order. Here the visitors were pleased to find evidences of 'colt' training, for two of the bells were tongue-tied, and one of them had had its slider removed, which no doubt would be conducive to careful manipulation, but the visitors preferred to have the machinery intact. Then on again through Sutton Valence to Headeorn, arriving at 12.30 p.m. The excursionists were disappointed not to have Mr. Philip Hodgkin to meet them, business having taken him away from home, but he had kindly left everything ready for them. Having broken the programme by stopping at Leeds, they had to push on to Cranbrook, where they arrived half an hour late for dinner at the George Hotel. Cranbrook Church, sometimes called the 'Cathedral of the Kentish Weald,' is a very fine old church, having a lovely toned peal of bells. Hawkhurst was the first stopping place on the homeward journey, and here some of the party had a surprise, for they were met by one who had learned to ring at St. Alphage, Canterbury, some thirty years before. He was then known as 'Ted' Waghorn, but now as Mr. Older Waghorn, so he must have got Older since, or he must have been Older than his colleagues suspected. However, he remembered Mr. H. G. Fairbrass teaching him Stedman slow work on the return journey of a ringers' outing to Deal, so of course he rang some Stedman Triples with the visitors to show he had not forgotten his lesson. Arriving at Tenterden at 5.20, the party were very glad of a cup of tea, the kindly Vicar calling on them whilst in the midst of it, and he welcomed them to his belfry. Some good ringing in various methods was accomplished here, Mr. and Mrs. Baker taking part. They showed their enthusiasm by cycling over from Frittenden, a distance of about eight miles, for the purpose. Departing from Tenterden about 9.30 p.m., the party arrived safely at Canterbury after a most enjoyable day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Strange it is how little trouble ringers will take. In our issue of July 27th we specially asked that reports of peals rung on August Bank Holiday should be sent off the same night. Yet not one was dropped into the post that evening.

When a request of this kind is made there is always a purpose behind it; and we hope that future requests will not fall upon similarly deaf ears. Verb sap.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand a new peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., for Newcastle-on-Tyne, and they are also making a small carillon for Leith.

On August 17th, 1812, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on Coventry's now departed bells.

A peal of '5,376 Cambridge Surprise 8 in,' the 'first in the north of England,' was rung at Keighley, Yorks, on August 18th, 1811.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Caters on August 23rd, 1788—one hundred and forty years ago next Thursday—at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 'being the second peal that was ever performed in that method.' It was composed and called by John Reeves, who had composed and called the earlier one at St. John's, Horsleydown, rung by the College Youths. It is further interesting from the fact that it was the first peal in which William Shipway took part with the Cumberlands.

Here, perhaps, we may offer a word of explanation, and apology, if it is required, to the College Youths. When recalling, in this column, the Horsleydown peal, we referred to it as having subsequently been proved to be false, and not unnaturally the Ancient Society have asked the reason for the aspersion.

The information came to us in this way, that when the centenary came round in 1887 it was proposed by a band of College Youths to ring the same composition at the same church, but the conductor was informed by the celebrated composer, John Cox, that the peal was not true, and it (the composition) was therefore abandoned. If John Cox was wrong, we go into sackcloth and ashes in our endeavour to show our regret, and add, in the words of the recording tablet, "'Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop," and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits.'

CLITHEROE BELLS RECAST.

The ring of eight bells at Clitheroe Church, Lancs, have been recast and relung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The peal has a tenor of about 17 cwt. in F, and they are tuned on the true harmonic principle. A new iron frame, carried on steel girders, has been installed, and the bells are hung with the latest type of fittings, including ball bearings. The cost of the restoration of the bells is being generously defrayed by Mr. Samuel Green, as a thankoffering for recovery from a serious illness.

The dedication will be performed on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., at 7.30 p.m. by the Bishop of Blackburn.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

Secretaries of associations and others are requested to make the following amendments to the list published last week:—

The hon. secretary of the North Wales Association is now Mr. William Catherall, 20, Ifordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.

The address of Mr. H. Lofthouse, hon. secretary of the Leeds and District Society, is 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

A YORK MINSTER ANNIVERSARY.

BELL HANGER'S QUAIN ADVERTISEMENT.

In the year 1765, York Minster, which had been the first to have a ring of twelve bells, changed them for a peal of ten, which was opened on Aug. 19th, 1765. The old peal had not been satisfactory, the front four bells having been too light for the back eight, the tenor of which was 55½ cwt. There had also been the big disparity of about 15 cwt. between the ninth and tenth.

Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel, cast the new ring of ten, which were to be as nearly as possible like Bow bells, and they came very close to this specification.

Prior to the opening in August, 1765, the following advertisement appeared in a York newspaper:—

'This is to give notice to all Gentlemen ringers and others that there is a new peal of ten bells (cast by Lester and Pack, of London), to be opened on Monday, the 19th of August next, at York Minster, and allowed by the best judges in London to be as fine a peal of that number as any in the kingdom, and as heavy. Free liberty being given any strangers to open the peal. Any ringers that choose to come the Sunday evening before will be allowed to ring a round peal upon trial. They are now hanging by Samuel Turner, bell hanger to the above firm. If any gentleman, churchwardens, or others want any new peals of bells, or any that want new casting or hanging, by sending a letter to the said S. Turner, at the Cross Guns, near the Minster, betwixt this and the first of September next, they shall be waited upon immediately, and their work faithfully executed after the very best manner by their most obedient and humble servant, S. Turner.'

The peal of bells, after escaping a fire in 1829, caused by Jonathan Martin, a mad incendiary, was destroyed with the tower in a fire on May 20th, 1840. When the tower was restored, the ten were replaced by the ring of twelve, which was recast recently.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

AN HISTORIC INCIDENT.

Anything which can throw light upon the history of the founders of the Exercise is more than welcome in these days, when almost all details except some of the peal performances of these pioneers are lost to us, and the following extracts from an ancient diary, which have been brought to the notice of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, are singularly interesting, because they refer to the 'father' of change ringing, Fabian Stedman.

From these extracts it will be seen that Fabian Stedman visited Leicester in the year 1669, to introduce his 'New Book on ye Artes and Mysteries of Tintinnalogiæ.' This book, the 'Tintinnalogia,' published in 1668, was the first book, as far as is known, ever published in connection with change ringing. Whether Stedman was sole or only part author of the book we do not profess to say. The subject was discussed in our columns some time ago, but opposing writers failed to convince 'the other side.' What is certain, however, is that Fabian Stedman was responsible for its publication, and went as far afield as Leicester in order to bring it to the notice of the ringers of that town.

Before commenting further, however, let us give the extracts from the diarist and Mr. Morris' account of how he came by them. Mr. Morris writes:

'In my pursuit of additional "data," etc., for my revision of the "Church Bells of Leicestershire," to which I am adding a chapter on change ringing in so far as concerns this diocese, I have come across many hitherto little-known facts, additions and corrections. One of the most interesting additions I am able to make is the following relative to a visit to Leicester by Fabian Stedman. The source of this information (which was given me as a result of a notice in the local Press and Diocesan Leaflet) was a Mr. Tyers, who, in his younger days, used to help ring with his father at King's Norton, Leicestershire, but who now passes his declining years in reading his many interesting books and cuttings of historical notes.

'The following forms part of a "chronology" written by the late W. Barrow, a well-known Leicester historian and brother of the late Joseph Barrow, a ringer of Long Eaton. I have myself personally investigated many of the details this chronology gives, especially relating to the history of St. Margaret's Church, and also dates, inscriptions, etc., of various bells in and around Leicester. In every case I have found the information correct, and see no reason to doubt this "side-light" on the life of Stedman, which I am sure will prove interesting to all ringers.'

DIARY EXTRACTS.

The extracts are as follow:—

1668. May 11th, Whit Monday.—Mr. Fabian Stedman, printer, of Cambridge, sent his letter to ye bell ringers of the town, settinge forth that having discovered the "artcs or mysteries" of performing ye sweete musick of change-ringing on church-bells, to the great edifyinge of youthe, and the publishinge of his "booke" called "Tintinnalogie, or ye Artes, Mysteries, and Fancie of Diffusing Sweet Musick," explaininge to ye bell ringers ye desirabilitie of establishinge a societie of scholars for setting forth ye "artcs and mysteries" of change-ringing not onlie for ye edifyinge of their minds, but also for their enjoyment, and the healthfull exercise of their bodies. And desiring, with Almighty God permitting, to visit their citie at a time appointed, and hoping the pleasure of their good will and companie.—Fab. Stedman. St. Martin's MSS., Leicester. W.B.

1669. September 30th, Thursday.—Mr. Fabian Stedman came on a visit to the town for several days, for to introduce his "New Book on ye Artes and Mysteries of Tintinnalogiæ" (campanology), and being ye fayer time, and manye strangers coming in, Mr. Stedman was entertayned by ye gentlemen ringers to sweete musick at ye churches, expressinge joye with ye late newe ring of heavie bells that bee in St. Margaret's, which discoursed sweete musick nightlie. Saturday being ye 2nd day (Oct.) young ringers did entertayn Mr. Stedman with musick at St. Marie's. And in ye night tyme gentlemen and young ringers entertayned Mr. Stedman sumptouslie at Maister Baker's at ye "Angell," £1 16s. 8d. being spent for meates, wines, beere, tobacco and pipes, etc., as appears by bill. Sondaye being ye 3rd daye (Oct.) after ye morning service at Seynt Martin's, Mr. Stedman entertaynd them all at his inn neere ye High Cross, and afterwards gave

forthe his orations on ye "Artes and Mysteries" in ye Greate Chamber, or gallerie of his quarters, wherewith the gentle'n and youth, with many others, clergie, and gentle'n, were mightilie pleased, all departinge to their homes neere seaven of ye clocke. Munday ye 4th daye, Mr. Stedman departed his quarters at ye Red Lyon by ten of ye clocke, when ye gentlemen and youths companied his horse a mille beyonde ye conduite springe hill, and so gave him their farewell on his journe towards Harbrow.—Nath'l Baker, filius, St. Martin's MSS. W. B., per W. Thirby, clerk.

Then is added: 'It would appear that Mr. Stedman was a person of good repute in those times, and the circumstance of his visit to Leicester to diffuse the "artcs and mysteries" of campanology or change-ringing, was probably the first origin of the Society of Leicester Scholars, and from the fact that Mr. Nath'l Baker, son of mine host of the "Angell," written an account of Mr. Stedman's visit, he was one of the "gentlemen ringers" who "discoursed sweet musick nightlie." And the Angel, in the Sheepside (Cheapside) would be the rendezvous of the gentlemen ringers and youths, and it is only to be expected that the "sumptuous entertainment" got up in honour of Mr. Stedman's coming to the town, would likewise take place at the Angel Inn, the site in after times being occupied by Messrs. Morley. Regarding the "sweet musick," it would be somewhat difficult to explain the matter, taking into account that St. Margaret's and St. Martin's contained rings of six, and St. Mary's a ring of five bells. They might possibly at that time understand a Plain Grand sire of 120 changes on five bells with a cover (tenor), or the 24 changes on four bells with a tenor, which might be rang several times in succession, or they might have some knowledge of change-ringing by other methods. Mr. Stedman's "booke" and his oration no doubt threw considerable light on the "artcs and mysteries" of change-ringing, and his book would be resorted to as a work of reference both at the Angel and bellries of the town. A Sunday afternoon dinner and entertainment would be nothing unusual in those times, as the services of the church were morning on one Sunday and afternoon on another Sunday; and persons, after attending services, were at liberty for the transaction of any necessary business or pleasure.'

The writer then goes on to explain the situation of the Conduit Spring Hill, etc.

Under the date 1710, May 2nd, Monday, I find: 'A number of gentlemen of the Musical Society, Scholars from Neighbouring towns of Coventry, Hinckley and Loughborough, etc., came in to the fair, and rang the six great bells of St. Margaret's for the space of more than two hours; and afterwards about 30 gentlemen dined together at the Angel Inn, after which it was "voiced" by the scholars that the projected adding of two new "fore-bells" to the ring of six heavy bells in St. Margaret's, Leicester (making the number to eight), would much enhance the musick of the town, and facilitate to the instruction and improvement of youth in the arts and mysteries and diversion of ringing.'

The two "fore-bells" mentioned were cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1711, and erected in 1712, making the first ring of eight in Leicestershire.

STEDMAN AS AN 'APOSTLE.'

Can we not draw a fairly good picture of the circumstances and the scene? Stedman had produced his book, and, filled with an enthusiasm for the new art, he determines to become an 'apostle.' The centres in which anything in the nature of ringing took place in those days were few and far between, and the best that was practised was probably only changes in which one pair of bells moved at a time. The College Youths had been in existence in London as a society for about 50 years, and Stedman knew all about them, for he became a member in 1664, and to them he dedicated his book. It was printed in London, and among the ringers there, of course, it would find a circulation. But outside London and Cambridge there would be little demand, partly because in very few places would its existence be known, and, in addition, those who rang the bells needed educating to the advantages of the 'artcs and mysteries' of this new 'fancie of diffusing sweet musick.' Leicester was possibly one of the nearest places at which Stedman could hope to get together any considerable number of persons likely to be interested in the subject. Norwich is slightly nearer, and it would be extremely interesting to know if he made a similar pilgrimage to that city. It is certainly not unlikely, when it is remembered that it was at Norwich that the first peals were rung.

Things moved slowly in those distant days, and the arrangements for the visit took a long time to materialise. It will be observed that his letter was sent in May, 1668, but it was not until sixteen months later that the visit actually took place. It must have been something of a venturesome journey. The distance would be at least seventy miles, and, as we see, Stedman travelled on horseback. His route would probably be through St. Neots and Higham Ferrers to Kettering and Market Harborough; or it might have been via Huntingdon and Thrapston. Certain it is that it would be at least a two days' journey, if not more, and he would fall in on the road with many others making their way to Leicester, for was it not 'fayer time, and many strangers coming in'?

Stedman arrived on Thursday. He was welcomed by the gentlemen ringers, and taken with evident pride to hear the new bells of St. Margaret's and those of St. Mary's. Then on the Saturday they feasted the stranger, and we can imagine what a merry time they

spent at 'the Angell' that evening. They dined 'sumptuously,' and we can picture them sitting round the table afterwards, smoking their long clay pipes, and discussing, over their tankards of beer, the new method of producing changes. And the next day Fabian Stedman returned the compliment. The ringers were his guests at the inn where he was staying, and afterwards came his 'orations' in the big room of the hostelry. There must have been a considerable company to listen to the lecture on change ringing, and they were apparently of varied stations in life. Stedman evidently pleased his audience, and it would be interesting to know what the practical sequel was. Did they establish a 'Society of Scholars'? Did they become subscribers to 'Tintinnologia'? Did they take up change ringing in the new way which Stedman had put before them? These questions remain unanswered, but it is believable that all three could be replied to 'in the affirmative.' At all events, Stedman created a good impression, and a cordial spirit of friendship must have developed, for they escorted him on the first stage of his return journey, when he left for Cambridge, after a stay which lasted from Thursday until Monday.

FABIAN'S CONNECTION WITH CAMBRIDGE.

This visit of Fabian Stedman, 'printer, of Cambridge,' to Leicester in the autumn of 1669 raises another question. What is supposed to be the will of Fabian Stedman came to light in 1901, and, as a result, considerable research was made by Mr. R. A. Daniell in the hope of discovering further facts about the life of Stedman. The result of his labours was published in 1903 in 'The Bell News,' but his conclusions were based largely on the assumption that the will was that of Fabian Stedman, the ringer.

Mr. Daniell put forward the result of his research 'for what it may be worth.' Tradition, he said, having constantly asserted that Fabian Stedman was born in Cambridge in 1631 or thereabouts, the first thing to be done was to search the registers of the old parishes in that town. That was done, and although all the registers, and, where necessary, the Bishop's transcripts of them at the diocesan registry at Ely, have been examined, no entry recording the baptism of Fabian Stedman was found.

'Traditions,' continued Mr. Daniell in his interesting article, 'may for present purposes be divided into three classes. Firstly, those which are demonstrably false, of which we may take as an example the statement which crops up from time to time that Annable was a professor of mathematics at Cambridge. It is only necessary to consult the official lists of professors in the University Calendar to see that Annable's name is only conspicuous by its absence. The second class includes traditions which, though not demonstrably wrong, are in themselves so improbable that nothing but the most positive evidence can render them credible. The tradition that on the conclusion of the peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726, every member of the band left the steeple in his own carriage, belongs to this second class. The third class includes traditions which, on the face of them, are at least as likely to be true as false. And the tradition connecting Stedman with Cambridge obviously belongs to this class, since there is no reason, on the face of it, why Fabian should not have been born at Cambridge as probably as anywhere else.

A branch of the Stedman family had apparently been settled at Haslingfield, a parish about five miles from Cambridge, prior to 1563, as in that year Letters of Administration of the goods of Walter Stedman of that parish issued out of the Court of the Bishop of Ely, and it appears from the Bishop's transcripts of the Haslingfield registers that the family remained there at least down to the time of Fabian. In Cambridge itself the only member of the Stedman family I have found is John Stedman, who married Mabel Middleton at Holy Trinity Church, April 14th, 1629. This date is very interesting, as it obviously coincides so well with tradition, for nothing could be more natural than the birth of a son of this pair in 1631 or thereabouts. I do not know what the occupation of John Stedman was, but he evidently lived in Cambridge and was a householder of respectable position, for in 1646 he served the office of churchwarden of Trinity parish, and in that capacity signed the registers for that year. His year of office seems to have been uneventful; there is a payment of eighteen pence for a bonfire on the fifth of November, and of sixpence for "shooting" (a variation of "shutting," which means splicing) a bell rope. Of course, we cannot infer from these things alone that Fabian was the son of John, but he very well might be, and I have found nothing inconsistent with the relationship.

If Fabian was the son of John, and we should, therefore, naturally expect to find the record of his baptism in one of the Cambridge parochial registers, there is a fact which suggests a possible reason why we have not found it, and that fact is the Plague. This dire disease visited Cambridge both in 1630 and 1631. The former of these visitations was very severe, and broke up the work of the University. Tutors retired with their pupils to the country places, and as many persons as could leave the town probably did so. The epidemic of the following year was not so deadly, but the recollection of the previous year would scare people, face to face with a possible repetition. I suggest two ways in which this may be material to our present consideration.

Further extracts from Mr. Daniell's article and arguments as to whether Fabian Stedman was ever a civil servant in London, as has been supposed by some, will be printed in our next issue.

NORFOLK GUILD.

THE JAMES MOTTS MEMORIAL.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday, when, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, M.A. (Vicar), the ring of 12 bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day, and there was a very satisfactory attendance, over 40 members being present from various parts of the diocese, including 14 life members (non-resident). It was very gratifying to the Guild to welcome so many of its life members, amongst whom were Messrs. Thomas Faulkner (Barking), William Keeble (Feering), Charles A. Catchpole, James Rose, Frederick J. Tillett, Charles Woodcock, W. J. G. Brown (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Charles F. Sayer, James Spalding, Robert Spalding (Beccles), Thomas Beckett, Miss Violet Beckett (Shipmeadow), Frederick Watling (Saxmundham), Messrs. W. Keeble and J. T. Brown (visitors), and representatives from Diss, Fakenham, Great Yarmouth, Heveingham, Lowestoft, Norwich, Marham, Loddon and North Walsham. The bells were kept going merrily until one o'clock, when the members adjourned for luncheon. This was followed by the business meeting, held in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, Mr. Denison Hayward being voted to the chair, in the absence of the president of the Guild, the Archdeacon of Norwich. He was supported by the secretary, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, and Messrs. William J. Lee and Ben S. Thompson, district secretaries, Great Yarmouth and Norwich respectively, and 28 members.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary) moved the ratification of the following belfry elections of members, viz.: Messrs. David Whiting, Garnham A. Blaxcell, Thomas J. James, Albert William Coles, Charles W. Roberts, as life members (non-resident). Mr. Arthur L. Coleman also moved, and Mr. William E. Bason seconded, the election of Messrs. Bertie Sales and Walter R. Watson, of Marham, as members of the Guild.

The Secretary brought before the notice of the meeting the James Motts Memorial Fund, and said that the fund would be closed in September, and that he had already received donations from some of the Norfolk friends of the late Mr. Motts, and if there were any other members of the Guild desirous of subscribing to that fund he hoped they would kindly send their donations to him, which he would gladly forward to the secretary of the fund at Ipswich.

Mr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Denison Hayward seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken for his kind permission for the use of the bells, especially so as he had so very kindly postponed 'Vicar's steeple day' (August Bank Holiday) to enable the Guild to have the use of the bells, or, to put it in the Canon's own words to the secretary, 'That the Guild should come first on such an occasion.' The motion was carried with applause.

An outstanding feature of the day was the fine performance by the youngest member of the Guild, Miss Violet Beckett (who is only 15 years of age). On her first attempt on a ring of 12 bells she rang her first course of Stedman Cinques, and also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the greatest ease and with the competence of an experienced ringer. Miss Beckett received congratulations from the members present on her fine ringing. Touches in the standard methods of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus were rung during the day, which proved a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

YOUTH AND AGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—What must surely be a record occurred at Great Yarmouth on August Bank Holiday. Immediately at the conclusion of the Norfolk Guild's meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung. Included in the band were several visitors, the majority of whom had passed the half-century. There was, however, at one end of the scale Miss Beckett, of Beccles, ringing the 4th, who had scarcely reached the age of 15 years. There was also the veteran John Souter, of Diss, well over 70, at the other end of the scale, ringing the 8th. Is this another record for a lady?—Yours truly,

SIXTH BEFORE THE EIGHTH.

BEGINNERS PROGRESS AT CLAINES.

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Claines, Worcester-shire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung on the back six of this grand peal of eight by the following members of the local band in 48 mins.: E. Wilson 1, R. Woodvatt 2, A. Barton 3, L. Dowdeswell 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lawrence 6. The conductor was Mr. J. J. Jefferies, Ringing Master of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, who has taught the band since their formation just over twelve months ago. This is the second occasion this feat has been accomplished by them, and now their attention has been turned to Grandsire Triples, of which they have rung several short touches.

The bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in June, 1927. Previously there were five bells, which were chimed, and before rehanging they had not been rung since the wedding of Canon Porter (a former Vicar) in 1886. The dates of the bells are: Treble, 2nd and 3rd, 1927, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.; 4th, 1686, by W. Huntback, recast Taylor, 1927; 5th, 1888, by Warner (cast for chiming); 6th, 1622, 7th, 1623, tenor, 1622, all by Richard Oldfield.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD BELLS. THE REOPENING.

The recently returned and rehung peal of ten bells at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, were reopened on Monday, August 6th. At 8.30 a.m. the St. Michael's Society were entertained to breakfast at the George Hotel (in the room in which Charles I. was entertained in 1629). The Vicar, Rev. W. McCarthy (president), was in the chair, supported by Rev. F. W. Ling (vice-president), Mr. F. Wheeler and Dr. V. Morris (churchwardens), Mr. A. J. Adams (treasurer of the fund), Mr. L. Dupere (organist), and the following members of the society: Messrs. H. Wacey, H. W. White, C. Bull, P. Springham (steepkeeper), W. T. Prior, W. Tucker, F. Springham, V. Matthews, C. Ridgewell, H. Champness, P. C. Springham and C. Beeston (hon. secretary). A welcome visitor was Mr. H. J. Tucker, who was for many years steepkeeper at St. Michael's.

Following the breakfast a short service was held in the church, at which, in addition to the ringers, there was a fair sprinkling of the general public.

An adjournment was then made to the belfry, where the local band of ringers opened the bells with a touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker. During the day visitors arrived from the following towers: St. Paul's Cathedral, Rochester Cathedral, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Clement Danes, Hunsdon, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Braintree, Chichester, Edmonton, Bishopsgate, Tring, Kensington, Ware, Potter's Street, Bentley, South Weald, St. Stephen's, Ely, Romford, Springfield, Southgate, Woodford, Leytonstone, and Melbourne (near Royston). A number of lady ringers, including the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, of Hunsdon, took part during the day, and did some exceedingly good ringing.

The following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Treble Bob Royal, London and Superlative Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, has effected a great improvement.

AMONG THE TOWERS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

'A most enjoyable time' was the opinion of those who took part in the Apsley and Hemel Hempstead ringers' outing. Friends from Rickmansworth and St. Albans accompanied the party, including, of course, the jolly old 'father,' still going strong. The route lay along the main road, via Tring and Aylesbury. The wind was rather chilly, causing comments from the 'regular subscribers' about the beastly early hour of starting. Swanbourne was reached at scheduled time, and the bells—a nice peal of six with a tenor of about 15 cwt., rung from the ground floor—were raised. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, and while various touches were brought round, delighted some of the remainder of the company by pointing out the various objects of interest in the church, and explaining some of the old customs still carried on. One of these old customs is the ringing of the tenor after morning service on Sunday, supposed to have originated from the idea of letting the housewives of olden days know when to set the dinner! Shortly after, the party were introduced to Sir Morris Heywood. Not being a ringer himself, he was most interested. Time for departure came all too quickly here, so after paying a brief visit to the bells and top of the tower the journey was resumed. Padbury, the next stop, possesses a light peal of six, with tenor of 10½ cwt., also rung from the ground floor. Here a local ringer was waiting, and touches of Doubles and Minor in various methods, also rounds for the beginners, were successfully accomplished. Leaving here shortly after 11.30, Buckingham was reached, with its beautiful peal of eight, with a tenor of 28 cwt. Local ringers welcomed the visitors, and Triples and Major were rung. A move was then made to the West Street Bakery, where an excellent hot dinner was served and fully enjoyed by all, notwithstanding the fact that a certain person well sugared his dinner instead of salting it! Leaving Buckingham at 2.15, the journey was continued to Stony Stratford, where the party were met by some of the local ringers. Having to wait a few minutes for a funeral, the 'camera men' were able to get busy, also the 'postcard hunters.' A great difference in the belfry space to that of Buckingham here caused much comment. After all had had a pull, a course of Cambridge Major was attempted with the aid of local friends, but failed when about three-parts through. Leaving 'Stony,' the next call was Chicheley, where hangs a peal of six, with tenor about 16 cwt. A notable feature was the surrounding beauty of trees and parks, and the picturesque entrance to the churchyard. Back to Newport Pagnell, where a splendid tea was provided by Messrs. Lawmans, and then ringing on the fine peal of eight until 7.30. Next to Fenny Stratford, where the light but musical peal of six were made good use of, the ringing including a course of Cambridge. This was the last port of call, so with the local ringers, who arrived at Fenny, the party adjourned to talk over the day's happenings, and to thank the responsible persons. The journey home was enlivened with songs (some spliced!), and a perfect day terminated about 11.30. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. The band take the opportunity to thank the various incumbents, towerkeepers and local ringers for the help they gave to make this outing such a splendid success.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDENHAM.

Under perfect summer conditions, a quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday last at the picturesque little village of Edenham, over forty members and visitors attending from Spalding, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Bourne, Market Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Peterborough, Rotherham, Brantson, Orston, Sleatford, Folkingham, Rippingale, Morton, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), who also presided at the business meeting, which followed a most enjoyable open-air tea, nicely spread under the shade of an old apple tree at the Five Bells Inn, at which 36 sat down.

Folkingham was decided upon for the next meeting.

The handy peal of six were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, several members scoring their first touch in various methods.

The handbells were also set going after tea to Stedman Triples, etc. Heartly thanks are accorded for the use of the bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and for presiding at the business meeting, also to the organist and to those who made the necessary arrangements for this particularly bright and successful meeting.

DEATH OF AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

At his residence, Cobholm Engineering Works, Great Yarmouth, on July 19th, there passed away an interesting personality in Arthur H. Webber, who died after a long and painful illness in his 73rd year.

When quite young he spent some considerable time in London, and was elected a member of the College Youths well over 50 years ago. Many interesting tales he has told the writer of the 'giants' of those days. He was favoured by that small but select company which used to meet in Church Lane, Bethnal Green, on Sunday mornings, by being asked to join them, and so acquired the art of ringing 'in hand,' of which he was no mean exponent.

By trade Mr. Webber was a millwright and engineer, and he built up a considerable business as a millwright, marine and general engineer. He was a recognised authority on milling, his reputation in this direction extending far beyond the eastern counties. He was of an adaptive and inventive turn of mind, and his shops were fitted with up-to-date appliances and machines, many of which he designed and built himself. During the war he turned his whole attention to munition making, adapting his old plant and making new for this work, and he had no small part in the success which the eastern area attained in the production of munitions.

He was of a retiring nature, but will be remembered by many visitors to Yarmouth for his genial and kindly disposition and fund of quiet humour, and, in addition to these qualities, by those who knew him well for his sterling character. There was no room for anything petty or mean in his make-up. His ringing was the same; clean and good. He had no use for anything indifferent.

He was laid to rest in Gorleston Cemetery, the Yarmouth company paying their tribute by ringing half-muffled for the funeral the peal of six at Gorleston, and during the evening the bells of Yarmouth Parish Church.

His was an honoured name. May he rest in peace. B. S. T.

MR. W. FISHER'S 300 PEALS

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	1	—
Minor (seven methods)	1	—
Grandsire Triples	47	21
Grandsire Caters	16	—
Grandsire Cinques	3	—
Darlaston Bob Triples	1	—
Bob Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	4	3
Stedman Triples	79	25
Stedman Caters	26	5
Stedman Cinques	18	4
Bob Major	25	6
Bob Royal	4	—
Bob Maximus	2	1
Double Oxford Major	2	—
Double Oxford Royal	1	—
Double Norwich Major	22	3
Double Norwich Caters	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	10	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major	5	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	9	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	6	—
London Surprise Major	5	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	1
	300	80

GEORGE BAKER'S ROUND BLOCK TRANSPOSITIONS THROUGH 'MINORMANIA'S' SPECTACLES.

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PROGRESSION.

In altering the plain principle, by making second's place when the treble leads, we produce Plain Bob on all numbers; and if, to six bells we add '7-8,' the Major will so interweave the extra bells in the rows, that it causes what Mr. Baker terms 'progression.' For convenience he standardises this progression by relating it to rounds. The bells which occupy the same positions in the two rows compared are deleted, and the remainder are reduced to standard terms of transposition from rounds.

For example, the first lead-ends of Bob Minor, Major and Royal:—

Rows	Bells unaltered	Bells altered
Minor ('78' added) 13526478.	1352.4..6.78
Major 13527486.	1352.4..7.86
Major ('90' added) 1352748690	135274.6..8.90
Royal 1352749608	135274.6..9.08

Then if 678 has become 786

If..... 890=908

Rounds (123) becomes 231

Rounds (123)=231

Showing a 'progression' of 231 between Minor-Major and Major-Royal.

If all of the lead-end progressions of Plain Bob are compared, we shall find that, as the plain course develops, the progressions grow, until the half-way is reached, when they commence to diminish as the course works back to its 'homing position' (or rounds). Compare the first and last lead-ends in Maximus (135.... and 142....) back to the Minor, and, all through, we find a three-bell progression of 231 and 312 respectively. Now the second and last-but-one (15.... and 164....), and we have four-bell progressions of 3412 and 4321 respectively; and so the progressions grow as we work towards the centre of the course. The lead-ends which have a similar number of bells in progression Mr. Baker terms 'interlocking' lead-ends.

All methods having 'regular' (or Plain Bob) lead-ends, it follows that regular progression will pertain to the lead-ends of any method as typified by the progressions found in Plain Bob; and it should vary according to which of the Plain Bob lead-ends is the first lead-end of the method.

It seems to amount to this: In Bob Minor, second's place at the lead-end produces 135264, and, in Major, 13527486; the second leads are commenced from these rows, and the Major is in progression of 231 (when compared with the Minor) at this commencing row. Then if, as in London, the first lead-ends of Minor-Major are 142635 and 14263857, then the second lead commences from a row that is in progression of 312, as we have already found from our Plain Bob comparisons.

It is only reasonable to assume that the block-ends of our column (c), which are derived from the rows of the first and second leads (a) and (b), should likewise show regular progression when properly extended to the higher numbers. And, further, we assume that this progression should be governed by the Plain Bob lead-end which applies, and its 'interlocking' fellow. In short, if the first lead-end of a method is in three-bell progression, then the block-ends ought to show progression which corresponds. For instance, a method with 135... as its first lead-end should show block-end progressions of 231 and 312. Whereas a method with 15.... should show a four-bell progression of 3412 and 4321. Alternatively, a method with 14.... should, presumably, show 312 and 231.

If we produce the round block transpositions of Bob Minor on exactly the same lines of the Bob Minimus, we shall have the following comparisons. The progressions are obtained as before:—

Bob Minimus	Bob Minor.	Progressions.
with '56' added.	(c)	
1342-56	135264	231
4213-56	421635	312
4132-56	513264	231
2314-56	261435	312
etc.	etc.	etc.

If these comparisons are continued in the corresponding rows of the second half of the lead, the progressions will be found to be 231 and 312 alternately, all through.

Apparent facts may be summarised thus:—

1. That it is incontrovertible that a plain course contains these round blocks.
2. That the blocks between the rows of the first and second leads are typical of the whole.
3. That the rows of the second lead are responsible for the block-ends of our column (c), which are merely transposed from rounds for comparison purposes.
4. That the second lead of an extension of a regular method commences from a lead-head which is in certain progression.
5. Therefore the rows in this lead are in like progression.
6. If, in properly extending a method, we are compelled to aim at a given lead-end (or, in other words, are compelled to put the bells into certain progression), we should, reasonably, also be compelled to aim at block-ends, as shown in column (c), which will conform to this rule.

Unfortunately, it is practically a general rule that the obvious is the most likely to be overlooked, and we cannot see these things for ourselves. It is the full realisation of this that compels diffidence, and for this very reason I avoid trying to be dogmatic. But until a very able and concise writer points out to the Exercise an obvious fallacy in this apparent truth, I must confess that I shall view askance an extension that does not produce a natural progression within every block which goes to make the first lead.

We should be shown in a clear and simple manner if this is wrong. When we get down to 'brass tacks,' most of the mathematical laws which govern method construction may be construed into simple positions of plain fact.

It will not be sufficient in that we are told baldly that the facts are all wrong, or in that we are given figures to bolster another theory. Mr. Baker has propounded a theory which he claims may generally be applied, and he has consistently advocated it. No doubt he has facts and arguments, hitherto unpublished, in its support, but for the moment the foregoing will serve. It seems to be a reasonable contention even in the form which is here shown, but whether it is contested rightly or not, I may not say.

In any case, it is worth consideration by those who are competent to judge. It should be taken on its merits, or demerits, and (if necessary) exploded once and for all.

And the explosion should be plain for all to see, and understand.

'SUPERLATIVE' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents, Mr. B. Sharp, 'A Plain Ringer' and 'Owen Kay,' are not likely to receive satisfactory replies to their enquiries from the Rev. H. L. James for this simple reason:—

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By continuing the 'Superlative' Major place-making this Royal can be extended as a SINGLE method, as shown by me in 'The Ringing World' of July 30th, 1926; but if it is desired to make a DOUBLE method of the figures here given, all that is necessary to accomplish this is to make 7th's place to balance the 4th's place in the third section, and then reverse the previous place-making.

The result will be, as I also pointed out on July 30th, 1926, a Double Surprise Royal method, which is irregular except for three lead-heads, and this method is 'Superlative' Royal.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

HELP FOR AN AGED COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Keeble, of Romford, desire to express their sincere thanks to the members of the Essex Association who responded to the appeal on their behalf. The amount received was £18 12s. 6d.

Mr. Keeble was one of the founders of the Essex Association, and in those early days did a great deal of teaching among beginners. Mr. Keeble is 81, and his wife will reach that age on the 24th of this month. Unfortunately Mr. Keeble has been in declining health for nearly two years, and an accident to Mrs. Keeble has necessitated their daughter going home to look after them. Mr. Keeble has been a member of the 'United Patriots' Friendly Society for 62 years, but in this organisation sickness benefits cease at the age of 70. Mr. and Mrs. Keeble are therefore dependent entirely upon small pensions, and there are, doubtless, ringers outside the Essex Association, especially those who knew Mr. Keeble at the Central Council meetings for many years, who would like to send their contributions to the fund to help these old people in the evening of their days. Remittances should be sent to the general secretary of the Essex Association, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Friday evening, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: Miss E. Mathews (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wignmore 2, Miss D. Futter 3, J. Hazell 4, Miss S. Davis 5, R. Rex 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, Miss E. Davis 8. Weekly practice Friday 7.30 p.m.; visitors welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Holden 1, S. Greenfield 2, C. Smart (conductor) 3, J. Netley 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, P. H. Doick 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. J. Netley, of Arundel.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Piran, on Sunday, August 12th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Miss D. Mannell (first 720 in the method) 1, A. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, F. I. Hairs 4, H. Bennett 5, F. Bennett (Brighton) (conductor) 6.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.—For morning service at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, August 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Bramham 1, E. Chamberlin (conductor) 2, C. Bell 3, F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) 4, A. Gil 5, C. Walsh 6.

PORTMADOC.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Ed. Humphreys 1, R. McMillan 2, J. Vaughan Humphreys 3, John Owen (conductor) 4, H. McMillan 5, R. A. Brookes 6, Pierce Roberts 7, G. Humphreys 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 6th. Rang as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman 1, W. V. Webb 2, E. J. Bakcombe (Covebury) 3, A. H. Webb (conductor) 4, J. Dearlove (Brighton) 5, R. G. Rice 6, G. C. Rice (London) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 5th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. H. Walder 1, H. Tomsett 2, H. J. Gravett 3, G. Lucas 4, G. Tomsett (conductor) 5, J. Parsons 6, T. Stringer 7, G. F. Gaston 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 1, J. King 2, G. Clapham 3, C. R. Belton (Barwell) 4, G. Ette 5, J. R. Main 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, G. Basford 8.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, July 29th, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, J. Lee 2, W. Bennett 3, J. Johnson 4, H. Martin 5, H. Philips (first 720 as conductor) 6.

—CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, June 10th, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 7, 6 and 8 covering: M. Feltham 1, T. E. Francis 2, A. H. T. Parker (conductor) 3, S. James 4, G. Marshall 5, G. H. Perry 6, J. Hedges 7, B. J. Wyatt 8. This is the first quarter-peal by a band of all service ringers at this church, also the first quarter-peal for the ringers of 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and the first quarter for A. H. T. Parker as conductor.

WHITWICK'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The tercentenary of the four oldest bells at Whitwick, Leicestershire, has just been celebrated. Two peals have been rung—Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples—and on Sunday, July 29th, special services took place. Throughout the day these were well attended, and the preachers were, in the morning the Vicar, and in the evening the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley).

Special touches were rung before the services, the conductors being Messrs. J. Ranson, S. W. West and Walter Fern.

The collections were for the bell fund, the bells having recently been overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Thursday, August 8th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Daniells 1, R. G. Townsend 2, E. L. Box 3, N. Allnatt 4, W. W. T. Daniells 5, J. Berry 6, J. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. A. Bullock 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 30th; 'Coffee Pot' on the 21st for handbell practice; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. St. Michael's, Cornhill, is closed for three weeks; no ringing there on the 19th or 21st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Rd., Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Finchley to-morrow, Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill on August 28th is postponed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after in the Schoolroom. Parish Church bells (8) available after tea.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, August 18th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, nr. Cheadle, before August 15th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, the 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Secretary, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at Barton-under-Needwood (8 bells) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells open 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from New Street Motor Park, also trains to Barton and Walton. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Easthampstead (nr. Bracknell) on Saturday, August 18th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 6.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipston on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available at Kirkby from 4 p.m. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd, please.—F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantill Road, Blackburn, not later than August 22nd?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harrington (6) on Saturday, August 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, August 21st?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, August 25th. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AND BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Ossett and Horbury on Saturday, 25th August. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Tuesday, 21st August.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarians, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 21st inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Association and the above association have agreed to hold a joint meeting at Ossett on Saturday, August 25th. It is hoped all our members who are able will attend. See separate advertisement. The shield contest is to be held at Penistone on Saturday, September 8th, under same rules as last year. All towers are requested to enter at once, 6s. each, to be paid to secretary. All applications for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening. All those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, by August 28th.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. The address will be given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. All those intending to be present must notify me by August 28th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter's on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

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