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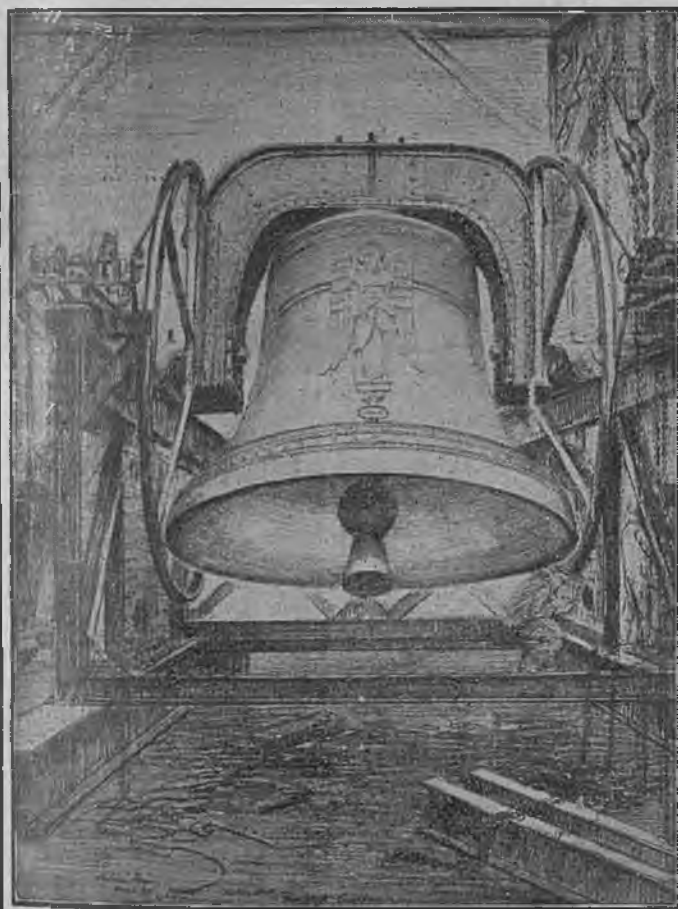
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Many association officials must have rubbed their eyes in astonishment when they read last week that the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association have made success upon a membership subscription of one shilling each, and wondered how it is done. It says a good deal for the management of the Bath and Wells Association that they have not only paid their way, but have accumulated sufficient funds to be able to contemplate offering further inducements to unaffiliated bands to join. The position of the association is such that an annual surplus is assured and the committee's chief concern at present is how these available funds can best be spent in the interests of ringing.

It is refreshing to find an association ready to spend its surplus in this way. Some organisations go on accumulating a balance and look upon the piling up of a big reserve as good policy. Others, of course, are not in this happy position, but while we agree that it is sound finance not to spend to the last halfpenny, ringing associations are not exactly on the same footing as business concerns, which have to be prepared for trade fluctuations, to meet risks and to shoulder responsibilities. Ringers support their associations with their subscriptions in order that the art and the objects for which the organisations exist may be furthered, and it cannot be said that the hoarding of funds, for the sake of hoarding, helps this in any way. A balance sufficient to cover a year's liabilities ought to be enough to secure the financial stability of any ringing association, and anything beyond that would be well spent in promoting the art.

We are quite sure that much more might be done than is already done by many associations by way of instruction, not merely in the rudiments of ringing, but in helping those who already have some knowledge of it to acquire still more. There might, too, be more encouragement given to young ringers to attend meetings. Many of them can ill afford to travel a distance and meet the other incidental expenses of a meeting and funds might often be usefully employed in this direction. Some associations already pay part railway fares, and this has proved a considerable inducement to ringers of limited means to support meetings which they would not otherwise attend. The encouragement of restoration work by grants to bell funds is another direction in which some associations might do more.

In these and other ways, surplus funds could be well 'invested,' and the results would probably be more beneficial than even the reduction of the amount of the annual

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subscription. The funds of ringing associations are meant to be used, yet there are societies that are content to add year by year to their funds but show no initiative in using them to further the interests either of ringing or ringers beyond the limits necessary to keep the organisation together. Money judiciously spent is always a good investment, and ringing associations, like other bodies, would find their return in increased progress.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, July 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

GRANTA VARIATION.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble	* ADAM DEAS 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 8
* JOHN ANDERSON 3	* HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
* WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	RICHARD THOMPSON 11
* ROBERT S. ANDERSON 6	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus in the Granta Variation.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	* C. FERGUSON HOWITT 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	* PERCY HARRISON 9
COLIN HARRISON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 10
E. HARRY STONELEY 5	HAROLD J. POOLE 11
* C. ALAN HEWITT 6	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First twelve-bell peal. Quickest peal on these twelve bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. H. Jenney (son of the 8th ringer) to Miss L. Maddocks, which took place at St. Michael's, Belgrave, on this date.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEDMAN WHITE Treble	* EDWARD T. SNELLER 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD JUN. 8
HENRY BENNETT 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD JUN.

* First peal of Caters. F. White's 100th peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 6
JOHN PRICE 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	WILLIAM GREEN 8
SAMUEL BAKER 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the late Lady Ednam, who was killed in the air crash at Meopham, Kent, on the preceding Monday.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	CHARLES WEBB 6
*HENRY H. FEARN 2	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	ALBERT H. WARD 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5	JAMES BETTERTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. FRENCH Treble	†NORMAN W. GENNA 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 8
*FRANK G. RINGE 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF S.S. BARTHOLOMEW AND CHRISTOPHER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	RAYMOND F. OVERY 6
ALFRED B. PECK 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
W. H. L. BOCKINGHAM 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
HERBERT LANGDON 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD LAWSON Treble	ARTHUR HARTLEY 5
ADAM BLOGG 2	FRED RIGBY 6
JACK CHARNOCK 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
HERMON NELSON 4	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

Rung in celebration of the centenary of the church.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, WESTMORLAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST BURNETT Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TEBAY 6
ALFRED COATS 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
HARRY TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal on these bells, which, with the exception of the 7th, were cast in 1877. The 7th bears date 1749. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th were elected members previous to starting. This church is not dedicated to any saint, but it is often called after the first Christian martyr.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 14, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK R. COOMBS Treble	EDGAR BENNETT 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	WILLIAM H. THORNE 6
JACK JUDGE 3	CYRIL BENNETT 7
RICHARD A. POST 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sincere respect for the late Rev. A. G. R. Freeborn, a former Vicar of this parish for a great number of years, who was laid to rest on this date.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN A. D. WEBB Treble	CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	WILFRED WILSON 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	HARRY FOLKARD Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. BRO. W. H. BOCKINGHAM Z.R. Treble	BRO. WM. G. WHITEHEAD 5
W. BRO. WILLIAM HODGETTS 2	BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
BRO. HENRY HODGETTS 3	BRO. ERNEST BRETT 7
BRO. WILLIAM NASH 4	ERNEST HOOKHAM Tenor

Conducted by BRO. S. H. GREEN.

With the exception of the ringer of the tenor, who most kindly and efficiently filled the vacancy at a few minutes' notice, all are Master Masons who had assembled in the hope of scoring a Masonic peal in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc., laying the foundation stone of the new senior girls' school in connection with the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TEBAY 6
*CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON 3	IVOR J. HEAP 7
ROBERT RICHARDSON 4	STANLEY EDMONDSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	CECIL NICE 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Monday, June 23rd, for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 1,056 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, J. Mason 2, R. W. Pye 3, S. Pye 4, E. Mingay 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Kerble (conductor) 7, F. Fludder 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... Treble	P. INSP. WM. BOTTRILL ... 5
P.C. THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2	P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First Surprise peal.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 9.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 5
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 2	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3	JOHN CURTIS ... 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	HARRY KIRBY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. Kirby for standing in the peal at the last moment.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, July 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE,
PUDBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE, YORKSHIRE, PETERBOROUGH, NORFOLK,
BRISTOL, & NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains 1,600 London, 960 Rutland, 480 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Peterborough, 320 Norfolk, 160 Bristol and 160 New Gloucester, these being the greatest number of methods yet rung in one peal of Major. First spliced peal on the bells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	CHARLES H. SONE ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 3	BENJAMIN J. BAKER ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A birthday peal for Mrs. T. E. Sone. 50th peal of Major as conductor.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
†HARRY BOSWELL ... 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	ALFRED FALLON ... 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 4	JAMES SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member of the above society previous to starting. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Cooper.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

PETER CROOK ... Treble	NORMAN BERRY ... 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
*JOSEPH SLATER ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
WILFRED J. MOSS ... 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK GREEN ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 6
FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	*JOSEPH GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK M. CRIPPS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COLMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

R. B. LAMBERT ... Treble	F. LAMBERT ... 5
W. D. ASHDOWN ... 2	E. J. LADD ... 6
*D. DIVAL ... 3	J. WREN ... 7
J. W. KNIGHT ... 4	ALBERT EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Lambert, secretary to the East Grinstead band, and secretary to the East Grinstead and District Guild.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

ALBERT H. SMITH ... Treble	ALBERT J. W. BIRD ... 5
*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOVE 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
MISS DOROTHY R. FUTTER 4	SAMUEL QUINTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal with a bob bell. Also a birthday peal for Miss Hazell. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a thanksgiving to mark the clearing of a £750 debt.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GILES CHAPMAN ... Treble	WALTER BINGHAM ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	MAURICE E. WILSON ... 6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3	SYDNEY F. PALMER ... 7
ALFRED G. WALLACE ... 4	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Rung for the festival of St. James. First peal on the bells, restored recently by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. First peal by Mr. Giles Chapman, of Tideswell. First peal in the method and first peal for 25 years by Mr. G. H. Paulson, of Darley Dale. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards, to the local company and to the ladies for the kindly welcome which they received, and for the generous hospitality provided after the peal.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D. flat

G. RONALD EDWARDS... ..Treble	JOHN COOKE... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES... .. 6
PETER LAFLIN... .. 3	JAMES F. SMITH... .. 7
LESTER L. GRAY... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Major on these, the back eight of the ten, since they were rehung.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER F. JUDGE... ..Treble	RICHARD A. POST... .. 5
FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS... .. 2	WILLIAM HUTTON... .. 6
EDMUND A. PASSAM... .. 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS... .. 7
WILLIAM STONE... .. 4	*ARCHIE DAVIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MISS KITTY WILLERS... ..Treble	SIDNEY J. COLMAN... .. 5
MISS DORIS CLARKE... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP... .. 6
GEORGE L. PERKINS... .. 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS... .. 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON... ..Tenor

Composed by the late DAN PRENTICE.

Conducted by ALFRED G. RIVERS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wilfred Ibbett, of Eynesbury, and Miss Catherine Fields, of St. Neots.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL NICE... ..Treble	GEORGE ELLIS... .. 4
ROBERT SWIFT... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILFRED T. GOUGH... ..Treble	JOHN J. PRICE... .. 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS... .. 2	*WILLIAM R. NASH... .. 5
ALBERT E. JONES... .. 3	FRANCIS EVANS... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. Irving Watson, Vicar of the above church.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE... .. 2	CYRIL TANSSELL... .. 5
FRED HAWKES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER... ..Treble	GEORGE CRAWLEY... .. 4
ALBERT THOMAS... .. 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN... .. 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BRASSINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

ST. ALBAN'S RINGING GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7th, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT ST. MARGARET'S MISSION HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different compositions of 720, containing 165 Bobs and 36 Singles.

SISTER ANGELA... .. 1	SISTER VIVIAN... .. 3
SISTER MADELINE... .. 2	SISTER MARY... .. 4
CANON G. H. RIDOUT... .. 5-6	

Conducted by CANON G. H. RIDOUT.

Umpire: SISTER JOSEPHINE, who ticked off every lead end.

Rung as a farewell to the second ringer, who was just starting for furlough in England.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 10, 1930, in One Hour and Forty Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one spliced 720, ten of Pitman's 240's, and eight of Morris' 240's, all called differently.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON... .. 5-6	

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE DEANERY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN... .. 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN... .. 7-8

Composed by DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This peal was rung during the progress of a garden fete held at the Deanery by kind permission of Deun Browning to raise funds for the rehanging of Bocking bells.

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED AND MEN WHO HAVE CALLED IT 'ROUND THE CIRCLE.'

The performance at Tonbridge, where Holt's Original was rung non-conducted, as recorded in our last issue, with the inquiry as to how many times the composition has been rung in this way, and how many ringers have called it from every bell, has brought a number of replies.

Among the most interesting are the recollections of Mr. Challis F. Winney, who writes: Holt's Original was rung non-conducted for the first time on October 23rd, 1884, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and 'in hand' for the first time on March 11th, 1887. About 25 years ago it was rung by the Waterloo young 'school,' with Messrs. Wilde, Davis, Barton and Co. C. F. Winney has called it all round on tower bells and from each even pair in hand. A racy story is told of a parson who in one such peal on tower bells missed the sallie and thus struck his most correct blow. On another occasion Mr. Tanner, sen., who had lost one or two fingers from one hand, missed the sallie just before the second single, and the bell set up. The peal was put on a fortnight later, and was called by Mr. James Pettit from the tenor, and he thus 'completed the circle.' But he was not the first to do so. The week before, Mr. Charles Hounslow, of Oxford fame, finished the calling of the peal from every bell, and thus was the first person to do so. That was over fifty years ago. Our friend James Washbrook did it, and, of course, the indefatigable Alfred Pulling has done it. There may be others.

Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Brierley Hill, writes: Congratulations to the band who rang it at Tonbridge, Kent, on July 18th. It would be interesting to know if, besides being non-conducted, the peal was rung strictly silent, and no sign or motion made by any person in order to keep the ringing going and so secure the peal.

I had the pleasure of making one of a band who rang this composition under these conditions, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on November 20th, 1909. The band stood as follows: J. Timms 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, S. Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, R. Pickering 5, A. Rowley 6, T. H. Reeves 7, J. C. Adams 8. Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Godden, two well-known Birmingham ringers, acted as witnesses in the ringing chamber. The former, who has this particular method at his finger ends, checked the ringing from the figures of the peal, while the latter kept his eyes open to see that there was no sign or motion made by any member of the band.

In answer to the question, who has called this composition from all the bells, the ringer of the 3rd above did so, and I think I am correct in saying that each time he called it it was on a different peal of bells. I have also done the same, but my peals were called at the church to which I was attached as a ringer, viz., St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton, popularly known as 'The Black Country Pepperbox.' In conclusion, I may add I have also called a peal of Bob Major and Kent Major from each bell at 'The Pepperbox,' each peal a different composition.

Mr. H. J. Tucker, now of Chichester, has called the peal three times 'round the circle,' calling it from the tenor at Holy Trinity, Newington, London, on April 4th, 1885, for the Ancient Society of College Youths; at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on July 4th, 1885, for the Hertfordshire Association; and at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on December 26th, 1900, for the Essex Association. In all, he has called the peal thirty-three times.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, took part in the peal non-conducted on June 4th, 1898, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. He has called this composition three times from each working bell, twice from the treble and once from the tenor.

BECCLES RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Beccles company of ringers held their annual outing, accompanied by a few friends from neighbouring towers. The weather at the start was not very pleasant, but the 50-mile run to Lavenham took the party quite out of the rainy area. At Lavenham, the party were met by Mr. H. Symonds and his son, and some short touches were rung on the fine peal of eight. Sudbury was the next place, and after lunch the visitors were met by Mr. A. Scott, who took them to St. Peter's and to St. Gregory's Churches for more ringing. Unfortunately the grand peal at All Saints' Church could not be rung owing to the recent fall of a beam in the tower, but it is hoped that the bells will soon be restored to good going order. Then came tea, and after this a short run to Long Melford, where the local company met them, and the bells were kept going until it was time to start on the long journey home, which was reached about midnight, and everyone agreed that this was one of the best outings yet held. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain, Sledman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and a course of Cambridge Major at Sudbury with the help of some of the local band. The best thanks of the company are tendered to Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, Mr. A. Scott, of Sudbury, and Mr. Ambrose, of Long Melford, for their kind assistance in making the arrangements, which made this day such a success, and to the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llantwit Major on Saturday last, and proved a most successful and pleasant one. The Vicar, Rev. Canon David, heartily welcomed the members on arrival. The bells, a ring of six, by Mears and Stainbank, were raised early in the afternoon and rung in various methods. Service was held in the fine old Parish Church, the Canon officiating, and his address being much enjoyed.

Tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was followed by the business meeting, Canon David kindly taking the chair.

Before reading the minutes of the previous meeting, the Hon. Secretary asked all present to stand as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. George Martin, of Bedwas, who met with a fatal accident the day following the last meeting at which Mr. Martin attended.

Instructors' reports and various matters were discussed, including the election of the whole of the whole of the Llanarth ringers, who wished to join the association. Instruction is being given at that tower by Mr. Clift, of Usk. The whole of the Llantwit ringers also rejoined.

The circular letter received from the hon. secretary of the Central Council was read in regard to the proposal of including in the rules of the association that it be affiliated to the Central Council and loyally abide by the Council's rules and decisions. The general feeling was in favour of such a rule, but the final decision will be made at the next annual meeting to be held on December 26th.

The next meeting will be held at Caerleon, with Trevelin as an alternative.

The best thanks were given Canon David for his great interest in the bells, his ringers and his exceptional kindness and hospitality.

The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AND GUILDFORD GUILD MEET.

A most successful and enjoyable joint meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) and Surrey Association (North-Western District) was held at Rammore Common on Saturday. Although the weather was very unsettled, a good muster, numbering well over forty ringers, attended at this delightful spot and enjoyed ringing on the grand peal of eight bells, which were set going soon after three o'clock to call changes and Grandsire Triples for the beginners and progressed, as more ringers arrived, to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, the striking being all that could be desired. The Rector (Rev. G. F. Heslop) conducted a short service, Mr. F. E. Darby kindly filling a gap at the last moment by playing the organ. Tea followed, presided over by the Rector, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, though it was noticed that those on the open-air table cast anxious glances at the sky between mouthfuls of bread and butter and cake.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to Mr. Darby for playing the organ. The Rector suitably replied, and ringing was then continued until nine o'clock and brought to a close another very enjoyable joint meeting between these two associations.

THE FIRST PEAL AT TIDESWELL.

The first peal has now been rung on the fine peal of bells recently restored at the glorious Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Tideswell, Derbyshire, well named the Cathedral of the Peak, a photo and description of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' some little time since. It was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to the genial and enthusiastic Vicar (the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards) and the locals generally that one of their number, Mr. Giles Chapman, who has had very little experience of eight-bell ringing, was able to ring the treble through the peal. The peal followed a largely attended wedding, and was listened to with interest by scores of visitors to this historic spot. At its conclusion, the Vicar and several of the locals ascended to the ringing chamber to tender their congratulations, and on reaching the church again the band signed their names in the visitors' book with a note to the effect that they had just completed the first peal on the bells. An interesting signature on the same page was that of Mr. Geo. Bernard Shaw, who had, however, signed before the ringing took place.

A substantial tea was provided by the Vicar and a number of ladies, who very kindly attended to the wants of the band. The Vicar announced that he intended to put up a board recording the peal in the ringing chamber, and suggested that it should be unveiled on the last Saturday in September, when it was hoped to hold a Peak District meeting there. The only regret was the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright, vice-president of the M.C.A., who was prevented by indisposition from ringing, and whose genial presence and racy anecdotes at the tea were greatly missed.

The band would like to thank, too, Mr. Chapman, one of the wardens, who took them round the church and explained its many beauties and items of interest.

The ringers came from the following towers: G. Chapman, Tideswell; G. H. Paulson, Darley Dale; Miss Foulk, Duffield; A. G. Wallace, Bakewell; W. Bingham, Dore; M. E. Wilson and S. F. Palmer, Sheffield Cathedral; J. E. Lewis Cockey, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DERBY DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Derby District was held at West Hallam on Saturday. About twenty members and friends attended, and good use was made of this light ring of eight bells. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the mastership of Mr. E. H. Clarke.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome and expressed his willingness to become an honorary member. Afterwards, he showed a party of visitors round the beautiful grounds of the Rectory.

After the tea the business meeting was held, Mr. W. Wallace being voted to the chair (in the absence of Mr. H. Fletcher, vice-chairman). Two new honorary members were elected, viz., the Rev. G. H. Hartley, Vicar of St. James', Derby, and the Rev. W. Ratcliffe, Rector of West Hallam. Mr. Percy H. Tate was elected to act as Ringing Master at the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Belper.

BURTON DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting was held on Saturday, July 12th, at Barton-under-Needwood. There was a fair attendance, including representatives from Burton, Barton, Repton, Overseal, Uttoxeter, Melbourne and Rolleston. The usual business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. T. Meredith being elected chairman.

After discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hanbury on Saturday, August 16th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc., were successfully brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the Western Division took place at Flamstead, on Saturday, when ringers were present from Apsley End, Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, St. Albans, Linslade, Berkhamstead, Redbourn, Tring, Dunstable and the local company. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who also presided at the organ.

At the meeting which was held at the Vicarage, the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Clare) welcomed the ringers, who, later, by great applause, elected him an honorary member. Eight of the young band were also elected ringing members.

After the meeting, more ringing took place, everyone being well pleased with the tone and go of this fine peal of six.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, July 19th, at Lewisham, there being rather a sparse attendance, but some good work was done, the bells being kept going from 3.30 to 8.30 under the direction of Mr. Mance, Master. Mr. Herbert (secretary) was away in the Isle of Wight, Mr. Mackrill kindly filling the office pro tem.

A feature of the meeting was the fact that, although only 15 or 16 attended, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, so it is supposed that most of the ringers were 'highbrows.'

There were no outstanding points in the business meeting, and the usual routine was quickly got over.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Warnett (steeplekeeper) and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

DUNSTABLE RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Dunstable Priory Church ringers took place on Saturday, July 12th, when they were accompanied by the Rector, Rev. G. C. Rolfe. Leaving Dunstable at 8.15 a.m., the first part of the run was to Bicester, just over thirty miles away. Ringing on the peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was enjoyed, and then the journey was continued to Kidlington, where, after an inspection of the fine old church, the belfry was visited, and touches rung. A move was made to Oxford for dinner, and this was an event which will long be remembered by all the party. The dinner had been arranged by the Rector at his old college (Worcester), and the privilege of using the fine dining hall was much appreciated. The majority of the party spent the afternoon in the lovely grounds around the college, but six of the more energetic visited St. Giles' and New College to ring with members of the Oxford Guild who were in the city for their annual festival. The party met again for tea, and on the homeward journey rang at Thorne and Haddenham. At Aylesbury, a social hour was spent, and Dunstable reached at 11 p.m., all agreeing that a more enjoyable day could not be spent. A noteworthy feature of the outing was that every tower visited was reached dead on scheduled time. The methods in which the ringers took part during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Boh, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and Stedman Caters, with rounds for the two juniors. The best thanks of the party are extended to the clergy for their permission to ring, and local ringers who at each tower met the visitors.

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Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

From a preliminary notice elsewhere, our readers will perceive that the restored octave at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Monday, August 25th. It is hoped that ringing friends who are visiting the West at that time will endeavour to be present.

The heavy ring of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) at St. Stephen's Church, Elswick, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are undergoing a comprehensive scheme of rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also restoring the ring of eight at Earls Colne, Essex, and rehanging the peal of six at Illogan, Cornwall.

The bells at East Grinstead, Sussex, are temporarily out of commission on account of repairs to the tower.

Another peal of Bob Minor has been rung on handbells at Johannesburg by Canon G. H. Ridout and four sisters of St. Margaret's Mission House. A few months ago we recorded their first peal, and now they have added a second one, rung prior to the departure of one of the sisters for furlough in England.

By the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, has now called peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman on these bells.

Some of the 'old 'uns' of the Worcestershire Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples last week. All were over 60 years of age, all have rung over 100 peals, and all are either past or present officers of the association—but the details of the peal have not yet come to hand.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Martin's Church, Eynsford, on Saturday, when some thirty members attended. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. H. Groves, who gave an interesting and somewhat unusually presented address.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding. The members congratulated those present who had taken part in the non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's original) on a splendid performance.

One new member was elected, and the election of two ringers previous to peals was confirmed.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, was selected for the annual district meeting in October.

Mr. F. W. Richardson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; also to the organist for his services.—This was carried unanimously.

The members then heard with interest of proposed improvements to the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley.

At the close of the meeting, the members returned to the tower for further ringing, finally dispersing at 8.30 p.m., after a successful gathering.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A FINE PEAL AT HASELBECH.

DAUGHTER'S GENEROUS GIFT IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER.

Haselbeck, a tiny parish with a total population of about 120 souls, situated in some of the most celebrated Northamptonshire hunting country, has been unknown in the past to ringers, or, indeed, to any but a very limited world. It is, however, now likely to claim attention in the future from the fact that there has just been installed in its grey old tower a ring of eight bells, which should prove not only the pride of the village but a joy to Northamptonshire ringers and any others who may seek out this old-world spot. Haselbeck has a more famous neighbour in Naseby, where Cavaliers and Roundheads clashed during the turmoil of the Civil War, but in recent years, at any rate, it has been fortunate in having in its midst a family whose desire has been to promote its wellbeing. About twenty-one years ago Haselbeck Hall, which the church adjoins, was taken by Mr. Charles Bower Ismay, a member of the firm who built up the fame and fortune of the White Star Line. Mr. Ismay died in 1924, leaving a widow and an only child, Miss Florence Delaplaine Ismay, who have continued to reside at the Hall. Mrs. Ismay has been the 'fairy godmother' of Haselbeck, 'Miss Del' has been the idol of the villagers. On Monday of last week

bells. These have been saved by the use of a specially designed headstock, by which the canons are enclosed in a kind of circular box and the bell held to the stock by bolts which pass right through to the top of the casing. One of the difficulties of rehanging old bells without sacrificing the canons has thus been effectively overcome.

Owing to the confined space of the tower, which on the inside is little more than ten feet square, the bells are hung in two tiers, the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenor being in the bottom frame, with the treble, second, third and sixth mounted over them. The frame itself is of iron carried on steel girders, which are secured at their ends into the walls. In this way the tower has been reinforced, and the thrust of the swinging bells is counteracted by a strong and extremely rigid structure. The bell frame and clock chamber have both been lowered, and, as the ringing takes place on the ground floor, rope guides have been fixed, while the sound of the three small bells can be accurately regulated to suit the ringers by the provision of sound pipes fitted with adjustable dampers. Glass shields in the louvres help to regulate the sound of the bells outside the tower, and both inside and out they can be evenly heard. All the fittings are, of course, new, and of the most modern type, and the bells, being in ball bearings, run perfectly. A new chiming apparatus has



THE PICTURESQUE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HASELBECH.

the bonny girl whom they have seen grow up to womanhood 'came of age,' and the whole countryside spent a day of rejoicing and celebration. There were presentations of birthday gifts, commemorative tree planting, tea for the parishioners, sports, entertainments and supper for nearly 500 people from the two villages of Haselbeck and Naseby. But the chief event of a memorable day was the dedication of the new bells with which Miss Ismay has endowed the church as a memorial to her father.

THE NEW BELLS.

Hitherto the church has possessed four bells, cast in 1621 by Hugh Watts, of Leicester. Of these Nos. 2 and 3 were bells of excellent quality, and they have been retained in the new peal. No. 2 has been left untouched, and the rest of the peal have been based upon it. No. 3 had only to be slightly tuned, and the two are incorporated as Nos. 4 and 5 of the octave. The new tenor is 15 cwt. in F sharp, and the peal is a very fine one, reflecting the greatest credit on the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have performed their work with characteristic skill. The balancing of the clappers has been particularly well done, and it is impossible to distinguish the old from the new bells. Moreover, the firm have surmounted, in a very efficient way, the obstacle of the canons, so that there has been no mutilation of the two 300-year-old

been installed and Haselbeck is now one of the most inviting places that a ringer could wish to visit.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—

- 1.—Diameter, 26in. 'We praise Thee, O God.' Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.
- 2.—Diameter, 27in. 'My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord.' Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
- 3.—Diameter, 28½in. 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.' Weight, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.
- 4.—Diameter, 29in. 'John Walpole, Thomas Ireland, Churchwardens, 1621.' Weight, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
- 5.—Diameter, 31in. 'Cvm sono si non vis venire nunquam ad preces cupies ire, 1621.' Weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
- 6.—Diameter, 34½in. 'Glory be to God Most High, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.' Weight, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.
- 7.—Diameter, 33½in. 'The two bells dated 1621 were tuned and six bells added by Florence Delaplaine Ismay, July 21st, 1930.' Weight, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
- 8.—Diameter, 43½in. 'To the glory of God and in memory of Charles Bower Ismay. The gift of his only child, Florence Delaplaine Ismay, 1930. Rev. George Ernest Jackson, Rector; Matilda Constance Ismay and Alexander Moore, Churchwardens.' Weight, 15 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.

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The treble and tenor of the old four bells, which were indifferent in tone, have been preserved in the church as interesting relics. Their inscriptions are:—

No. 1.—'George Bagshawe, Parson, 1621.'

No. 4.—'IH'S. Nazareuus Rex. Ivdeorvm Fili. Dei Misere. Mei 1621.'

THE DEDICATION.

There was a notable gathering for the dedication, which was performed by the Dean of Windsor (Dr. Arthur Baillie, C.V.O.), the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Jackson).

During the singing of the psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me,' the Dean, clergy, churchwardens and choir walked to the belfry, and the churchwardens took the rope of the new tenor bell, handed it to the Dean, and requested him to dedicate the bells. The Dean received the rope with the words: 'I solemnly set apart and dedicate these bells to the glory of God and to the use of this church, in memory of Charles Bower Ismay, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses.'

Having delivered the rope to the Rector, with the command to 'take heed that they be ever and only used to His service and for His glory,' Dr. Baillie offered prayer for those whom the bells should summon to worship, for those 'plighted in Christian faith and love' for whom the bells should ring, for the sick that the bells might be to them a reminder of the prayers of the church for the absent, and finally for the ringers of the bells.

Then the Rector chimed the treble bell, and a plain course of Sledman Triples was rung by a band of ringers of the Peterborough

to the fact that social things may change, politics may change, our whole position may be changed, but one thing is safe—men will go on finding life in God through Jesus Christ. And so long as they do that, so long will they value the place which is set apart for them to come and exercise their fellowship with God. May God therefore bless this gift to you; may it be a beginning of a time when you use more fully the great opportunities offered to you for life with God.'

As the congregation left the church, two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung on the new bells, and, later, three courses of Superlative Surprise. Those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. F. Wilford, T. R. Hensher, W. Rogers, R. G. Black (hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), C. Bird, S. J. Lawrence, W. J. Dove, T. Tebbutt, B. O. Soden, with Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was present to represent the founders, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

RINGERS' DAY.

Owing to the festivities, which, despite an almost continuous down-pour of rain, were kept up until midnight, a huge marquee providing cover for everyone, the ringing was limited, but members of the Diocesan Guild and many visitors had their opportunity on Saturday, when the bells were thrown open, and nearly 150 ringers and friends were the guests of Mrs. and Miss Ismay.

Ringling started early in the afternoon, and touches in a variety of methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the congregation filling the little church. Mr. F. Wilford read the lesson, and the Rector gave a happy address, in which he welcomed the Guild



Haselbech bells, showing the special type of headstock on the 4th and 5th, which has enabled the canons of the old bells to be preserved.

Diocesan Guild, under the supervision of the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, who had made all the arrangements for the ringing.

After the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' the Dean of Windsor delivered an address. They had just dedicated, he said, to the service of God a noble gift which had been added to their ancient church by a parishioner in memory of a parishioner. That gift would mean a great deal in the life of the village and neighbourhood. It was only one gift in the long history of the church on which generation after generation had left a mark. This reminded them of a remarkable fact, that through all the history of this country the one thing that had withstood all other changes had been the Parish Church. There had been extraordinary changes of social conditions, extraordinary political changes, and changes of opinion and outlook; things like the castle and the monastery had been swept away; yet through all the Parish Church had remained stable.

It was a tremendous thought, declared the preacher. People said lightly that the Church had lost its influence. They had said it a hundred times in centuries past. It was not true. The sort of 'floating' people who used to go to church through habit might not be going so much through habit to-day, but there were just as many people to-day who found in what the Church provided as much a source of life as ever.

'As the bells of Haselbech ring out now,' concluded the Dean, 'more richly and nobly than before, they ought always to be witness

to Haselbech in connection with the greatest occasion which had ever happened in the history of the bells of the parish. Of all the appointments of their churches, he said, perhaps those which were more closely linked with the lives of the people than any other were the bells, which marked the occasions of rejoicing and mourning in individual, parochial and national life. The bells called them all to the duty of worship, and, although in these days the faith of some people might have received some serious damage, the voice of the bells was for ever reminding them of the great truths that existed. The bells would go down from generation to generation as something which linked them together, and he hoped they would be the means of leading many to God's House who would not otherwise come.

Afterwards the large party sat down to tea in the Village Hall, whose accommodation was so much overtaxed that a number had to wait for a second sitting, and meanwhile sought to pass the time by further ringing. At the close of the tea, at which Mrs. and Miss Ismay, the Rector and Mr. C. F. Johnston were present, Mr. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bower Ismay for her great kindness in providing a sumptuous repast. In the words of one of the speakers at Monday's festivities, that also was a 'great do,' and they appreciated very much Mrs. Ismay's hospitality. They also thanked Miss Smce, who had had a great deal to do with the arrangements, and the other ladies who had looked after them. Mr.

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Wilford also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, for the service and for his address, also the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, who had presided at the organ, and the organ blower.

Mrs. Ismay said that they in Haselbeck all felt that the thanks should be the other way about. They ought to thank the ringers for coming to enable them to hear the beauty of the new bells. The ringers had given them great pleasure. They owed a great deal to those who rang the bells, she added, for if there was one sort of music in the country that an Englishman or woman learned to love, and which made their heart grow tender, it was the sound of the English church bells (applause).

Mr. C. F. Johnston, on behalf of the ringers, tendered their congratulations to the donor of the bells on her coming of age (applause). It had been the aim of all concerned in the installation of the bells to put in a peal which should be a model one for the belfry, and not only for the belfry of a village, but for a town. Great consideration and care had been taken not only to provide for the comfort of the ringers, but to study the comfort of the population who had to listen to them from outside the tower (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Johnston appealed to the ringers of the diocese to assist in forming a band of ringers for Haselbeck. In the first talk he had with the Rector, Mr. Jackson was, frankly, pessimistic as to being



THE DONOR OF THE BELLS.

Miss F. D. Ismay, with the two ancient bells which have been incorporated in the peal.

able to get the bells rung when they got them, but he had assured the Rector that when the bells were put in, ringers would spring up like mushrooms in the night (laughter), and he went on to say he was sure that Mr. Wilford and the officers of the association would see them over the first few difficult months. He had thus somewhat committed the association in advance, and he hoped they would forgive him and would do their best to help. Mr. Wilford, as they already knew, brought a band for the dedication service, and Mr. Black had arranged the very successful meeting that day. In conclusion, Mr. Johnston expressed the appreciation of himself and of the firm's staff at the happy relations which had existed between them and the Rector and churchwardens and everybody concerned during the progress of the work, and asked the company to drink the health of Miss Ismay.

This was done with rousing cheers, and Miss Ismay, in reply, said it was lovely to see so many present that day. It had been a great pleasure to her to give the bells, and they looked forward to hearing them rung.

The Rector thanked Mr. Johnston for the admirable work which had been done in the tower. He and his staff had spared no pains to perfect the work. For a number of years they in that parish had hoped against hope that they might some day have one more bell to raise their peal to five, but now their wildest hopes had been exceeded, and they were, almost miraculously, in possession of a

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SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN ELEVEN METHODS.

After several unsuccessful attempts, a peal in eleven Surprise Major methods was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Thursday, July 24th. It was hoped to ring this peal at Willesden, where the five, six and ten method peals were rung, but three attempts, in which failure came on each occasion after ringing over half the peal, were recently made at that tower, and to avoid having to postpone a further attempt until October (owing to holidays intervening), it was arranged to try for the peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Here the slower pace of the bells proved a great help, and a good peal was rung. The continuous changing of methods makes it imperative that everybody should be on the alert, and a bad trip is impossible. Mr. William Pye again proved himself a wonderful conductor, and nothing in the way of a mishap was allowed to develop.

It was the opinion of the whole of the band that this composition is much more difficult than the ten-method peal rung by them in August last, owing to the way in which the methods are spliced together. If any Surprise experts find ringing one-method peals too easy, they are advised to attempt some of Mr. Pitman's clever compositions.

We understand that that gentleman has a peal in twelve methods ready for any band wishing to go in for new records, but meantime all ringers will join in congratulating the band who rang the eleven-method peal upon adding another and still greater performance to their previous notable achievements.

THE COMPOSITION.

5,280 BY ALBERT J. PITMAN.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods. One lead each of			
36452	—	2	R	Lin	L	B	
(46253)	—		L	Pud			
(26354)	—		N	Y			
43652	—	—	N	Lin	R		
32654	—	2	R	S	R	NG	
56423	—	—	R	Pud	Pet		
46325	—	—	Pet	S	L		
25564	—	—	L	Y	L		
53462	—	—	L	C	R		
24365	—	—	L	C	L		
34562	—	—	L	C	L		

Four times repeated.

The course-ends bracketed are not actually rung, Norfolk cutting out the H. lead. Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob.

The methods are noted as follows, the figures showing number of changes: L=London 1,600, R=Rutland 960, C=Cambridge 480, S=Superlative 320, Pud=Pudsey 320, Lin=Lincolnshire 320, Y=Yorkshire 320, Pet=Peterborough 320, N=Norfolk 320, B=Bristol 160, NG=New Gloucester 160.

From the above composition peals in six to eleven methods are obtainable. A six-method peal may be had by ringing Bristol (three leads) for Peterborough, and Cambridge at every Middle lead. By substituting other methods as shown above, peals in seven to eleven methods may be obtained.

ST. NEOTS AND EYNESBURY RINGERS' WEDDING.

At St. Neots Parish Church, on Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr. Wilfred Ibbett, of Eynesbury, and Miss Catherine Fields, of St. Neots. Both are excellent ringers, and they will carry with them the best wishes of the whole Exercise in their future home at Winchester.

Miss Fields, it will be remembered, was district secretary of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association, and her untiring efforts for the good of the cause is well known to all who knew her. She was always ready to help a beginner and to take her place in service ringing. Without doubt, both will be much missed at St. Neots.

An excellent peal of Treble Bob at St. Neots, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung to mark the occasion immediately after the ceremony. After the peal, the band joined in the wedding feast. The honeymoon is being spent at Mablethorpe.

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splendid ring of eight. He had nothing but praise for the work done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had put in one of the finest peals in the county and had given them a first-class job (applause).

The ringers then returned to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in ringing touches, and the bells were lowered in peal as darkness began to settle over the countryside.

For the villagers, however, the day was not ended. Later on, there was a display of fireworks, which had been postponed from the previous Monday on account of the rain.

On Sunday afternoon a band of ringers from Northampton and Market Harborough revisited Haselbeck and rang touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major before and after a children's special service.

THE OUTING SEASON.

RINGERS EXPLORE THE COUNTRY.

This is the season of the 'annual outing,' and every week-end sees a 'general post' among ringers, who by road or rail seek out new lowers in which to exercise their skill. Below are some of the reports which have reached us, telling of happy days spent among the bells:—

AN ESSEX WELCOME.

There is, perhaps, a no more enjoyable way of spending an occasional Saturday than by invading fresh towers and ringing with new-found friends. And if it happens to be anywhere in Essex you are assured of the pleasantest possible time with the minimum of trouble. So a party of thirteen from Diss and district found out on Saturday, July 19th, when they allowed themselves to be projected into an almost foreign territory and to be persuaded to exercise themselves with the aid of strange ropes. Diss was left behind before 7 a.m., and in about a dozen miles the whole party sat on its allotted seat, discussing the day's programme and other matters. Ardleigh was reached at nine, and courses of Treble Bob and Double Norwich rung, accompanied by various volunteers by an enthusiastic organist, who may, or may not, have been the Vicar. Great Tey was reached with some difficulty, an arm of the law sadly disgracing himself. But the tower was reached more or less according to programme, and Mr. Percival, of the local band, met the wanderers. Here Treble Bob and a good touch of Plain Bob, with the young member of the local company, a complete master of the treble, was brought home. In this touch was an extreme of ages, with a gap of sixty-six years!

Braintree and lunch were the objectives, and at the Nag's Head Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) courteously met the party and gave them a hearty welcome to Braintree. It is impossible to express the gratitude of the visitors for the help given and kindness shown before and on the day by this gentleman, whom the association are very fortunate to have at the head of such a live organisation. Braintree's fine little ring impressed all who heard and rung them for the first time, while the neat belfry contrasted strongly with some they had left behind. Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung here to the satisfaction of everyone.

Coggeshall's eight were soon discovered and the church admired, as were some of the bells, but it was felt that the frame and bearings could mutually be improved. A course of Kent and one of Plain Bob seemed to suffice the demands of the most enthusiastic. A move was then made to Kelvedon. Here old friends were met in Mr. William Keeble and Mr. Elliott. It was not long before this grand peal, with its 21 cwt. tenor, was heard to advantage in Cambridge, while courses of Treble Bob and one of London, in which the baby of the party rang his first on six, were begun and ended with rounds at the appropriate place.

Mr. Keeble accompanied the party to Colchester, where Day's restaurant proved an attraction. Proceeding to Thorington, a good peal of six was found, and a far superior gentleman in the person of Mr. William J. Nevard. Following touches here, Mr. Nevard was to direct the bus to Bromley, but he soon lost himself in a cloud of dust of his own making. After an exciting chase, his car was seen in the distance crawling along to enable the chariot from Diss to catch up. Great Bromley has many interesting features. First the hats high up on the east wall of the tower, with the dates when their owners, in answer to a higher call, had no further need of them. Second, the grand toned peal of six recently rehung. Treble Bob, Plain and Cambridge were rung, the latter touch with Mr. Nevard handling the 15 cwt. tenor with wonderful ease. Handbells were produced at a neighbouring place of refreshment, and double-handed Grand sire Caters and Bob Major brought round. Mr. Nevard and his friends were left all too soon at 9 p.m., but home was then felt to be several miles off, and it was at 11.30, with the trip mileometer registering 157, that the last remaining ringer was disposed of at Diss.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, Master and members of the Essex Guild of the association, for the kindness of your welcome! N. G.

NORTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday, July 14th, the St. James' company of Norton Church, near Sheffield, had their annual outing, Skegness being the venue. Accompanied by the Vicar, churchwardens, and other churchworkers, a start was made at 6 a.m. from the Vicarage, in a 30-seater saloon coach. The first scheduled stop was at Gainsborough, where a hearty welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Round-Turner, and representatives of the ringers, was given to the visitors. The fine peal was soon going to the tune of Bob Major and touches of Grand sire, and whilst this was in progress, other members of the party were given an interesting tour of the interior. The ringing of the bells at the early hour of eight o'clock caused a lot of interest in the vicinity of the church. Resuming the journey through Louth, where so much damage was done by floods a little time ago, the beautiful spire of the Parish Church was an object of much interest. Skegness was reached about 11 a.m., after a pleasant journey, and,

after refreshment had been taken, the various attractions of the seaside were indulged in, followed by a reunion at 4 p.m. at the Savoy Hotel on the promenade, where all enjoyed a splendid tea. This 'course' being over, the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Pegg, M.A., said how pleased he was to be one of the party, and hoped that he would be present on many more events of like character.—He was supported in his remarks by Mr. E. Hunstone, senior warden, who expressed his pleasure at being able to be with them and, although eighty years of age, looked forward to future occasions, as he always considered the ringers' outing the outing of the year. Mr. Swift (warden) also made a humorous speech, and then, after a short stroll on the front, a start was made for home. Shortly after leaving Skegness a terrific rainstorm was encountered, but the party were well protected, and suffered no inconvenience. Returning via Spilsby and Dunham Bridge, Norton was reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone being delighted with the day's outing, and wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all who contributed to the pleasures of a successful day.

THROUGH PEAKLAND.

'You know our dales; you've driven by our streams on dusty days?'

Apart from the natives of the Peakland of Derbyshire, very few are acquainted with the beauties of hill and dale in that district.

The bellringers of Overseal St. Matthew's Church had heard of Peakland, and so it came about that they decided to take a day's tour to see that of which they had heard so much. Since seeing, it is their wish that I should tell 'The Ringing World' of their glorious tour in Peakland. Reach down your map then, and let us go together.

Starting from Overseal at 7 a.m., we pass via Burton-on-Trent and Tutbury to Ashbourne. How many ringers know that it was here Moore, the poet, paid tribute to 'those evening bells'? But we must get on. Leaving Ashbourne by Fenney Bentley, we are soon 'out on top' in the bleak area lying between Ashbourne and Buxton, a stern region of limestone walls and moorland. Passing on, we soon pass Newhaven House, and, reaching Parsley Hay, turn right to view 'Arborlow,' next to Stonehenge, the finest Druid circle in the land. Space will not permit a full account of this circle with its out-works, of its history, antiquity, and the rites performed there. The ringers were deeply impressed, and after having rung a 'peal' on their handbells, grudgingly took their departure via Monyash to Bakewell. It was on this part of the route that questions as to the brakes on the bus began to arise, but even these were forgotten, as will be seen later. Passing through Bakewell to Ashford, we enter the beautiful dale of Taddington. Varied scenes of woodland, stream and crag call forth the appreciation of the ringers as the bus steadily mounts up and up to Topley Pike at the head of the dale. Here a halt is made, and we decide to walk a little way down the slope, peeping cautiously over the wall on our right into the depths of Miller's Dale below. A train crawls along in the vale, like a toy on a model railway.

Our bus now takes us into beautiful Ashwood Dale, a typical Peakland ravine, with craggy sides and well wooded. Emerging from the dale, we suddenly find ourselves in Buxton, where the far-famed ceremony of 'well dressing' is seen in all its splendour. We are impressed by the architectural grandeur of the Crescent Hotel, the Devonshire Hospital and other buildings bequeathed to the town by one of the Dukes of Devonshire.

An hour quickly passes in Buxton, and, leaving it by Fairfield, after a sharp rise we find ourselves once more 'out on top' crossing Fairfield Common on our way, via Dove Holes, to Castleton. Between Plumpton and Sparrow Pit we stop to view the Ebbing and Flowing Well—a geological puzzle, for this is the region of Derbyshire's geological mysteries. On our right is Eldon Hill with its mysterious Hole, on our left is bleak Rushup Edge, and mocking us in front scowls Mam Tor. Gradually we approach the Tor, and the road winds steeply to the top of the slope on the side of the Tor. Looking out of our bus, we see a road winding down, we see a sheer drop of apparently a few hundred feet. Brakes are forgotten, and we are consoled by the fact that 'we have the bells, the parson, and the sexton with us.' Bravely the descent is made, and to those who watch there comes one of those great thrills of which there are so many in Peakland. The town of Castleton lies below, the great Peak Cavern yawns at us, and Peveril Castle, that ancient stronghold of William Peveril, looks down as if to say, 'I am ruler here,' as once it was. A whole week may easily be spent in exploring around Castleton. The Peak Cavern, Speedwell Mine, and the world-famous 'Blue John' mine are only a few of its attractions.

A good lunch at the Castle Hotel, a visit to the interesting Parish Church, and we leave, via Hope and Bradwell, for Tideswell. It is here that we inspect 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' and well it merits its title, being rich in architectural beauty.

Leaving Tideswell, we pass on to Eyam, famous in history for the bravery of its citizens in fighting a terrible plague. Read the book, 'The Brave Men of Eyam,' if you would know something of their terrible ordeal. The church and Cucklet Delph bring back to us the scenes of those terrible days, and show the matchless fortitude of its people.

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From Eyam we pass down the beautiful Middleton Dale, and, after passing through Baslow, reach Chatsworth House, one of our 'stately homes of England.' Rich in treasures of art, it stands in a beautiful setting on the banks of the sleepy Derwent, a peaceful scene after the rugged scenes around Castleton. Beeley and Rowsley are passed, and soon we come to Haddon Hall, a grand old pile now occupied by His Grace the Duke of Rutland. Its story has been often told around the romance of Dorothy Vernon.

Bakewell is reached, and a visit is paid to its magnificent church, which rears its lofty spire so as to impress all who enter the town. It holds the story of the families of Haddon, and is rich in history. We have a pull on its ring of eight bells, which, together with those of Youlgreave, form two of the finest peals for miles around. From Bakewell we retrace our way by Haddon Hall, and pass on through delightful and pretty scenery to the top of Winster Bank. Our road now lies through the wonderful Via Gellia, a richly-wooded ravine of six miles, to Cromford, the town of Arkwright's spinning days, and where his old mill still stands.

Our tour through a small part of the Peak is ended. We have left much unexplored, and pass on somewhat sadly through Derby and Burton-on-Trent to Overseal. But our tour has not been in vain, nor will have been whilst memories of it remain.

'A thing of beauty is a joy forever;

Its loveliness increases.

It can never pass into nothingness.'

And now, to other ringers who would visit the Peak District, I would offer a few suggestions. If you are lovers of beautiful scenery, historical associations, and simple grandeur, then tour the Peaklands slowly. But perhaps warning is unnecessary, for the Peaklands will not allow you to hurry through them. Obtain the aid of some old resident, and you will be shown and told more of the district and its honest, hardy folk than you could ever hope to find by exploring alone.

G. J. NOTON.

SURREY RINGERS IN BERKS AND HANTS.

Leatherhead Parish Church bellringers had their annual outing on July 19th, when, accompanied by friends from Ashted, Cobham, Dorking, Ewell and Croydon, the party, to the number of fourteen, started shortly after 7.30 a.m. The first place visited was Wargrave-on-Thames, Berks. The bells were raised, and short touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung, finishing with a course of Superlative Surprise Major. These bells are a nearly new ring of eight, taking the place of an older ring which were destroyed by fire in 1913, when much damage was done to the roof and other parts of the church. It will be remembered that this was one of the churches that the 'Suffragettes' fired during their 'Votes for women' campaign. Leaving here at 10.15, the next place of call was Thatcham, after a pleasant run along the almost level Bath Road. Here was found a ring of eight in perfect going order. These bells were only augmented from six last year, when the old ones were rehung and tuned and two trebles added, making an ideal octave, with tenor 14cwt. in F. There was a little difficulty in obtaining the belfry key here, so some time was wasted, which necessitated the curtailing of ringing to very short touches of Bob Major and Double Norwich, finishing with a course of London Surprise, the bells being afterwards lowered in peal. After a few minutes' run the party arrived at Newbury, where the church was much admired, it being a grand building in late Perpendicular work. The bells are a fine ring of eight (tenor 21½ cwt. in D). They were cast at the Wiltshire foundry of Aldbourne, but have recently been tuned by Mears, and are now acknowledged as one of the finest eights in Berks. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, and, in conclusion, the eight lowered in peal. After an excellent mid-day meal at the Two Brewers, Highclere, Hants, was visited next. Here was found a good light ring of eight, on which touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung. Bristol Surprise was attempted, but without success, and the bells were finally lowered in peal. The next call was at Basingstoke, but the bells at the Parish Church here were not so good or in such good going order as those tried earlier in the day. Nevertheless, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Superlative Surprise Major was tried, but failed. Farnham, the last stopping place, was reached at 6 p.m. Here the first item was tea, and, as at Newbury, there was no failure with this part of the programme. After tea, ringing was indulged in at the Parish Church on a good ring of bells in a noble tower. Bob Major, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung, but London Surprise was again unsuccessful. Afterwards an hour was spent with the Farnham ringers, and Leatherhead reached about 9.45. All agreed that they had had an excellent day, and the best thanks of the ringers are given to the various incumbents for permission to ring, and to all those who by virtue of their office helped to make the day such a success.

HASTINGS RINGERS' VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

On Saturday, July 5th, the bellringers, members of the congregation and choir of St. Clement's Church, Hastings, held their annual outing, and paid a visit to Croydon and Windsor. The party, which numbered sixty, left in motor coaches shortly after seven, the first stop being made at Sevenoaks, after which they proceeded through West Wickham to Croydon, which was reached at 10.45. Here at the Croydon Bell Foundry they were met by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, who conducted the party over the works, where they saw the new peal of 64 bells, which are being cast for the Chicago University. Mr. Johnston tapped the bells, and the tone was a delight to all. After explaining the way the bells are tuned on the five-tone principle, Mr. Hollands, on behalf of the visitors, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston and his staff. Leaving Croydon, the party arrived at Windsor at 1.15 p.m., but it was found that only two coaches had arrived, the third having been last seen at Staines. However, promptly at 1.30 the coach, containing the ringers and choir with 'The Harem King' at the front, pulled up before Windsor Castle. Here, after having partaken of lunch, the party were taken over the State apartments, St. George's Chapel, and the round tower. The party then proceeded to Guildford, which was reached at 5.45. Here tea was partaken of at Ayers' Cafe.

After tea, Mr. G. Martin, on behalf of the ringers, welcomed the choir and members of the Church Council who had combined with them and made the day so successful. He said he hoped to see them on many future occasions.

Mr. Hollands, on behalf of the Rector and wardens, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Martin for all he had done in making the success of the outing assured and for all the trouble he had gone to in making the arrangements.

Musical honours followed, after which the party were allowed an hour to view Guildford, and Hastings was reached shortly after midnight, after having made a stop at Newick at the request of many who wished to see that all were safe, including little 'Spuddy Taylor,' who fell out of the charabanc.

The ringers desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, the Vicar and secretary of the ringers of the Parish Church, Windsor, for so readily granting permission for them to ring, although, unfortunately, owing to the late arrival of the ringers at Windsor, it was impossible to take advantage of the opportunity, owing to the visit of the party to the Castle. Thanks are also given to Mr. G. Martin for all he did to make the day the best that the ringers have ever had.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a discussion going on in your columns as to whether Erith or Double Little Bob is the right name for a method. As a matter of fact, Erith only of these words is a name. The other words are descriptions, or titles of classes. Double is not the name of a method, Little is not the name of a method, and Bob is not the name of a method. If each of these descriptions is correct (a matter which I will not now go into), they might be written in brackets, after the name. Thus: Erith (Double Little Bob). Of course, it does not matter which of the four words is used for calling or other purposes; but it is clearly absurd to discuss whether anyone is entitled to give the method any of the three descriptions. That is a question of fact, not of property.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL AT KING'S NORTON.

The peal of Stedman Caters rung at King's Norton on Saturday was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George E. Fearn, also to his brother Henry, whose birthday was a few days previously. The start of the peal was delayed more than an hour through the 'eleventh' man trying to get from Derby to Birmingham via Cheltenham. This added eighty miles to his journey, and he arrived just in time to take part in his first peal at King's Norton. Everyone, however, was much relieved to see him turn up smiling. The delay, however, prevented Mr. J. Neal from taking part in the peal, and Mr. James Bitterton filled the gap and rang the tenor with characteristic precision. The band and some 'extras' adjourned after the peal to the Bull's Head for a very substantial meat tea, kindly provided by Mr. George E. Fearn, and congratulatory speeches ended a very happy evening.

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PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, H. Jennings 4, E. J. Harding, jun., 5, J. D. Harris 6, T. R. Taylor 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Abingdon, Berks.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's 'Original') in 39 mins.: J. Colby 1, C. Elliott 2 W. A. Martin 3, J. J. Lamb 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Steers 6, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 7, Arch Bennington 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Turner 1, A. W. Dunn 2, H. Amphlett 3, J. W. Smith 4, N. Leach 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, A. Reynolds 8. Longest touch for ringers of treble and fifth.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 6th, for 8 a.m. service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Gregory (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Hughes 2, H. Walker 3, A. Hickman 4, I. Clark 5, N. Chesters 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Lilycrop 1, G. Jenkins 2, T. Yeomans 3, L. H. Jenkins 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. A. Oswell 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. A. Crawley was at Tenby on a holiday, all the rest of the band are Sunday service ringers at this tower.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the Vicar (Rev. R. R. Neill) giving his farewell sermon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 39 mins.: W. J. Jeffries 1, W. A. Martin 2, J. J. Lamb 3, C. Elliot 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, R. Steer 6, F. W. Thornton 7, J. Hurrell 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Bull 1, V. Matthews 2, R. Hayden 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Springham (conductor) 5, W. Tucker 6, W. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8. For evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Harold Wacey 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. Lane 4, W. Prior 5, W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, E. Ansell 8. These quarter-peals were rung as a birthday compliment to the Master of the local company (Mr. F. Bird) and the christening of his baby son (Harold Frederick).

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Mann 1, R. Foddy 3, E. R. Brown 4, P. H. Roberts 5, A. Gutteridge 6, R. Kendall (conductor) 7, H. R. C. Mann 8. Rung with 6-8 covering. Longest length by ringers of the treble, 4th, 6th and tenor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: L. Flitton 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, E. Flitton 4, W. Hutley 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. First quarter by all the band in the method and on the bells. Rung at the first attempt. All the above are residents of the village and regular service ringers.

DEAN BATE'S KINDLY THOUGHT FOR VISITING RINGER'S.

The St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, held their first annual outing on Saturday, July 19th, when 15 members journeyed by motor coach to various parts of Suffolk. Leaving home at 8 a.m., the first call was made at Hadleigh, and although information had been received that no ringing could take place there owing to the illness of the Dean (the Very Rev. H. N. Bate), he kindly consented on the arrival of the party to allow the use of the bells, for which the visitors were most grateful. At this tower the Chelmsford company were met and were given the first offer of the ropes. At Finborough, which was next visited, the Earls Colne ringers found the peal of six in readiness, and much enjoyed their short stay there. The next call was Stowmarket, where they enjoyed some good ringing, also a capital lunch at the Gordon Dining Rooms. Proceeding to Henley, they were met by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, who joined with the visitors in several touches on the light ring of eight. The final call was made at Ipswich, where they spent a very pleasant time with the members of St. Margaret's company. The day was most successful, and the courtesy received at every church was very much appreciated. Thanks are extended to all those who kindly assisted in making the outing such an enjoyable one, especially the Dean of Hadleigh, the Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Mr. J. Souther (Stowmarket), and Mr. Cowey (Ipswich).

The bells at Earls Colne are now under repair, and there will be no ringing for a few weeks. When this work is completed, the company will be pleased to extend the same welcome to visiting ringers as was accorded to them.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on August 5th, Southwark Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. W. England.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the Preston Branch will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Totternhoe on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. The bells (6) will be available from 2.45. Eaton Bray (6) available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if required. All ringers welcome, and don't forget your methods please. Buses leave Sandiacre Square every half hour; also the Post Office, Ilkeston, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual fête and gala will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on August Bank Holiday. The bells will be open at 10 a.m. Tea can be obtained at any time on the gala ground. Good train and bus services. Cheap tickets obtainable. Roll up in hundreds.—E. A. Midwinter.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Meeting (in tower) 3.30 p.m. Tea (Chapman's Restaurant) at 4 p.m.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th, and not Wentworth, as stated in fixtures. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on August Bank Holiday at Whittlesea. The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available for ringing during the day. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Froyle on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller, Bart. Will those who wish to accept the invitation kindly notify me by Thursday, Aug. 7th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready early. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Please notify Mr. E. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Business: Election of officers of the branch. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Some subscriptions are outstanding and would be gladly received.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Orr (district president) and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Wormingford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All wishing to attend please notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 6th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Half fares up to 2s. paid. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, August 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, August 6th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—E. J. Butler, W. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Bishop of Truro proposes (n.v.) to dedicate the recast peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, Penzance, on Monday, August 25th. All ringing friends welcomed.—John Symons, Ringing Master, Buriton House, Penzance.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The hon. secretary of this district is now Mr. Arthur H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.

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