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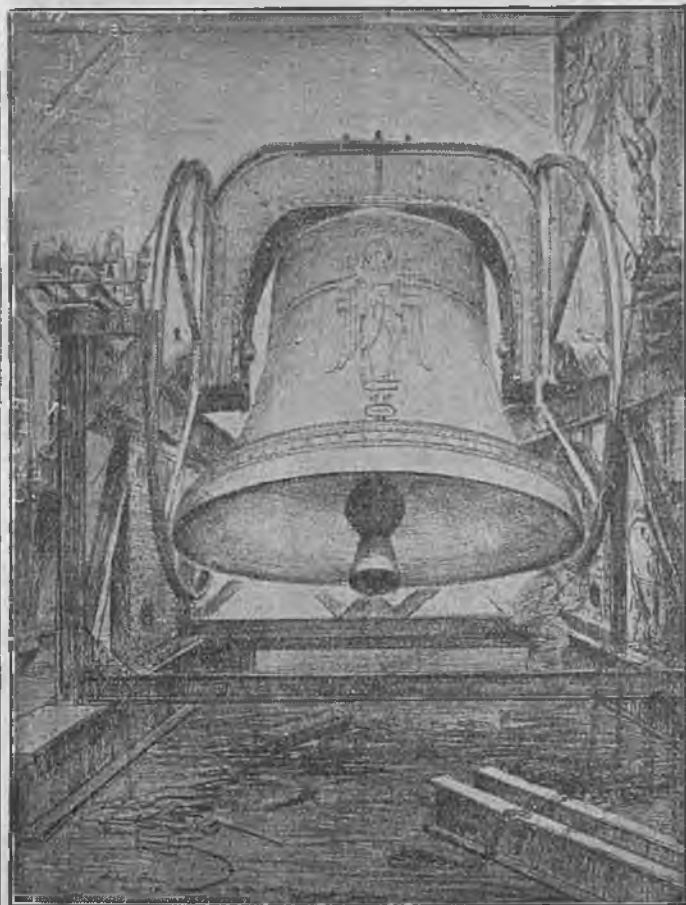
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### SURPLUS FUNDS.

We have a good deal of sympathy with the sentiments expressed in recent letters by 'Plain Bob,' on the subject of the surplus funds of the associations. There are several of the larger ringing organisations which, gradually, have built up very substantial reserves running in more than one case into hundreds of pounds, and on the present basis of income and expenditure the balances are likely to go on increasing. Prudence demands that, wherever possible, associations should have behind them a nest egg against a rainy day, and the wealthy organisations must be the envy of those of their poorer brethren, who year after year have a struggle to make ends meet. Beyond certain limits, however, there is little real object to be served in accumulating funds, and even if these fortunate associations already offer extra advantages to their members as the result of their satisfactory position, there is no reason why they should not further utilise their resources in advancing the objects for which they exist.

One of the directions in which, we think, many associations could render even greater service than they give at present is by training instructors and then sending them out to the help of other towers. It is true that a good deal of elementary instruction is already given, much of it of a voluntary nature, but it is generally limited to rudimentary change ringing and the course is usually a comparatively short one. We are quite convinced that much more might be done in this direction, particularly in extending the instruction beyond the stage of one plain method, where it so often stops. Associations that can afford it could find a wide field for useful work in this direction.

In recent years there has been a growing disposition on the part of associations to contribute to bell restoration funds, but even here there are some with substantial resources who might help even more liberally than they do. There can be no question that money spent in this direction gives valuable results, and indirectly brings gain to the association by demonstrating its practical sympathy with the preservation and improvement of bells, and providing increased facilities for ringing. Another way of utilising surplus funds is by setting up a library which, run on right lines, can be of distinctly educative value, while some of the big reserves might also be usefully employed in placing ringing books, such as the Snowdon series, and those published by the Central Council, in the hands of members at a reduced rate.

Many other ways of usefully employing accumulated cash will suggest themselves to those who think about the subject; and unquestionably there is much to say in favour of

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spending the money on the objects for which the associa-  
tions are established rather than hoarding it indefinitely;  
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keeping in reserve a sum for emergencies. The treasurer  
of one of the most successful guilds—a shrewd business  
man—holds that a balance equal to two years' average  
expenditure is ample for any ringing society, and those who  
give the matter serious thought will doubtless agree with  
him. When funds have reached this stage there is no need  
to hoard—the propagation of the art of ringing should get  
the benefit of any surplus.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 10
FRANK W. PERRINS ... .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 11
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 6
THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7
PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 5	THOMAS JOYCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. A. Hughes.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 5
* ARTHUR HUME ... .. 2	JOHN WOOD ... .. 6
PERCY GREEN ... .. 3	EDWARD KEMP ... .. 7
ERNEST RUTER ... .. 4	LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on 'inside' bell.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 4	JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of re-  
spect to the late Sir William Hart Dyke, of Lullingstone Castle, who  
was buried on the 6th, aged 94 years.

## UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Treble	FRANK CORKE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
*FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 3	†WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

## DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 2	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 2	GEORGE LADD ... .. 6
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	CHARLES CLAYDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble	†SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 6
*WILLIAM BLAKE ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
HARRY MILES ... .. 4	WILLIAM STONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

\* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to 'Bill' Stone.

## LEESFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY PLATT ... .. Treble	HARRY CORSER ... .. 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 2	VERNON SYKES ... .. 6
JAMES LEES ... .. 3	WALTER E. HOWARTH ... 7
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 4	ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 26th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes) in 61 mins.: E. Bishop 1, R. G. Townsend 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, T. Townsend 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by R. G. Townsend and T. Townsend.

## ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE CLARKE ... .. Treble	ALBERT NASH ... .. 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 6
†WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 7
ARNOLD HILL ... .. 4	HARRY MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 6
JONATHAN HONEY ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	HARRY MILES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

Mr. H. Miles has now completed 'the circle' at this tower.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST ... .. Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 5
RICHARD D. DIVAL ... .. 2	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	JOSEPH WREN ... .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

Mr. P. S. Thompson was elected a member of the association in the tower. First peal of Major on the bells since the rehanging of the two tenors by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 5
JOHN GILBERT ... .. 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who attained the age of 13 years on this date. Miss Cawthorne has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY ... 2	*ROY A. WOODWARD ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 7
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of Bristol from each bell in this tower. Great credit is due to Roy A. Woodward, who has now rung his first four peals in the four standard Surprise methods in the following order: London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

## ICKLETON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. Treble	*CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... .. 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

\* First peal in the method.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

## CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*LESLIE W. BACON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
†JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... .. 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in method. † 100th Surprise peal.

## STOWMARKET.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
*STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

\* First peal in the method. Composer's No. 126. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
*WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 6
FREDERICK R. BORRITT ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
CHARLES LOONE ... .. 4	WALTER BARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

\* First peal in the method.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## BLACKWELL.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 480 each of St. Simon's, Chase, St. Dunstan's and Old Doubles, and 720 of Bob Doubles and 2,400 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

F. OSBORNE ... .. Treble	A. SMITHSON ... .. 3
WM. PARKES ... .. 2	H. BAILEY ... .. 4
W. RILEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. SMITHSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. Smithson by an all-local band. First peal as conductor.

## EGG BUCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH WEST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with twelve different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE HARRY MYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM FRANCIS OATWAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Doubles on the bells, also first peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 have now rung Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, 1 and 4 have rung Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, while the conductor has completed calling Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. Treble	FRED HAWKES ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	*HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Green, sexton and clerk of this church, on the occasion of his 77th birthday.

## WANSTROW.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY ... .. Treble	H. J. MARSHALL ... .. 4
*HARRY SANGER ... .. 2	W. C. SHUTE ... .. 5
JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 3	ED. G. LL. COWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal of Minor.



BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES.**

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD SHACKLADY...	...Treble	*ALBERT GORMAN	... .. 4
*GEORGE SKELLAND ...	... 2	JOHN MCKEE	... .. 5
*ROBERT GUY ...	... 3	JOHN BROWN	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal. Second and third ringers hail from Sefton, the remainder being of the local band. Quickest peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**  
ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At 16, GODSTONE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

MRS. COLIN RYDER ...	... 1-2	ALBERT NASH	... .. 5-6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ...	... 3-4	*ARTHUR FIRTH	... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. NASH.  
Witness: COLIN RYDER.

\* First peal of Major on hand.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At Ramsbury, Wilts, on Saturday, July 18th, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted at the Church of the Holy Cross, but owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers the bells were called into rounds at 2,520 changes in 1 hour 30 mins.: C. J. Gardiner 1, G. Jermain (longest length) 2, E. J. Berry 3, T. A. Palmer (longest length) 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, A. E. W. Smith 6.

**CHARLWOOD AND BUCKLAND RINGERS IN KENT**

On a not too promising morning in June a happy party set off in a 'chary.' They were the Charlwood and Buckland ringers (who had wisely joined forces for the day) off for a tour of the Maidstone district of Kent. After an hour and a half's ride through winding lanes and leafy bowers, the little village of Shipbourne was reached, the bells soon being raised and set going to 'Woodbine, Cambridge, Kent and College Exercise. A move was next made to Mereworth, where the party were welcomed by one of the local ringers. This church, with its 'wedding cake' spire and huge portico, compels the traveller's attention, reminding him of Wren's city churches, only it nestles in orchards instead. After tapping out some well-struck Violet, Woodbine, London Scholars, Kent and College Exercise, the 'chary' was once again loaded, this time for Wateringbury. The interior of this tower is most peculiar, as all ringers who have rung there can testify. The fourth ringer has to stand partly up the stairs, while the 5th and 6th stand on about six inches of flooring, with a fall at their backs to the bottom of the tower, so instead of pealing the bells there were peals of laughter—peals and peals of it. However, one touch was brought round and the ringers were then welcomed by the Vicar outside. Next on the list was Yalding, but dinner first—dinner such as only Mr. 'Bert' Elliss can conceive. He and Mr. Edwards (both of Charlwood) had motored to Yalding some weeks previously and found an old friend in the landlord of the Two Brewers. These three conspirators produced between them a dinner calculated to make one's mouth water. After dinner, the tower was visited for an hour, and then on to East Farleigh. Here the Vicar is very keen on his bells, and for his benefit, and much to his admiration, they were lowered in peal at the finish of the stay. The grand embattled church of East Malling was next on the list. The touches, the party were informed, were the first change ringing heard on these bells for three years. After tea, the last tower on the list, Ightham, was visited, and here the ringing was finished very appropriately with some splendid striking of Plain Bob, Cambridge and College Exercise, etc., a local ringer taking part in the Plain Bob. The ringing throughout the day was a quite a good standard, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Bert Elliss, Edwards and Thorpe. The outing was the first the two villages have had together, and was an unqualified success. This was in no small measure due to the indefatigable Mr. Horace Edwards, who went over the ground previously, mapped the programme, and acted as guide, philosopher and friend throughout the day. The band would like to take this opportunity of thanking him and also the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to use their bells and for welcoming the visitors. Even the weather did its bit, and cleared up into a glorious summer day.

H. B. W.

**EDGBASTON RINGERS' OUTING.**

**INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE DAY.**

The ringers of Edgbaston Old Church had their outing on Saturday, July 4th. The weather at 8 a.m. gave reasonable promise of a fine day, and the party, about seventeen strong, started off in high spirits Coventrywards, on the way to that fine peal of bells at Monk's Kirby. Here some Stedman Triples and Bob Major were enjoyed before the party re-embarked for the next port of call, Hazelbeech, Northants. On the way the ringers came to the small village of Husbands Bosworth. On seeing a clerical gentleman in the road, it was decided to seek permission to sample the bells there. The aforesaid gentleman turned out to be the Rector, who readily gave the required leave. There was a ring of five, and some of the ringers rang their first 'peal' on five bells! After taking leave of the Rector, the programme was proceeded with, and Market Harborough reached about 12.45, when lunch was partaken of. Hazelbeech was ultimately reached at about three o'clock. There is a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 15 cwt, in F sharp. After an inspection of the bells themselves, it was decided to attempt a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This was accomplished in 43 minutes by: G. Pigott 1, J. F. Atkins 2, H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 5, H. Withers 6, C. Webb 7, W. Dowler 8. There were originally four old bells in this tower, but in July, 1930, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the treble and second and added four new bells, relanging and tuning the old third and fourth, and making a very satisfactory job. Proceeding to Northampton, tea was partaken of, and half an hour spent in looking round the town. The next port of call was Southam, where permission had to be obtained to ring. Fortunately, the charabanc gave a lift to some young fellows on the way, who had been left behind by their motor, and who turned out to be some of the local ringers of Southam. One good turn deserving another, the bells at Southam were soon raised and ringing out Bob Major and Stedman Triples. The homeward journey was begun via Leamington, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon, a stop at the latter place being made for refreshments, and also for the purpose of having a look round the town of Shakespeare. The real excitement of the day did not commence until the party were on their way home. In the first place, the worthy sexton lost his hat, which somehow was pushed against a window of the bus, which window happened not to be there. It should at once be explained that the head of the gentleman concerned was perfectly clear! Then, passing along Colebath Road, King's Heath, it was discovered that a barn and some other buildings had caught fire and were blazing furiously. However, there was no need for the ringers to convert themselves into firemen, as the fire brigade was soon on the scene. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the clergy and others concerned for the use of the bells, and for helping to make the outing the success it was.

W. B. C.

**CRAWLEY RINGERS IN HERTS AND BUCKS.**

On Saturday, July 4th, Crawley ringers with friends from Charlwood, Horley and Reigate, had their annual outing. Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton, and Mr. J. M. Cripps, of Shoreham, who were week-ending at Crawley, also joined the party. This year Herts and Bucks were the counties chosen, and it was also hoped to have rung in Middlesex, but the selected tower, Pinner, had to refuse owing to illness. At the last moment Watford tower, through the kindness of the Vicar, was substituted. A start was made at 7 a.m. from Crawley, and passengers were picked up en route, and the following towers visited during the day: Watford, Rickmansworth, Amersham, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Slough. The ringing throughout the day was up to a good standard, the following methods generally being rung in the eight-bell towers: Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. In the six-bell tower, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman. In the twelve-bell tower an attempt for a course of Stedman Cinques came round in some sort of fashion, but, considering that about three only had ever rung on twelve bells, it was, perhaps, excusable. However, three leads of Treble Ten and a course of London Surprise Major were successfully brought round. Rounds were also rung for others to have a pull. Dinner was taken at Rickmansworth and tea at Beaconsfield, and justice was done to both these meals. Ringing friends met the party at all towers, and gave them a good welcome. At Slough, where ringing for the day ceased at 8.45 p.m., they had the pleasure of Mr. Fussell's company. A rest from labour was then ordered, various parts of the town visited, and finally, at 10.15, the company left for home. Another successful outing was thus accomplished, and the organiser thanks all local ringers and clergy for the kindness in giving permission to ring. At Crawley, the following day, advantage was taken of the help of Mr. K. Hart and Mr. J. M. Cripps, and a good peal of Bristol was rung.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On July 19th, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 47½ mins.: F. Case 1, E. C. Lambert 2, A. N. Wood 3, T. Read 4, L. Smith 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Taylor.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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### VIII. SOCIAL LIFE.

As I have already remarked, it is pretty certain that there was in 1756 no intention of starting a new society. A number of young and energetic ringers got together for the purpose of ringing peals and escaping the domination of other people. What society the peals were booked by, or whether they were booked at all, was not a great matter to them. No doubt at first the members of the Society of Eastern Scholars considered themselves still Eastern Scholars, and the members of the Society of College Youths considered themselves still College Youths. One of the band, Thomas Bennett, rang a peal with the Cumberlands two months before the Bob Maximus at Southwark, and another a month after. Non-society and 'friendly' peals were not uncommon at the time; Annable's last peal is an example. Some of them, like the Court Bob Royal in 1801, were sufficiently interesting to be remembered, some were recorded on peal boards. But, necessarily, the majority of these performances have been forgotten, and this was likely to be the fate of the Bob Maximus, but for the extraordinary success of the new band and the genius of George Meakins as leader. As peal after peal was rung they were almost compelled to organise themselves as a separate and independent society.

Four things seem to have been usually necessary in these old societies. The first was a meeting place, the second officers, the third a peal and name book, and the fourth a set of rules. The new company did not set up a peal book till 1773, and they did without any formal rules altogether; but the other two conditions were fulfilled quite early. Their headquarters were the Barley Mow, Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (No. 9), which was very handily situated for practice at St. Bride's. It was kept (if not then, later on) by a ringer named Winstanley Richardson (Note 10). Richardson had been elected a member of the Union Scholars in 1757, and in 1765 he joined the new company. From then till 1805 he rang in many of their peals, usually on the treble.

The old society had a rule 'that no Landlord of any House where the Company or Society shall think proper to meet be admitted a Member.' This was, of course, to make sure that the dignity and independence of the society should not be encroached on.

The Junior Society was carried on with spirit and great splendour, admitting none but experienced ringers and persons of the highest respectability as honorary members or visitors, and the Society was regulated by a Master and Stewards chosen annually. The Beadle, when elected, was permanent, with certain perquisites and emoluments for his services in office, who appeared upon all great occasions in a black silk gown and gold laced hat. It was with this Society an ancient custom on the

morning of the annual feast to attend divine service (for which a Guinea was allow'd to the officiating Clergyman for his attendance) and to walk in procession from the Club house to the Church, preceded by the Beadle in full dress, carrying a Staff surmounted with a massive silver head, consisting of a silver bell, beautifully ornamented. This richly chased emblem of their fraternity had the views of three of their favourite Ringing Churches engraved upon it, and when fixed upon the staff head had a prepossessing appearance. This information was supplied by Mr. Wm. Eversfield, late of Gravesend (Note 11), who (to use his own words) said in the early part of his life he once had the honour to dine with those Gentlemen. The Festival that year was held at the Paul's Head Tavern, Cateaton Street, in the City of London—and the cause from which he so well remembered it was that 'there was not a joint of Meat upon the Table, all poultry; and the number that dined (that year) was just above 200. Tickets 15s. each' (Note 12).

The annual feast was the great event in the life of all these old societies. One of the rules of the Union Scholars runs thus:—

'On the first Monday in May Yearly and every Year the Company meet together at such Convenient time and in such place (within the City of London) as to them shall seem most proper; the Stewards to provide a Dinner, and in Order to Defray the Charges of this Dinner the Stewards shall receive of each Member Two Shillings and Six Pence; and for the better hindering of Excess it is further Order'd that the Year's forfeits be disbursed towards the Overplus, if any such be, of the Expense. The Stewards shall expend no more than any other member.'

The old Society of College Youths' rule was as follows:—

'That a general Meeting of the Society be held at least Five weeks before the Feast to take into Consideration and examine the Abilities of the Master and Stewards whether they be able and willing to bear the Expense attending such Feast; and in the Failure of one or more of the Stewards, for the remaining Master and Stewards to provide accordingly, and so judiciously that no Debt may be contracted to fall on the Society.'

All the societies had elaborately engraved dinner tickets usually of great artistic merit. There are copies of three different tickets issued by the Cumberlands, and two by the London Youths in the British Museum. The official handbook of the College Youths (1928) has reproductions of two of their tickets. One of these was issued by the Junior Society, and there are of it only two impressions extant, one in the Guildhall Library and the other in the British Museum. The latter is filled in with the particulars of the dinner of 1763. From it we learn that it was held on Monday, November 7th, at the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside. It is signed by Thos. Lowe, Master, and six stewards.

The other dinner ticket is the well known engraving by Bartolozzi, which is now used as a membership certificate. How early the custom arose of issuing certificates of membership I have no information; probably not till the latter part of the nineteenth century. The earliest dated one I have any trace of is that of the late Mr. J. R. Haworth. The date on it is August 13th, 1839, the name of the Master is Richard Mills, and the hon. secre-

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tary John Cooper. I imagine that this was not issued to Mr. Haworth till years afterwards, because Cooper was not secretary, but held the old office of beadle.

The peal book was bought by subscription among the members, and was the most magnificent in the history of ringing. It was large folio size, handsomely gilt and bound in crimson morocco. It had many massive silver ornaments about it, and on the front was a silver plate engraved, 'This Book, belonging to the Society of College Youths, London, containing the Members' Names and a recital of the several Performances by them since the year MDCCLVII., was procured by the Voluntary Subscriptions of the Members at Large in the year MDCCLXXIII.'

The later story of this book, and how it was stolen and partly destroyed in 1833, belongs to the history of the next century.

NOTE 9.—There is now no tavern of that name in Salisbury Court.

NOTE 10.—I deduce Richardson's connection with the Barley Mow from his address given in a contemporary document at one time in the possession of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham. He died in his seventy-seventh year and was buried at St. Catherine Cree in the City of London.

NOTE 11.—Eversfield died September 9th, 1847, in his eightieth year.

NOTE 12.—From Osborn's MSS.

#### THE LATE MR. T. T. GOFTON.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse every word of Mr. William Pye's letter, and to add that, although Mr. Gofton was such a good ringer and conductor on higher methods, he was never more happy than when ringing Grandsire or Plain Bob to help the beginner. He has told me many times, when we have been away for some first peals of either Plain Bob and Treble Bob, that he enjoyed it as much as ringing Bristol and London Surprise. Men who are so willing to help the young ringers are sadly missed when they depart. May many follow the good example of dear old Tom. We are grateful to our London friends for ringing the muffled peal to his memory.

E. E. PERRY,

President, Durham and Newcastle Association.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### MANCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, and was attended by thirty ringers and friends. A short service was held. The Vicar gave an address, which, though humorous, was delightful to listen to. Tea was served in the Institute, the ringers sitting down to a splendid repast. Their wants were attended to by ladies, to whom best thanks are due.

After tea, the business meeting was held. A vote of condolence was passed to the wife and family of the late Mr. R. H. Cammedge, one of the local band, who came to an untimely end and was buried during the week.

Flixton was selected for the August meeting, St. John's, Miles Platting, for September, and Brookfield for the quarterly meeting in October.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the local ringers and to the ladies were passed, the ringers expressing the opinion that they could not have been treated better.

Further ringing afterwards took place on the splendid bells till close on nine o'clock. Although the numbers were above the average, the branch secretary would like to see more at these meetings. There are some towers which are not represented, and he hopes that efforts will be made to bring the Manchester Branch up to what it used to be—a real, live, go-ahead one.

#### ELY DIOCESAN AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

A very successful joint mid-week meeting of the above associations was held at Fulbourne on St. Swithin's Day. In spite of the heavy rain, members were present from Blackheath, Brockley (Kent), Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Harlow, Harlow Common, Melbourn, Newton, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Trumpington and Walthamstow.

A service was conducted by the Rev. R. Machon, in the absence of the Rector. Mr. F. Richardson very kindly presided at the organ, with Mr. B. D. Buttress as blower. The company afterwards adjourned to the Six Bells for tea. It is hoped to hold the next mid-week meeting at Enfield, combining the Essex, Hertfordshire and Middlesex Associations.

Mr. G. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Ipswich and Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Unfortunately a course of London failed to come round.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Correspondents are again requested to note that the address of 'The Ringing World' is not 63, Commercial Road, Woking, and has not been for more than two years past. 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, is all that is needed. Any other address may lead to delay.

The peal of Minor at Wistaston on June 27th consisted of eight 720's, and the length was accordingly 5,760 changes. It was made up of four extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Roy Woodward, of Leiston, has now rung four peals. They have been in the following order: London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. This is an extremely creditable performance; has it ever been accomplished before?

Mr. Joseph Griffin, who helped to make ringing history at Burton-on-Trent forty or fifty years ago, and who has done great work for the Midland Counties Association, of which he is vice-president, has recently taken up residence at Bournemouth.

There is a movement on foot which, it is hoped, may culminate in Hampshire getting another ring of twelve bells. There is ample room for them in the massive tower at Christchurch, where there is already a peal of ten with tenor of 30 cwt., and where Mr. George Preston has got together an enthusiastic band of ringers.

Waterford Cathedral bells were opened on July 26th, 1872, and the first peal in Ireland rung on them the next day.

The faculty is granted for the addition of two trebles at Over, Cambs, and it is hoped an early start will be made. The order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are repairing the clock.

John Gilbert, a young member of the band at Handsworth, Sheffield, celebrated his thirteenth birthday on Saturday by ringing an 'inside' bell to a peal of Double Norwich Major.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I draw the attention of your readers to the following announcements?—

1. The leaflet promised by the Rev. H. Drake at Liverpool, entitled 'Note on Faculties, etc.', is now in print, and will be included in future in copies of 'The Law Affecting Church Bells.' It will also be forwarded to anyone who sends me an application for the same together with an addressed envelope and half-penny stamp.

2. The sheet containing the Major methods of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court is now for sale.

3. The pamphlet containing the Report of the Conference between the Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is now almost sold out. The remaining copies will be retained for professional use only.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,  
Hon. Librarian.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**AN INTERESTING CHIDDINGSTONE 'FIND.'**

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. A beautiful afternoon, a good peal of bells, and a fine old-world village, are attractions which might reasonably be expected to ensure a large influx of visitors. Unfortunately, they did not, for only about a dozen (beside the local members) turned up.

The usual service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. C. Salmon). There were also present Col. Sir Henry Streatfield, K.C.V.O., Mr. Mervyn A. Streatfield, and the two churchwardens, Messrs. H. G. Birt and G. Hale.

After the service, the members were kindly entertained to tea at the Castle Inn by Col. Sir Henry Streatfield. The Rector presided over the business meeting, at which seven new practising and one non-resident life member were elected.

Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) reported that he attended the dedication of the new treble bell at Leigh Church, presented by Sir Robert Gower, of Tunbridge Wells, and said that the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had made a perfect 'splice,' and the church now possessed a handy ring of six bells. Mr. Edwards also read a report (taken from an old newspaper and sent to him) of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Chiddingstone bells in 1824, which was about twenty years previous to the earliest previously recorded peal on these bells. An interesting discussion ensued on the probability of the descendants of some of the ringers of the peal still residing in the village. The Rector and churchwardens promised to bring the matter before the Church Council at their next meeting with a view to having the peal recorded in the belfry.

The District Secretary reported that he had received a prospectus of Mr. Morris' book, and suggested ways whereby each band might procure a copy. A copy belonging to Mr. Edwards was handed round for inspection.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., to Col. Sir Henry Streatfield for kindly entertaining them to tea, and to the other gentlemen for their attendance, were passed, and the members adjourned to the tower.



## THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

### FUND REACHING ITS CLOSE.

We are getting now towards the close of the fund which we set out to raise in order that the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman may be fittingly commemorated. The total amount subscribed has exceeded expectations, but it is not more than can be usefully spent in carrying out a complete restoration of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman rang, and putting the tower into efficient condition, in addition to providing a suitable memorial tablet and paying the expenses incidental to such a scheme.

The preliminaries involved in preparing for the work are now almost concluded, and Saturday, September 26th, as announced last week, has been provisionally fixed for the reopening of the bells and the commemorative festival. This event is likely to be a memorable one, and already ringers in many parts of England are contemplating a pilgrimage to Cambridge for the occasion. With all the facilities which are offered by motor coach and rail in these days, parties of ringers from any point within a radius of a hundred miles of Cambridge could easily make the excursion, and it is hoped arrangements will be possible for a full and interesting day's programme.

In the meantime ringers should reserve the date. In many towers they may also like to adopt a plan, which is already being followed in one or two places, of forming a 'club' into which weekly sums can be paid toward the cost of the excursion.

Those who wish to be personally, or through their towers, associated with the commemoration scheme, should send their donations without delay to:

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The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, is the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, and all contributions will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

The Lancashire Association, the Warwickshire Guild, the London County Association and the Cumberland Association are among the contributors to the Fund during the past week.

### STEDMAN'S BOOKS.

#### WHY HE DID NOT PRINT THEM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. Drake's argument is not good enough. If there is one thing about Stedman (outside his books) which has been proved, it is that he was a printer by trade. That was the tradition of the Exercise preserved by Shipway, and Mr. Morris has discovered contemporary corroboration. To say that the tradition is founded on the mistake of a Leicester ringer will not do.

And Stedman could not have been a publisher because that trade did not exist in the seventeenth century, nor till well on in the nineteenth. What publishing there was, was done by booksellers, and Stedman was not a bookseller.

But, it is argued, if he were a printer, why did he go to W. Godbid in London to get his books printed? Why did he not do it himself in Cambridge? Why he went to London we perhaps might know if we knew who financed the books. Presumably they were not published by subscription. The College Youths may have found the money, but we don't know, and it is futile to try and guess. But we do know why he did not print them himself. The sufficient reason is that he was not allowed to. In those days a man could not print and publish a book just as he pleased. A Licensing Act (13 and 14 Car. II. c. 33) was passed in 1662 which limited the number of master printers and type foundrymen, and forbade any printing press to be set up without notice to the Stationers' Company. Sir Roger L'Estrange was appointed licenser under this Act, or, as he was called, 'surveyor of the imprimery.' He had advocated in a published pamphlet that the number of master printers should be limited to twenty, but whether that was the actual number allowed

I cannot say. His powers were most extensive. All printing presses in England, and all sellers of books and papers were under his control. He alone had authority to write, print, or publish anything in the nature of a newspaper. He had the right to enter and search premises for unlicensed presses and books. His subordinates found a man, named John Twyn, in Clothfair, with a book in process of being printed. Twyn was tried, convicted and executed. The Act was in force until 1679, when it expired and was not at the time renewed. It covered the period during which Stedman's two works were published. Here is sufficient reason why Stedman did not print his own books. It has never been suggested that he was a master printer; probably he was employed in some way by University or College authorities.

On the 'Tintinnalogia' you will find L'Estrange's name and his license dated Novemb. 1, 1667; but though the Act was still in force and he was still licenser, it does not appear in the 'Campanalogia.' There is a reason. The year 1677 was the time when there was a great agitation against Roman Catholics, which culminated in the supposed Popish Plot, which the notorious Titus Oates pretended to have discovered. L'Estrange, who, as might be expected, had made himself very unpopular, was accused (unjustly) of being a Papist, and thought it safest to flee the country for a time. And so Stedman's book appeared without his licenser.

Roger L'Estrange filled quite a large place in the history of the time. He came of an old Norfolk family, and it is interesting to know that one of his descendants, direct or collateral, I am not sure which, was the author of 'Bells of Norfolk.'

A good deal may yet come to light about Stedman and his books, but guessing only confuses the issue.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

### SHAKESPEARE AND STEDMAN—A PARALLEL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am profoundly interested in the Stedman Tercentenary, and particularly in the correspondence that is appearing in your columns in connection with it.

It is singular that no one has pointed out the curious parallel between what we know and can conjecture of the life of Fabian Stedman and that of William Shakespeare. Only one solid fact seems to emerge incontrovertible in connection with each, namely, that there are immortal works existing in their respective names. The strange obscurity that envelopes the life history of Shakespeare has led to the theory that the masterpieces generally attributed to him were not really his. A similar supposition with regard to Fabian Stedman would solve many of the difficulties which have occurred to Mr. R. A. Daniell and the Rev. Herbert Drake. I venture to put forward, and with confidence assert, that the real author of both the 'Tintinnalogia' and the 'Campanalogia' was not Fabian Stedman but—Francis Bacon.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

Birmingham.

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

The July quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday. There was a poor attendance, only fourteen sitting down to tea, which was served at the Denbigh Arms, while a few others arrived later. The counter attractions of Nuneaton and Rugby carnivals evidently proved too strong.

Monk's Kirby, though but a village of few inhabitants, boasts a large and imposing church, big and beautiful enough to grace a city, while its bells are renowned in the Midlands. The Earls of Denbigh have been associated with the place for many generations, their country seat (Newnham Paddox) having one entrance in the village.

Guild members from Allesley, Brinklow, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Leicester, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke and Wolvey, were present at the meeting. Following tea, came the business meeting. Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) was elected to the chair, and apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. A. B. Davies) and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Upon a proposition made by Mr. A. W. Bond, seconded by Mr. A. N. Beamish, it was unanimously decided to send two guineas to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

The following places were decided upon for the next three meetings: Allesley for August, Allesley for September, and Warwick for October (quarterly), the date for which was altered from October 17th to 24th.

The election of two members prior to a peal was ratified—Mr. E. Pearson, of Deddington, Oxon, as a non-resident life member, and Mr. G. Robins, of Coventry, as a resident ringing member.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Ringing continued during the evening, in various methods, until eight o'clock. Ringing on handbells included a course of Grandsire Triples by: W. A. Stote 1-2, A. W. Bond 3-4, F. R. Whitehead 5-6-7-8; and a course of Cambridge Minor by: C. Wildsmith 1, A. W. Bond 2, F. R. Whitehead 3-4, W. A. Stote 5-6.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, 1881—1931.

BY CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

To-morrow the Oxford Diocesan Guild will celebrate its Jubilee—the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn. Few of the original members now survive, but among them are the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, and his recollections of the early days of the Guild and some of the men who helped to build up its success will be read with interest.

A boy in a Berkshire elementary school, at the time of the second jubilee of Queen Victoria, after writing an account of the doings on the day of jubilee, concluded his effort with the statement: 'The Queen have sat on her throne for 60 years, but is still healthy and in good condition.' If his son were writing to-day on the jubilee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he might well conclude with the same words: 'Still healthy and in good condition.' And if we should ask, 'Why is the Guild keeping its 50th year, after all that lapse of time, still healthy and in good condition?' we should truly answer that it is in this happy state because the tender child which first saw light 50 years ago was so skilfully nurtured and set on its feet by those who fostered its early years, that from its birth it has con-

way, that from that day to this the Guild has prospered and spread its influence throughout the diocese.

With no recollection as to the precise number of members in 1881, we find that a year or so later the Guild had enrolled 188 members, viz., 9 life, 55 honorary and 124 ringing members, with five branches attached, including the 'East Berks and South Bucks' and 'Sonning Deanery' associations, formed a year or more previously. These two organisations promptly threw in their lot with the Guild, making one diocesan body. Compare these numbers with those of last year—honorary 302, ringing members 2,176, with 15 branches, not including the University Society recently come to the front again in the 60th year of its age—and it will be appreciated how great are the strides the Guild has made from its infant days.



THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.  
First Master of the Guild.

tinued to grow strong and virile during its 50 years of life, bidding fair to attain to a hoary old age of vigour and usefulness.

The recollections of a member from the beginning, residing in the diocese at the time the Guild was first talked about and constituted, and who took a rope in the first Guild peal, November 27th, 1881, may be of interest to members of less standing, and, possibly, to ringers in other parts of the country. The Guild may be said to have sprung out of a paper read by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden, before the members of the Wokingham Clerical Society; the Rector of Bearwood, the Rev. Dolben Paul, was present as a fellow-member; the idea of starting a Diocesan Guild caught on, and these two incumbents, neither of them ringers, and having only one and two bells in their churches, set to work and arranged a preliminary meeting at Reading late in 1880, when it was decided to found a Guild for the whole diocese of Oxford, containing some 650 parishes in the three archdeaconries of Oxon, Berks and Bucks. The actual date of the foundation of the Guild was January 17th, 1881, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson was elected Master and the Rev. Dolben Paul secretary. So well were the foundations laid, so good were the rules as drawn up, so keen and energetic were the founders in making the Guild known and in furthering its interests in every



THE REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.  
Present Master of the Guild.

Of course, the excellent rules as at first drawn up have had to be amended and revised from time to time, as necessity and new problems demanded. The very first alteration in the original draft was made by the president, Bishop Mackarness, who objected to the term, 'performing member,' saying that 'it savoured of a monkey and organ.' 'Ringing member' was substituted in deference to his criticism, and has so remained ever since. He it was, the first of the six episcopal presidents, who preached at an early festival held at Abingdon, and was astounded at the presence of over 300 ringers at the service, never thinking there were so many in his diocese. Ringers in those days were but little accounted of. Recollection goes back and brings Bishop Paget to mind—his preaching at the festival held at Chipping Norton, where, unable to remain for the meeting and dinner, he hurried round from the vestry to the south door in his robes and shook hands with every ringer, with kindly words, as they left the church. Appreciated as he was in the University, he was no less revered by railway employees, and by the simple folk in country parishes, always having a kindly word for the humblest inhabitant. One little story we may give. Visiting a tiny parish, with some twelve children in the village school, just

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### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. INTERESTED VISITORS AT CASTLETON.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Castleton on Saturday, about sixteen members turning up from Bakewell, Castleton, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Heanor, Rotherham and Sheffield. The bells were kept going at intervals from 3.30 to 8 p.m. in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, some very creditable touches being brought round. A very enjoyable tea was arranged at the residence of Mr. Payne, and was followed by a short business meeting presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 27th.

The question of the jubilee meeting of the M.C.A. was brought forward by the secretary, and suggestions invited.

The usual votes of thanks were carried, and were suitably responded to by Mr. J. W. Payne. Afterwards, a little handbell ringing was indulged in by some members, others going to the church for more ringing, and others proceeding to explore the many interesting caverns and other places of interest which abound nearby.

It might be mentioned that most of the ringing during the day was accomplished before a large number of interested visitors, some of them of foreign origin, who had obviously never seen anything of the kind before. A sudden breakdown and a tendency to a little back-chat caused obvious amusement, while the final touch of 672 Grandsire Triples, in which Miss M. Benton, of Dore, the only lady present, rang the 5th, caused very great interest among the many lady spectators. Altogether a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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before an occasion of national rejoicing, probably the coronation day of King Edward, he was told of the arrangements made for its due observance in the village, and was asked for his opinion on them. He highly commended the scheme proposed, but added, 'Of course, you will roast the fowl whole.' Of his successor, Bishop Gore, and his impromptu Latin epitaph on a deceased worthy, delivered to a few clergy round him at the head of the table, at a festival held at Christ Church, one of the wittiest things imaginable, we cannot now speak, nor of the other three presidents, Dr. Stubbs, Dr. Burge, and Dr. Strong, the present diocesan, who is to preach at the jubilee festival. Enough to say that none have been mere figure heads, but have been ever ready to preach for the Guild or for bell dedications. So, too, have the late Bishop of Reading, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Bishop Shaw, the Assistant Bishop, to say nothing of the Archdeacons, all showing a deep interest in the Guild. While six Bishops have been presidents during the last fifty years, the Guild has only had two Masters, the late Rev. F. L. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the one holding office for 28 years, the other for 22. Long may the term be extended! The old Master, as is well known, laid great store on peal ringing, always, if in any way possible, getting together a picked band of peal ringers for a peal on the morning of the annual festival, that those who came for the service might have a demonstration of ringing at its best. It was his belief that the art could be best furthered by ringing as many peals as possible in as many towers as were obtainable in the diocese. His successor, however, has always felt that more good would be done by his personal attendance at branch and even smaller meetings, for business counsel rather than ringing. But few Saturdays must there be in the year which do not see him setting forth, generally having the Guild secretary and treasurer as companions, en route for some branch meeting in the huge diocese—a thing, of course, impossible in early days before the coming of the motor-car. Both Masters have ever been in great requisition as preachers on many a ringing occasion.

Admirable secretaries, and equally admirable treasurers, have from the beginning served the Guild faithfully and proved their more than ordinary worth. With the three trustees, twelve elected members, and 44 representatives of the 15 branches on the committee, the Guild cannot be styled 'a one-man job'—all are keenly interested in the working and good government of the Guild, and do their level best to keep it in a high state of efficiency.

In the early days there was much peal ringing under the chief instructor, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who, in conjunction with the Master, amassed a great number of peals, placing the Guild for many years near the head of the list in peal ringing. With the departure of these two, far fewer peals were rung, but it is satisfactory to note that many young conductors have come to the front fully qualified to take the place of the heroes of the past. It is most satisfactory also to note that the great majority of the members put service ringing first, as holding a more important place than mere pleasure peals. These may well be rung, but the scoring of peals is not so much the object of the Guild as the attachment of men and women to a definite service for God and His Church. This the Guild has ever fostered. Most of its early members have passed away, few only remain. May many of the younger members have the privilege of taking part in the centenary festival fifty years hence, and find as much satisfaction therein as the few old stagers do on the present occasion.

### A REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that people understand the difficulties of making and using a register of compositions. On the face of it there seems no reason why every extant peal cannot be collected, classified and published, so that when a man has composed (say) a three-part peal of Bob Major all he would need do would be to turn up Bob Major in the register, find the three-parts, and then, if the peal were there, it would not be his; but if it were not there, he could claim it as original. It seems quite simple, but in practice it would not be so easy, nor anything like so easy. Let me give an instance of what could and would happen.

Already there is in existence a complete register of one of the most important methods. Years ago I collected every available peal of Treble Bob, from every conceivable source. The number ran into thousands. These were classified according to a comprehensive system. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson undertook the immense task of proving them, and Mrs. Fletcher typed them. They are now available for anyone to consult. There have been a few published since, but for all intents and purposes the register is complete.

Now suppose anybody takes any one of these peals, reverses it, starts at a different course-end, puts the alternative calling to some of the courses (thus altering the number of changes), and calls it a peal of Bristol Surprise. What are the chances (do you think) that it would be recognised as identical with one of these old compositions? I should say the chances would be very small indeed. An expert would be able to see it if he took enough trouble. When I was making the collection and had everything at my finger tips, I dare say I could have told you in a few minutes, but certainly not now. And the register would be no good unless any ordinary person could use it.

Or, again, suppose you took Penning's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, reversed it, put in the singled-in block with H's instead of S's, and then applied it to St. Clement's Bob Triples by bobbing the same Q sets. How long do you think it would take another person to find out that the compositions were the same?

In other words, although you might have a complete register it would not give you the information you want. What would happen would be that a lot of peals would stand as original that could be got from older ones by the simplest processes of variation. That is what I meant when I said the standard would be lowered.

What register would tell an average person that the following are the same composition?

23456	M.	B.	W.	R.	23456	M.	B.	W.	R.
52364	2		2	2	36452	1			2
24365	2	—	1	2	34562			1	2
62453	2		2	2	63425	—			2
56234	2		2	2	35426	1			2
56342	2		2	1	65243	1		2	1
23645	2	—	1	1	24653			1	1
52436	—		2	2	52436	—			2
54326	1	—	2	2	35264	—			2
25463	2		2	2	63542	—			2
53462	2	—	1	2	65432			1	2
54632	1	—	2	2	36524	—			2
25346	2		1	2	64523	1			2
23456	1	—	2	2	23456	2	—		2

And if you gave the second set of figures to an expert, how long would it take him to check them against thousands of other compositions? I could give you some easy variations much more difficult to detect than this one, but they would take up too much room.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

### CUMBERLAND RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Egremont, Cumberland, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th. Leaving Egremont at 1.30 p.m. in an 'Austin 12,' the weather being all that could be desired, the run to Millom was thoroughly enjoyed. On arriving at the church tower, Mr. Slater was there to meet the visitors. The bells were soon going to London Surprise Minor, and a well-struck 720 was brought round, followed by 240 Cambridge Minor. At Broughton-in-Furness the party were met by Mr. Barker, who had everything in readiness. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were set going to Stedman and Grand-sire Triples. After tea, a delightful run of 9½ miles brought the excursionists to Ulverston, where Mr. Walker conducted the party to the church. The bells, a handy ring of six, were set going to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and a very nice 720 was brought round. Afterwards a 360 Bob Minor was rung with some of the local men. Home was eventually reached at 11.30, and the order, 'No one to be late for service ringing in the morning,' was given out and had the desired effect. All turned out for service, and a 564 Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round. The thanks of all are due to the Vicars and local ringers who helped so much to the success of the day.

G. W. T.

### RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE.

#### AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at St. Oswald's, Bidston, on Saturday last, was made the occasion of a very interesting presentation, Mr. William Wilcox being the recipient of a bell-shaped inkstand. Mr. Wilcox has been a ringer at Bidston for the past forty-eight years, and now feels it incumbent on him to retire from active participation in bell-ringing.

At the meeting which followed an excellent tea, to which about thirty sat down, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank (secretary) called upon Mr. J. W. Milner (branch patron) to make the presentation.

Mr. Milner spoke of the long time during which Mr. Wilcox had belonged to that tower, and said that in these days of restlessness it was good to find one who had stayed in one place and at one church for so long a period. At the same time, such consistency in service carried with it a sense of responsibility which those who moved about more or less escaped. He appealed to the younger members—of whom he was pleased to see so many present—to endeavour to follow the example of Mr. Wilcox, so that they, too, in years to come, could look back on as splendid a record. He then, in a few well-chosen words, asked Mr. Wilcox to accept the gift as a small token of the appreciation of the branch for his work on behalf of change ringing in the district.

The inscription on the inkstand read: 'Presented to William Wilcox, Esq., in appreciation of his valuable services to change ringing, by members of the Wirral Branch, July 18th, 1931.'

Mr. Wilcox briefly replied, thanking the ringers for their kindness. He would always cherish the gift, and would be reminded, on looking at it, of the many pleasant hours he had spent in the belfry and out of it—studying, walking to and from practices and meetings, etc.—and of the many friends he had made during that time. He felt that the time had arrived when he must curtail his activities, and wished the Guild every success in the future.

The Rev. T. M. Standing (Vicar) said how pleased he was to be at such a unique gathering, and spoke very highly of Mr. Wilcox's services to the belfry.

Mr. Geo. R. Newton (vice-president of the Lancashire Association) said that on behalf of the Liverpool ringers he would like to add his testimony to Mr. Wilcox's sterling qualities. When he (the speaker) commenced bellringing, Mr. Wilcox was looked upon as one of their 'heroes,' and there was no doubt that he had done much for the art in the Wirral district, by attending practices at various churches and helping in every possible way.

Messrs. J. Walters and S. Strong (Wallasey) and Geo. Phillips (Woodchurch) also added their testimony to the worth of Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Walters recalling some amusing episodes of their walks together to various churches on dark winter nights.

During the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going in a variety of methods, all present being catered for, and the meeting was voted most enjoyable by all.

### THE LATE MR. PERCY O. LAFLIN.

#### FUNERAL AT KING'S NORTON.

The funeral of the late Mr. Percy O. Laflin, of King's Norton, took place on Thursday, July 9th. The Rev. T. S. Dunn, Vicar of King's Norton, officiated at the service both in church and at the grave, situated quite close to the tower and bells which Mr. Laflin loved so well. There was a numerous congregation present, including members of the British Legion, who saluted the coffin as it was borne from the church. Members of St. Martin's Guild were represented by Messrs. F. B. Yates, J. George, C. Webb, J. Betterton, H. Williams, A. P. Smith, T. Russam, A. Walker and J. Neal, the four last-named ringing a course of Triples over the grave, while afterwards a short muffled touch was rung on the tower bells. In the evening a muffled quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters was rung by the King's Norton St. Nicholas' Guild, conducted by A. Chambers. There were wreaths from the widow and two sons; the British Legion; St. Martin's and King's Norton ringers; and others.

On Tuesday evening of last week the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, were rung half-muffled.

The late Mr. Laflin was born at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, on April 5th, 1837, and went to Birmingham early in 1869. For four years he worked with the late Mr. John Carter at Wobley and Scott's revolver works, Birmingham. Early in 1914 he found a post at King's Norton with the Prudential Assurance Co. He served overseas during the Great War, 1915 to 1918, and then resumed his duties at King's Norton, but a seizure early this year compelled him to resign from the Prudential. His end was sudden, but not unexpected by those who knew him so well. He was actively interested in the belfry of King's Norton, and was mainly responsible for the recasting of the old eight bells and the present grand ring of ten bells by Taylor and Co., Loughborough. His love of bells was kept alive to the last, and though he was largely confined to his bedroom he found means to be taken to hear the bells at King's Norton and other towers, and to meet his friends for a short chat. He rang altogether 114 peals, ranging from Minor to Sextuples. An excellent ringer and conductor, he was satisfied with nothing but the best. May he rest in peace. A. W.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at the eight-bell tower of Bolney on Saturday, July 11th, and though there were not so many present as expected, several late arrivals brought the number to about 35 or 40 for the occasion. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell). Afterwards a capital tea in the garden of the Eight Bells Inn, opposite the church, was followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar presiding. The following new members were elected: Mrs. A. Diserens, F. Rowsell, J. A. W. Pittfield and T. H. I. Pittfield, and Mrs. F. Bennett (hon. annual member). The election of Mr. Arthur Markwell, Bletchley, Bucks, was confirmed. By the kindness of the Rev. S. Swan, Vicar of Lindfield, and of the Bolney Branch, the cost of the tea was 9d. each instead of the advertised price of 1s. 3d.

The Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bolney for the use of the bells, and the service, and to the Vicar of Lindfield and the Bolney Branch for their kindness in contributing towards the cost of the tea.

Ringling was again resumed, and continued until about 7.30. It was much regretted that Mr. Geo. Walder, secretary of the Bolney Branch, was prevented by illness from being present. He was visited by the divisional secretary, who expressed the hope of a speedy recovery. Ringling during the day ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Major.

The following towers were represented: Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Turner's Hill, Uckfield and Warnham. Mr. D. Cooper (Beddington) and Mr. Swift (Devises) were present as visitors.

### HERTFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on July 4th, and was attended by ringers from St. Albans, Luton, Hitchin, Kimpton, North Mimms and members of the local band. A variety of methods was rung up to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. A service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rev. S. W. Veitch (the new Rector of Harpenden) gave an interesting address, in which he pointed out that in ringing the bells there must be absolute concord among the ringers, which should be applied to the lives of everyone. The association's form of service was used, and the organist also gave his services.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which one hon. member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for use of bells and his address, to the organist for his services, to the organiser of the tea, and to Mr. Ben Jarman for making all arrangements.

### YEOVIL RINGERS' OUTING.

Yeoovil Parish Church Guild had their annual ringing tour on Saturday, June 27th. They made the first stop in the charabanc journey at Winscombe, where they were heartily welcomed, and rang the bells of the church. They then went on to Wrington, and rang touches there. Lunch was partaken of at Bristol, where the Vicar of Yeoovil (Rev. J. E. S. Harrison) met them and presided, and expressed his thanks to the ringers for their services during the year. He also outlined the work which was being done to the bells in the Parish Church tower, and said he hoped when it was completed all their difficulties would be gone. After visiting the various places of interest in Bristol, the party were entertained to tea by the Parish Warden (Alderman W. E. Tucker) and Mr. John Goodchild (steward of the Guild). The members spent some considerable time ringing at St. Stephen's, Bristol, and then left for home after a most enjoyable day.

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Haslemere on Saturday, July 11th, when 28 members and visitors attended from the local band, Aldershot, Portsmouth, Grayshott, Petersfield, Guildford Cathedral, Lichfield and Witley, but of these only thirteen were actually district members, and this number included the Master, six of the local band, the District Ringing Master and Secretary. It was rather disappointing that more district members did not take advantage of the opportunity of ringing on this first-class ten, but the smallness of the number attending was no doubt largely accounted for by the fact that all the ten-bell ringers in the district (other than the local band) were away on their annual outing.

The Rev. Newton gave an excellent address as part of the usual service.

The Master presided at the business meeting, at which the district secretary read the representatives' report of the Central Council meeting.

Messrs. G. Joy and E. Balchin, of Chiddingfold, were elected ringing members, Mr. A. J. Sowerbutts, of Guildford, an honorary member, and the election of Mr. Robert Swift, at St. Martin's belfry, Epsom, as a compounding member was confirmed. The bells were kept going in various methods, including Bristol Surprise Major, until eight o'clock in the evening, in spite of the verbal protests of an individual, who has recently taken up residence at Haslemere, and who, it is understood, attends at the church promptly on the first note of the treble to express his personal opinion of bell-ringers in general and the local band in particular.

## DISTRICT REARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Hawley on Saturday, when it was decided to ask the executive committee of the Guild to reconsider the boundaries of the Guildford and Farnham Districts, particularly in view of a new tower—Grayshott—shortly coming into the Guild. Geographically, Grayshott is connected with the towers of the Guildford District, which already has twice as many as the Farnham District, and while recognising that Grayshott is much more conveniently situated for joining the Guildford District, it was thought some rearrangement might be made.

Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Mrs. G. L. Grover, wife of the hon. secretary of the Guildford District, was elected an hon. life member—both on the motion of the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker).

Fawley is a tower on the extreme border of the diocese, and the meeting was not largely attended, but some excellent ringing practice was put in in the standard methods, while after tea the arrival of additional visitors from Portsmouth, who had been attending a Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild meeting in the neighbouring tower of Yateley, added to the belfry activities.

A service was conducted in the afternoon by Canon Parsons (in the absence of the Vicar), who gave a welcome to the Guild and an interesting address.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Canon Parsons, the organist, and the caterers.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Although the weather in the early afternoon was not on its best behaviour, the summer meeting of the Canterbury District, held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, was a great success. Forty-one members attended, representing Canterbury (Cathedral and St. Alphege), Deal, Herne, Littlebourne, St. Lawrence, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Margate, Sturry, Wickhambreau, Walmer and Brabourne. The Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. K. Percival Smith, M.C.) had placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers from 2.30 p.m., and full advantage was taken of the early start. The Vicar officiated at the association service, and gave an address, commencing with a message of welcome to the ringers, and continuing by reminding the ringers of their part in the service of the church. He remarked that he considered they were a definite link between worship in the church and the public outside.

Mr. Tatham presided at the organ, and the splendid music was greatly appreciated. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where the church authorities had provided an excellent meat tea. The Vicar presided, and was supported at the head of the table by Mr. W. Fairhead (the local secretary), Messrs. F. Brett and H. Smith (district representatives) and Mr. Percy W. Smith (district secretary).

The business meeting which followed was of short duration. Three names were proposed for the next by-meeting, Chilham, St. Lawrence and Herne, and St. Lawrence was chosen by a very small margin of two votes.

In replying to a vote of thanks for his entertainment and help, proposed by Mr. F. Brett, the Vicar said that apparently the rain had the same effect on the meeting as upon a stream—it caused it to swell gradually.

Ringing was afterwards continued until 8.30 p.m.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' on Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Ellis 1, W. J. Ellis 2, H. R. Newton (conductor) 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, E. H. King 5, E. A. Hull 6, J. G. Nash 7, W. H. Seabrook 8.

**HOOLE, CHESHIRE.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for children's anniversary service, at 3 p.m., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): E. Priestner 1, H. Cousins 2, J. Bengen 3, S. D. Edwards 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Bengen, jun., 6.

**FULHAM.**—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. M. Page 1, E. B. Mackrill 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, L. W. Bishop 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. F. Hunt 7, A. Harding 8. Grandsire Triples was rung for Mr. Bishop, a visitor from All Saints', Wellington, Shropshire (one of the 'locked out' ringers).

**CAMBERWELL.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1,400 changes): \*R. C. Peters 1, \*Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. J. King 3, \*F. G. Baldwin 4, G. H. Grainger 5, J. H. Lucas 6, W. D. Grainger 7, R. H. Gammon 8, E. Hancox 9, E. Corke (conductor) 10. \* First quarter-peal of Royal. Ringers of 6, 9 and tenor are from St. Andrew's, Uxbridge.

**ZEALS, WILTS.**—For Sunday evening service, on July 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at St. Martin's Church: James F. Hatchley 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, H. Parsons 3, E. Rowe 4, L. Perrett 5, W. Shute (conductor) 6.

**EXETER.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Wills 1, E. Hill 2, J. Hosgood 3, N. Wills 4, R. Truman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, A. Goad 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, F. Wreford 8.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 40 min.: W. Jones 1, J. C. Pollard 2, T. Lancaster 3, F. Robson 4, E. Burnett 5, S. Breeze 6, W. Ellerington 7, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 8. 4th and 6th are West Hartlepool ringers, and 5th from Kirby Stephen.

**SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of mixed Stedman and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins., with ten different callings: E. W. Smith 1, A. J. Whittle 2, C. Poole 3, R. W. Rex 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, H. T. E. Curtis 6. Arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle, also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The band are Newbury ringers.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, for matins, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, H. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. On Sunday, July 19th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**WYE, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church of SS. Gregory and Martin in 48 mins.: \*P. Wildish 1, S. Jordan 2, J. Jordan 3, \*J. Ashby 4, \*J. Burchett 5, \*A. Allard 6, C. J. Head (conductor) 7, \*J. Ladd 8, with 4.6.8 covering. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band for nearly 100 years, and C. J. Head's first attempt at conducting. \* First attempt.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: J. E. Cooper 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, R. Davies 3, G. H. Humphries 4, F. E. Talbot 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—At St. Denys Church, for evensong, also for the Centenary Festival service of Christ Church, Warminster, a daughter church, where there is no peal of bells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6-4-8 covering: D. E. Pitcher (first quarter) 1, E. Kill 2, E. F. Marlow 3, E. C. Marlow 4, E. F. White (conductor) 5, H. Knece 6, A. G. Pearce (first quarter) 7, A. R. Mogg 8.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor in 45 mins., consisting of 360 Woodbine, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: B. Rawlinson (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, E. Bright 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler (conductor) 5, W. S. Butler 6. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Bright, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

## SUTTON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

At Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, on Sunday, July 19th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob, in 45 mins.: N. Moxon 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers in grateful memory of Mrs. H. M. Cafferata, whose funeral took place the day before at Newark. Mr. H. M. Cafferata is a valued member of the local band, and a vice-president of the North Notts Association.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (p.v.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

OXFORD SOCIETY (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brightling to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival of the guild will be held at Macclesfield to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). St. Michael's bells (12) will be available, and a service will be held there at 4.15 p.m. at which the Bishop of Chester will preach. Tea and meeting will follow in the Duke Street School. Price of tea: to members 1s. 9d., to visitors 2s. per head.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Green Man Inn 5 p.m. The peal of 6 at St. Ippolyts, 1½ miles from Wymondley, will also be at our disposal after tea.—Two good peals—so a crowd is expected.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above society will be held at Bingham on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Special business.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt), and the usual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Langford-Budville (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, July 25th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Bartord on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury and Alveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Almondsbury.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, July 25th, when the Bishop of Ely will give the address at 4.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Bells available; St. Mary's, Ely, Littleport and Sutton-in-the-Isle. Tea at the Central Cafe at 5, 1/—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Secretary, Watlington.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A combined meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Quarterly meeting at Ruyton-XI-Towns on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.15, followed by meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The summer meeting will be held at Blackhill and Consett on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, and Christ Church, Consett, will be available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Aidan's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Secretary.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Other towers available during the afternoon: Netheravon 2.30, Fittleton 3, Enford 3.45 (all 6 bell towers). Assemble at Upavon for Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The next meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division. —The re-opening of Coggeshall Church bells will take place on Sunday, August 2nd. Service at 3 o'clock (Bishop of Colchester). A tea will be provided for all ringers present if they send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting. Will those coming to tea please notify me by July 31st?—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Alton District. —The quarterly meeting arranged for August 8th at Froxfield has been cancelled, as the bells there are not in a fit state to be rung. The next meeting is fixed for October 24th, at Blackmoor.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District. —Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. *Do please advise me.* All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**CAMBRIDGE**.—Our Lady & English Martyrs (R.C.). —Ringing: Sunday morning 9.45; evening by arrangement. Practice: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.—Visiting ringers apply R. Lathbury, Castle St., Cambridge.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD**. —A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea not later than August 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes, before Wednesday, August 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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