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BELL RESTORATION FUNDS.

The proposal that was before the Central Council at the last meeting, recommending the various Associations each to inaugurate a belfry repairs fund, has already come under the notice of some of the county and diocesan organisations. There are many who have no such fund from which to assist bell restoration work; but there are, of course, several Associations who have for years had their special funds for this purpose, or who have made a practice of granting sums of money out of the general resources. For example, at the Oxford Guild meeting, only a week or two ago, a sum of eight guineas was voted, and restoration schemes in three parishes will benefit. The Kent Association is another organisation which contributes annually to similar undertakings, and Central Northants, among some few others, also has a special fund. The object of the resolution which the Council adopted was to obtain a wider adoption of a scheme of this character to help in the work of bell restoration.

The objection to the proposal which occurs to many minds was voiced by the Master of the Bath and Wells Association at the recent annual meeting of that organisation, when he said he 'thought they might find it doubtful whether the amount that could be granted to any parish would be sufficient to make the formation of such a fund worth while.' Failing the practice adopted by the Oxford Guild of voting donations out of the general funds, we think that, however small an amount an Association could raise and disburse in a year, the effort to establish a special fund would be well worth while. There are various means by which such a fund could be assisted, and there are many reasons why an Association should be in a position to help in bell restoration work where the necessity arises. First and foremost it is a means of showing that the ringer's interest in bells is not merely a selfish one, and that the objects for which an Association works include the preservation and improvement of bells as well as the preservation and improvement of the ringer's office.

It was never the intention that an attempt should be made to raise large sums of money. Such an idea would be ludicrous. The desire behind the proposal, as we understand it, is to make the formation of these special funds general among Associations, so that from time to time the ringers of a county or diocese can give practical help in cases in need of assistance, and at the same time show that they have a collective desire to assist in restorations. A large general fund for the whole country being out of the question, by far the most effective way of

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running such a scheme is through the County and Diocesan Associations and Guilds, and we cannot believe that ringers, when they consider the subject carefully, will fail to see the desirability of adopting the proposal made in the Central Council meeting. The payment of grants by those societies who already recognise the advantages, not to say the responsibilities, of giving such help, is proof that the thing can be done, and all those organisations who do not already make a point of contributing to bell restoration work ought seriously to consider the subject. To cast it aside merely because the amount available would not be large, is to shelve it on a very poor pretext.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM	*...Treble*	JAMES E. GROVES	7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	JAMES GEORGE	8
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	THOMAS H. REEVES	10
ALBERT WALKER...	5	JOHN NEAL	11
BERNARD WITCHELL	6	GEORGE H. YENDALL ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted tittums and hand-stroke home positions, as a tribute of respect to Sir Edward Malins, M.D., a distinguished Birmingham physician, educational and social worker.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ...	*...Treble*	EDGAR HUMFREY...	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	2	FREDERICK S. WHITE... ...	7
RICHARD G. RICE	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ...	8
JAMES W. WILKINS	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	*...Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Arranged for Mr. G. R. Newton, who hails from Liverpool, and was elected a member of the above Guild before commencing the peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ...	*...Treble*	ALBERT E. STOWELL	6
EDGAR GUISE	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE	3	HENRY PRING	8
WILLIAM A. CAVE	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	GEORGE LACEY	*...Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Miss Hare (of Peterboro') was elected a life member of the Association, and it was her first peal of Stedman Caters.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS. — For practice, on Tuesday, August 1st, in 23 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, J. B. Woolley 3, C. W. Woolley 4, G. Grisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. Also 408 Oxford Treble Bdb Minor: J. B. Woolley 1, W. Hawkes 3; the rest as before.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH ...	...*Treble*	*JAMES COOPER	6
HERBERT J. SKELT	2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... ...	7
WILLIAM BULPITT	3	CHARLES H. KIPPEN... ...	8
AMOS W. CLARK	4	WILLIAM GROVES	9
SIDNEY ROPER	5	JAMES W. TRAPPITT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by REGINALD BROUGH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS G. MYERS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
JOHN GLOVAS	2	G. HARRY MYERS	6
WILLIAM HAMLYN	3	GEORGE PARR	7
ALFRED MITCHELMORE ...	4	GEORGE PARR, SEN. ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

The first attempt for a peal by the treble ringer, who is aged 15 years, and is the son of the conductor. He is the youngest ringer to ring a peal in the West of England. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. Allwork (curate of St. Andrew's) upon his institution as Vicar of St. George's, by the Bishop of Exeter.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES FOREMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN HALL	5
HARRY HALL	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ...	4	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

* First Peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN...	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. WATSON	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ...	6
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	3	HARRY HALL	7
JOHN GARRETT	4	JOHN HALL	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*WALTER SIMPSON	...*Treble*	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ...	5
†ROBERT WEBSTER	2	FRED P. HOWCROFT	6
FREDERICK ROBSON	3	JOHN LOWREY	7
‡STANLEY E. ANDREWS ...	4	§THOMAS H. CHAMPION	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. SIMPSON.

* First peal away from Tenor. † First peal of Grandsire with bob bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. § First peal.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*RALPH NARBOROUGH...	...*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
ROBERT HARDY	2	W. H. J. HOOTON	6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	3	EDWIN R. GOATE...	7
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	4	JOHN W. JONES	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton, of Cambridge, and John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., were elected life members of the above Association before starting the peal.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED WILFORD	...*Treble*	WALTER AUSTIN	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	BERTIE O. SODEN	6
FRED HOPPER	3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	7
JOSEPH DEAN	4	TOM TEBBUTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung for the 70th anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*CHARLES GUMMER	...*Treble*	FRANK MILLARD	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	GEORGE SIBLEY	6
†SIDNEY VICTOR CRABB ...	3	DAVID G. TAYLOR	7
†STEPHEN W. CRABB	4	HENRY RAISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

F. BORRETT	...*Treble*	G. BROWN, JUN.	5
C. BAKER	2	E. POPPY	6
J. BROUGHTON	3	E. WHITING	7
A. BERRY	4	L. LAST	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY PRICE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
JOHN BASS	2	JOHN SMITH	6
ALFRED DAVIES...	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal of London. These bells have recently been rehung by Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. SMITH	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	6
SIDNEY F. PALMER	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE POUND	...*Treble*	HARRY GOODWIN...	5
GEORGE NEWMAN	2	GEORGE BELL	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	CHARLES H. SONE	7
LEONARD MANNERING ...	4	LEWIS NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

Peal No. 18 in C.C. Collection. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two of Double Court and 720 Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

VICTOR GLASS	...*Treble*	HENRY DORKIN	4
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	ANDREW EVERS	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Chalk, one of the local band, and son of Mr. A. Chalk, towerkeeper of St. Nicholas Church, which took place the same day at St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints' Church, Langdon Hills, the bride being Miss Gladys E. B. Rickard, of West View, Langdon Hills.

ELFORD, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEO. PEERS	...*Treble*	CHARLES CHAPMAN	4
ALBERT YOUNG	2	GEORGE CHAPLIN...	5
WILLIAM CHAPMAN	3	JAMES PRATT...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

Believed to the first peal on the bells, which were re-hung recently by Mr. J. E. Groves, the 'go' being excellent. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

PEARL INSKIP	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHARPE...	4
ALFRED ROBINSON	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	HERBERT L. HARLOW...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Thursday, Aug. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN	1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN	5—6
ALBERT WALKER...	3—4	JAMES E. GROVES	7—8
JAMES GEORGE	9—10		

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. E. Norman.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday Aug. 4, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

First peal of Royal by the performer.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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Fear had everything in order, and ringing on the nice little ring of eight bells, with a 15 cwt. tenor, was enjoyed. Only a short stay was possible here, as Bradford-on-Avon was to be the next stopping place. There the excursionists were met by Mr. Stafford. The eight bells of the Parish Church, with a 33 cwt. tenor, were soon in full swing. As the party left the belfry they were met by the Vicar, who expressed a hope that, although short, the visitors' time had been enjoyable in the tower. He pointed out an old Saxon church about a thousand years old, and which had been practically lost sight of for about two hundred years, through having been hidden by newer buildings which had been erected around it. These have now happily been removed, and the old church is now used for daily services during the week. Leaving Bradford-on-Avon, headway was made for Chewton Mendip, where, as at the other towers, everything was in readiness for the visitors. Mr. Tucker welcomed his 'brother strings,' who found a most beautiful ring of eight bells, with a 24 cwt. tenor (practically a new peal from the Loughborough foundry and tuned on the five-toned principle). Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a touch of Bob Major brought round. The bells 'go' beautifully, and the tone is of excellent quality. Wedmore was the next place to be visited, where a heavy peal of eight hangs in the tower of the Parish Church, the tenor reputed to be 39½ cwt. The visitors were not very favourably struck with the 'go' of these bells, which require a little too much of the manual exercise to make it enjoyable, while the noise in the belfry from the two tenors is almost deafening. Therefore, only a short stay was made here, and, after tea, a start was made for Burnham-on-Sea, but, as time was getting on apace, the ringing here was abandoned, and only a short stay made, the time being spent in the company of some of the local ringers. The homeward journey began soon after nine, Taunton being reached about 10.30. Thus ended a most enjoyable outing, and from a campanological point of view, the best the Guild ever had. The ringers wish, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the permission to ring, the kind friends who gave up their time to meet them, and all others who helped to make the outing such a splendid success.

VISIT TO ROMSEY.

On Saturday, July 29th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Alverstoke, held their annual outing at Romsey, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Robertson) and vice-captain (Mr. F. Paskins), they were able to use the Abbey bells. Several short touches of Grandsire were rung between 3 and 5 p.m., and, after tea, a 504 Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round: H. Nobes 1, C. Barron 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Barron 4, F. Nobes 5, A. Noble 6, E. Noble 7, Q.M.-Sergt. Webb 8.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET. — On Saturday, June 10th, at the Parish Church, touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by the local band, the five brothers Arscott, Mr. W. Hoyle, of Minehead, and J. H. White, of Coventry. The above touches being arranged for J. H. White.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SHEFFIELD GUILD IN NORTH NOTTS.

On Saturday, July 8th, the St. Mary's Guild, Handsworth, Sheffield, held their first annual outing, when about 28 ringers and friends went for a short tour in North Notts. Worksop was the first place of call, and here the party was met by Mr. H. Haigh, the genial secretary of the North Notts Association, and they soon had the bells going in Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples. The next tower visited was Ordsall, where the party found an easy going ring of six, on which Bob Minor and plain courses of Kent were brought round for the 'youngsters.' After a course of Grandsire Triples, and three courses of Bob Major on handbells, a visit was paid to East Retford, where eight of the party had their first pull on ten, and a course of Grandsire was rung. It had been intended to visit the neighbouring tower at West Retford, but this had to be cut out of the programme. On the return journey a call was made at Blyth, where there is a fine old church with a ring of six, on which Grandsire Doubles were brought round, with the assistance of one of the local ringers. Not even the unfavourable weather could damp the spirits of this young and enthusiastic guild, and though the ringing was not of the class one would expect from old hands, a good deal of experience was gained on bells that do not 'go' quite so well as their own.

This opportunity is taken to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, Mr. Haigh, of Worksop, and the ringers at the other places of call, also Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Barker, who all helped to make the outing such an enjoyable affair.

TWO DAYS' TRIP TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

The members of Westminster Abbey and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, towers had for their annual outing an excursion, which, as usual, extended over two days. The party of 16 proceeded by the 7.35 a.m. train on Saturday, July 8th, to Leighton Buzzard, and amused themselves on the journey down with touches of Stedman Cinques on the handbells. Mr. Nichols, of Leighton, was waiting to welcome the company, and a charabanc conveyed them to the Plume of Feathers Hotel, which was made the headquarters for the two days. After an excellent breakfast, a ringing tour to Bletchley, Woburn, Luton and Dunstable was undertaken. At Bletchley Mr. H. Scar met the party, and escorted them to the tower, and soon the bells were sending out their music to a well-struck course of London and touches of Stedman, etc. These bells are in a rather bad condition, but great efforts are being made by the local ringers to raise sufficient money so that they may be put in order. At Woburn, the company were met here by the brothers Herbert. The fine bells pealed out right merrily to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major, and then an adjournment was made to the Magpie Hotel, where dinner was served, and gave great satisfaction to all. After having rested awhile from their 'labours,' a few wended their way back to the tower for another pull on this grand eight, and they seemed so loth to leave that the secretary had to dispatch a messenger to them, with a threat of going on and leaving them behind unless they speedily returned. This had the desired effect, and the party left Woburn at 3 p.m. for Luton. The first part of this journey was through the lovely estate of the Duke of Bedford. Luton was reached about 4 p.m., and here Messrs. Goodenough and Blackbourne met and welcomed the visitors. Touches in various methods were successfully accomplished, although the weather was very unkind round about this time, which did not in the least damp the spirits of the party, who, after bidding adieu to old and new friends, turned their faces towards Dunstable. Here Mr. Sharman was their guide, and had made arrangements for tea. After a welcome meal, the party visited the tower, where they were given a great welcome by Canon Baker, who escorted the party over his fine and historical church. Climbing a 40-rung ladder, they found themselves in the ringing chamber, and put in strenuous practice in various methods, including Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. It gave them great pleasure to ring a touch with Canon Baker, and it is hoped he was as much pleased as they were. As this was the last call of the day, it took a little longer to oil up the motor, etc., but all things have an ending, and at last the car glided off on its way back to Leighton, where supper was waiting. Afterwards a call for order was given, and the party were informed that an initiation of several present into that great and solemn order of 'Tom Tits' was to take place. With due solemnity the Grand Master of the Order performed the ceremony, with the assistance of the worthy secretary. Unfortunately, for business reasons, the Deputy Grand Master had to return to London before this part of the proceedings was reached.

The programme for Sunday consisted of ringing at Linslade 9.45—10.30 a.m. and 5—6 p.m. Leighton Parish Church 10—11 a.m. and 2—3 p.m. At the Parish Church, Leighton, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung, and at Linslade Grandsire and Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major. At intervals during the day the handbells were brought out and some excellent practice took place.

Time waits for no man, and at last the excursionists had to understand that outings do not last for ever (only in memory). After bidding adieu to all friends, they caught the 6.50 train for Euston.

The company take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of churches visited for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for their personal welcome; also the various leaders and local ringers for their kind reception, and in having everything ready. Last, but not least, they thank Mr. Nichols for so kindly placing his services at the disposal of the party for the two days.

AMONG SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Monday, July 17th, the Debenham Company visited a number of towers in South-West Suffolk. Starting from home at 7.30 a.m., the party proceeded by motor bus to Stowmarket, where they were met by Mr. W. Souter and others. Touches of Cambridge and Treble Bob Major were rung, and then the party proceeded to Lavenham, with its magnificent tower and its famous tenor bell. Mr. A. Symonds had everything in readiness, and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Stedman were the methods indulged in. Some of the more ardent spirits climbed to the top of the tower, but as the day was wet and misty the view was not so good as it would otherwise have been. Proceeding to Sudbury for dinner, the party were joined by Mr. David Elliott, who acted as guide when they subsequently visited the towers of St. Gregory and All Saints'. The peal at the former church are in excellent going order, but make far too much noise in the ringing chamber, while the latter, although a grand toned peal, go rather too heavily for anything beyond short touches, a course being about enough at a time—anyway, the writer found that 224 Double Norwich on the tenor was rather more than he wanted. Touches of Cambridge, Superlative Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were also rang, with the assistance of Mr. Elliott. The next objective was Hadleigh, which was reached about 6.15 p.m., and, after tea had been partaken of, some good touches of Kent, Cambridge and Stedman were rung. Mr. T. Reed met the visitors here, and took part in one of the touches. The 'go' of the bells is first class, and they are a fine toned peal. Debenham was found to be still in the same place at 11.30 p.m., and all voted the outing to be a most enjoyable one. The thanks of the ringers are due to the clergy of the various churches for granting permission to ring; also to the tower keepers and the local men, who so kindly met them and helped to make the tour the success that it was.

STOWMARKET RINGERS' DAY OUT.

The Stowmarket Company had their annual outing on Saturday, July 15th. Leaving home by charabanc at 8 a.m., they proceeded to Halesworth, where they were met by some of the local ringers. There is a nice ring of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.), but they are hung in a remarkable way, the ropes falling in the order of 1 7 2 6 4 5 3 8. Despite this handicap to visitors, however, several touches were brought round. A move was then made to Leiston, where a capital lunch was enjoyed at the White Horse Hotel. At the tower the party were met by one of the celebrated brothers Bailey, who was unfortunately kept at home through a family bereavement, the other members of the company being on their outing. Several touches were brought round. It had been intended to proceed to Ufford, where the Rev. H. Drake had kindly given permission for ringing, but as time was getting on it was found necessary to abandon this tower, and tracks were made for Debenham, where Mr. E. E. Grimes had arranged tea at the Lion Hotel. Afterwards ringing was indulged in, with the kind help of Debenham friends, several touches being brought round on this fine peal of bells, where the then record peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob was rung on June 6th, 1892. The methods rung during the day were Bob Major, Oxford, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire.

The company wish to thank all the incumbents for granting permission to use their bells, and all, especially Mr. E. E. Grimes, who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

AMONG HEAVY BELLS IN SOMERSET.

On Saturday, July 22nd, St. James' Guild, Taunton, had their annual outing. Accompanied by a few friends, they left Taunton in a charabanc at 7 a.m., and after a run of about thirty-five miles, reached Shepton Mallet, where Mr. Richards was awaiting their arrival. The Parish Church bells, a fine peal of eight, with a 26 cwt. tenor, were quickly rung up in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples brought round. A move was then made for Frome, and during the journey a lovely avenue of lime trees was passed through, but the opportunity of enjoying the open country was somewhat marred by rain. On reaching Frome, Mr. Bishop had everything in readiness, but a short delay in the raising of the bells was caused by a wedding which was taking place, but as the happy pair left the beautiful church the bells were sending forth their joyful music to the tune first of Grandsire and then of Stedman Triples. The tenor is 35 cwt.

The bells having been run down, lunch was partaken of at the George Hotel. Tracks were then made for Beckington, where Mr.

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ST. MARY'S, LAMBETH.

COST OF ANCIENT RESTORATIONS.

The restoration of the bells at St. Mary's, Lambeth, led us recently to give brief extracts from the old parish accounts relating to the bells. The churchwardens' books of those far-off days contain many other entries concerning the bells which will interest ringers. The bells had to be rung when the kings visited the parish, and for a sin of omission when Henry VIII. went to Lambeth on one occasion in 1517-18, the authorities had to pay, for we read:—

Item paid to the yema amyner ffor defawtt off the ryngynge off the bells at the Kyngs comynge. ijs. iiijd.

The steeplekeeper in those days seems to have been paid two shillings a year, not a large sum even in that time of large money values, if the work was onerous—which, perhaps, it was not.

1554-57. Itm paid to Willm Smyth for lokyng to the beles and gresyng the bell stocks for on yere. ijs.

In 1584 the recasting of the bells was undertaken, and at a vestry meeting on May 17th, when this was agreed to, £9 3s. was received from a 'benyvolance gathered towards the new castyng of the belles.' £18 appears to have been paid for recasting the four bells, and later on there appears the entry:—

It. for our diner churchwardens bellfounder and other honest men of ye parishe at ye paiment of ye money receyvinge of his bonde for the strenght of ye sayd belles in warrantie for a yeare and a daye. vjs. viijd.

In 1571-72 twelve pence were paid 'ffor ringing at the overthrowe of the tourcke.'

A similar sum was spent in 1579-80, 'on the bell founder in wine and beeare when he came to give his advice in mending the bell clappers,' and this kind of thing seems to have been a general practice at that time. If it is not continued to this day, the bell founders have reason to regret the lapse of a good old custom. And so have his men, as will be seen from some of the extracts that follow:—

1586-87. It. for makinge ye men drinke when they brought home ye Bell and other honest men with them. xxjd.

The tenor of the new ring gave some trouble afterwards, for 'the oled greate belle that was broken in the teyme of Roger Winslo Richard Tharpe and John Lucas being churchwardens in the year of our lorde 1598 did containe in waighte xiiij C one quarter and xxij li.' 'The newe greate bell that now ys in the stepell do waye xv C a half and xxi li.'

Item also for new castenge careinge hangeng and all other charges to be aloweed and he to have a xjs. the hundred. viij. li

Item allso yt was agreed that he sholld have for the over plusse of mettell that he put into the bel viijd. pound so theare was put in more then was in the old bell hi one hundred and xxvij li. iiij li. xiis. viijd.'

In 1599-1600 the parish paid £6 2s. 1d. towards the charges for the 'greate bell,' and 11s. more was received 'of my Lordes grace towardes the same bell,' so the Archbishop dipped his hand into his pocket to help.

The tenor came down again in 1602. On the 8th September 12 pence was paid when 'the great bell was pulled downe to laborers that did help to make them drinke.' A carpenter was paid when he 'tooke off the wheeles and altered the frame,' and, then comes the information that 3d. was 'payde for ij (two) peny nayles that mended the wheeles that were taken asonder.'

The tenor came home on the 14th November, but on March 30th, 1603, it was once more removed, for 2s. was 'payed to them that did helpe to take downe the greate bell.' There are recorded sundry payments to Mr. Moet (sometimes spelt Moate) for his work. In 1609-10 the 'great bell' was again recast, and apparently more metal was put into it. Once more appear items for 'bread and drincke upon the bell founders' and 'bread and beare at the hanging up of the bell.' Yet again did the tenor come down, and in the same year, too, a broken gudgeon being apparently the cause, for these three entries appear:—

Item for taking down and hanging up agayne of the great Bell. ls.

Item for Breade and Beare at the taking downe of the Bell. xd.

Item for newe hanging agayne of the great Bell and a new Godgen the old bing broken. xxis. vjd.

After this, all seems to have been well with the tenor, but the third was recast in 1613. Apparently the work was not paid for until 1617, when £1 13s. 4d. was 'payde to Phillipp Walton an olde debt being for the hanging up of the third bell in 1613,' and £4 'payde to Walter Barton for an olde debte oweinge to Carter the Bell founder for casting of the third bell.' By the way, in 1613 1s. 6d. 'was spent in victualls when wee went to see the weight of the 3rd bell being put out to be newe cast.' So these worthies of ancient days did not neglect creature comforts when going about business connected with bells, and ringers to-day maintain the custom, albeit generally at their own expense.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

DIVISION OF THE COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Guild was held at Warwick on July 29th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) were open for ringing at 2.45 p.m., and members were present from Allesley, Coventry, Exhall, Leamington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke and Warwick. A disappointment occurred with regard to the service in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. C. A. H. Russell, Rector of Whitnash, had promised to take the service, but at the last moment was unable to do so on account of a family bereavement. The time was too short to make other arrangements, and the service had to be dispensed with.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Hall, the President, Canon Back, presiding. He was supported by the Ringing Master and about 30 others.

The Chairman referred to Rule 2, which mentions 'That the position of patron be reserved for the Bishop of the Diocese,' and moved that the secretary be instructed to write to the new Bishop of Coventry to obtain his consent to act as patron of the Guild.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Wilkerson, read a report of the Guild's activities during the past year, and, on the motion of Mr. H. Argyle, seconded by Mr. J. H. White, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded him.

THE GROWTH OF THE GUILD.

The Secretary, in his report, stated: Quarterly meetings were held at Southam in October, Erdington in January, and Solihull in April. Monthly meetings at Brinklow in August, Exhall in September, Monks Kirby in May, and Berkswell in June. The meetings, on the whole, were well attended, especially those at Monks Kirby and Berkswell. During the past year 40 new members have been elected, viz., One honorary (Rev. J. K. Taylor, Stoke Golding), 10 non-resident members, and 29 ordinary ringing members. These include the newly-formed bands at Exhall and Monks Kirby. The total membership of the Guild now stands at 268; made up by hon. members 7, hon. life members 8, non-resident ringing members 84, and resident ringing members 169.

Thirty-three peals have been rung, against 15 last year, and a pleasing feature is the fact that the increase has been in the higher methods. Twenty-nine were rung on tower bells and three on handbells. Special mention should be made of the two peals of Stedman Caters in hand, and Mr. Frank Perrens and the Coventry men, including some of the Allesley Band, deserve the heartiest congratulations of the Guild, by ringing the first for the Guild, and the first handbell peal in the City of Coventry. Mention must also be made of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Nuneaton on July 6th last, this being the first peal in this intricate method for the Guild by an entirely local band. The total number of peals rung by the Guild to date is 225. Eleven members have scored their first peal for the Guild during the year, the youngest ringer being Fredk. Sanders, of Exhall. Seven have rung their first in various methods, and four their first for the Guild. There have been 16 conductors during the year, and the peals comprise: Stedman Caters on handbells 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Superlative 1, Kent Major 1, Double Norwich 3, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 8, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor in seven methods 6, Minor in four methods 4, Minor in one method 3, Doubles on handbells 1; total 33. Since the last annual meeting the late Ringing Master, Mr. James George, has successfully rung his 700th peal, and the secretary was instructed to send him a letter of congratulation from the members of the Guild. Mr. H. Argyle, your representative on the Central Council, attended the Council meeting at Lincoln on Whit-Tuesday on your behalf, and to whom your thanks are due. Your thanks are also due to the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Roberts, who, I believe (with one or two exceptions when he was very seriously indisposed) has attended all the meetings during the year, and, with tact and ability, has directed the ringing on each occasion; also to Mr. O. J. Hunt, who, in addition to his duties as auditor, acted as secretary on one occasion with skill and satisfaction. We again gratefully acknowledge the support received by the Guild from the clergy, in granting permission for ringing, and entertaining the members, especially the President and Mrs. Back, but it is still a matter of regret that a large number of towers in the county are not affiliated to the Guild, and here I would like to thank the Rugby men for their efforts at Monks Kirby, the Nuneaton band for similar efforts at Chilvers Coton, and Mr. J. H. White for his help at Exhall; also any others who have endeavoured to assist the Guild in any way that has not been brought to my notice.

DISTRICTS TO BE FORMED.

A long discussion took place with regard to dividing the Guild into districts, and ultimately it was decided to do so, the following gentlemen accepting office as hon. district secretaries: Mr. F. Ashbourne, Warwick District; Mr. J. B. Fenton, Rugby District; Mr. F. E. Pervin, Coventry District; and Mr. T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton District. The meeting unanimously decided to ask Mr. Bernard Witchell to take over the Birmingham area in Warwickshire.

The President, Canon Back, and the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Roberts, were unanimously re-elected, and the rest of the officers

were duly re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. A. J. Hessian, of Rugby, and Mr. H. Reader, of Chilvers Coton, members of the committee, their places being taken by Mr. H. Argyle and Mr. J. B. Fenton respectively.—On the motion of the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services during the year.

Nuneaton was selected for the next quarterly meeting in October, Dunchurch for the monthly meeting in August, and Whitnash for September.—Seven new members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (Canon Llewellyn Wood) for the use of the bells, and to the President, for presiding, were unanimously passed, and brought a rather long meeting to a close.

The ringing at St. Mary's included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Superlative Surprise Major and Duffield Royal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

It was a happy thought of the South-West District of the Middlesex Association to hold a mid-week meeting at Richmond (Surrey) on Wednesday, August 2nd, permission for which was kindly granted by the Vicar.

It was the first meeting of the Middlesex Association at Richmond, and was well attended by members from all parts of the district.

The bells are a useful ring of eight, and there are a number of very old peal boards in the tower.

'One board records that in the year 1741 a complete peal was rung of 5040 'Richmond' Triples, evidently by the local band of that time, who seem to have been taken by a spirit of emulation.

Another very old board records a peal 'with as many 7ths as 2nds and as many 5ths as 4ths, and bobs called before and behind alternately.'

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and, this meeting being so successful, it is hoped that it will become an annual affair.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Essex Association was held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 29th, when about 40 members (representing 15 towers) were entertained to tea by the kindness of Mr. W. E. Neuth, following a service, conducted by the Vicar. Mr. R. W. Stannard, the district secretary, thanked the Vicar and Mr. Neuth, and also read a letter from the esteemed District Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, who had met with a serious accident the day before. The Secretary, who referred to Mr. Nevard as the 'grand old man' among ringers of North Essex, loved by all, was instructed to write expressing the members' sympathy with him, and wishing him a speedy recovery.

MR. C. F. BAILEY'S 300 PEALS.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung by eight brothers, Mr. C. F. Bailey, of Leiston, completed his third century.

	Tower Bells.	Conducted.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	7	3		
Grandsire Triples	1	1		
Double Oxford	1	1		
Double Norwich	31*	29		
Superlative Surprise	42	42		
Cambridge Surprise	34	34		
New Cambridge Surprise	5	5		
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
Yorkshire Surprise	1	1		
Guildford Surprise	2	2		
Suffolk Surprise	1	1		
Dublin Surprise	1	1		
Bristol Surprise	22	22		
London Surprise	4	4		
Bob Major	11	9	11	11
Bob Royal	—	—	8	8
Bob Maximus	—	—	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	30x	17	x18	18
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—	9	9
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—	3	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	14	12	5	5
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	—	—	3	3
Stedman Triples	9	9	3	3
Stedman Caters	—	—	12	12
Stedman Cinques	—	—	2	2
	225	195	75	75

Total 300. Conducted 270.

*Including 11040. x 7008. Of these 300 peals 132 have been rung on the bells of Mr. Bailey's native tower.

CAPTAIN FOR 40 YEARS.

Captain of the local band at Chipping Barnet for over 40 years, Mr. J. Sumpter has just celebrated his 70th birthday. On July 28th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins. in honour of the event: S. Caslev 1, F. Chandler 2, C. Dale 3, H. J. Eldred 4, W. Soer 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, R. Sturgeon 7, G. Herbert 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Alrewas, near Burton-on-Trent, are to be dedicated and opened to-morrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. The peal has a tenor of 12 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, to-morrow, Mr. Arthur D. Barker, hon. general secretary of the London County Association, is to be married to Miss Gladys Bateman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bateman. Miss Bateman is a well known ringer, and is assistant general secretary of the London County Association. The ceremony is to take place at 11 a.m., and the good wishes of the Exercise will go out to both the bride and bridegroom.

The 12th of August is the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in the year 1776. In a book, which belonged to one John Martin, who took part in the peal, the following quaint record is preserved: 'August ye 12th, 1776. On Monday, Being his Royal highness the Prince of Wales Birth Day, it was observed by the Leicester Rangers, who rang this peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters in the Tittoms, which took in performing Four Hours and Twenty Minutes, which we can safely say that a peal of such Length never was performed so Compleat By Never a Society in this Kingdom, it Being the first Attempt Ever made for the same and was Rung on those much esteemed peal of Ten Bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the Tenor of which weighs 29 hundred 3 qrs.' Then follow the names of the ringers, there being two men to the 'tennor.'

'To celebrate the glorious victory obtained by Lord Wellington over the french at Salamanca' a peal of 5000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, on August 17th, 1812. Coventry bells are, of course, no longer hung for ringing, having been taken down in 1885. Could not the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, which is doing some most valuable scientific work, by some means look into the position at St. Michael's?

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at St. Mary le Tower, Ipswich, on August 15th, 1908, and the first peal of Double Norwich Major in Wales at Rhyl on August 13th, 1883. The latter was rung by the Burton-on-Trent men.

The fine peal of eight at Ashburton Church, Devon, has just been overhauled by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

The peal of six bells at the grand old church at Landulph, Cornwall, will shortly be under restoration, and put into good ringing order by Messrs Aggett. The bells are to be hung on the firm's patent adjustable bearings. They have also in hand the restoration of the peal of six bells at Stoodleigh, near Tiverton, Devon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

AMUSING INCIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING.

A record attendance of members and friends assembled at Lichfield on July 29th, for the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and among the towers represented were the following: Barton-under-Needwood, Bilston, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Bloxwich, Bradley, Burton-on-Trent, Bushbury, Cannock, Coalbrookdale, Coseley, Coventry, Darlaston, Erdington, Kingswinford, Lichfield, Norton Canes, Nuneaton, Pelsall, Penkridge, Rushall, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Swindon, Tamworth, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall and Wolverhampton. The three peals of bells were kept going merrily during the afternoon and evening. An amusing incident occurred at one tower, where a certain band of six rang some Bob Minor. 'This is a rummy lot of bells,' said one, when the ringing was done. Band No. 2 had a touch in the same method, and, at the finish, came to the same conclusion as did Band No. 1. Band No. 3 managed a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and the same state of mystification prevailed until the ringer of the 'treble,' through a brain-wave, pulled his bell off singly when the mystery was cleared up. Each band had been using the tenor as the treble, treble for second, etc., with the fifth as tenor! This may seem a little 'far-fetched,' but the truth is vouched for by two who were taking a part in it.

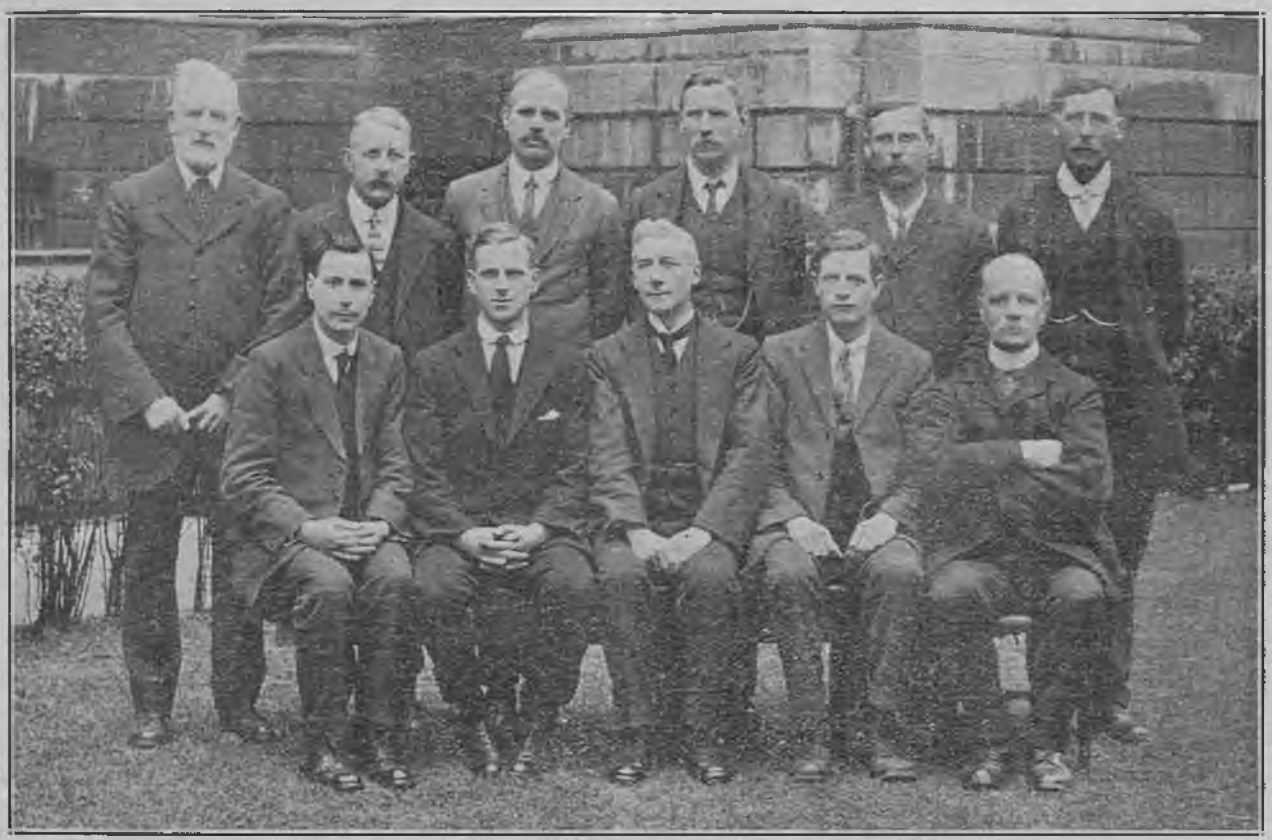
After attending evensong in the Cathedral a move was made to Lloyd's Restaurant, where a substantial tea was provided, about 140 sitting down. The general meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Preb. Paice, Vicar of St. Mary's. The statement of accounts showed a very fair balance in hand, and it was resolved that the report and balance sheet be printed.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Fisher), who resigned, the vacancy being filled by the election of Mr. T. J. Elton, of Walsall. A vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher for past services was unanimously passed, to which the retiring Ringing Master suitably responded.

Twenty-eight new members were enrolled, and the following places were selected for the coming meetings:—Kinver in September, Christ Church, West Bromwich, in January, 1923, Cannock in April, and Lichfield (annual) in June.

THE APPLETON RECORD LENGTH.

RINGERS OF THE 21,363 STEDMAN CATERS IN 12 hrs. 25 mins.



Photo] [*C. H. Horton.*

The above group comprises the ringers and composer of the peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung at Appleton, in 12 hrs. 25 mins., on April 22nd. The photograph was taken outside St. Paul's Cathedral, by Mr. C. H. Horton, on the first opportunity the band had of meeting since they rang the peal.

Back row, left to right: George Holifield, sen., 5th; Henry R. Newton, 6th; Alfred B. Peck, 7th; Richard T. Hibbert, 8th; Richard White, 9th; Fred White, tenor.

Front row: Herbert Langdon (conductor), 4th; William Hibbert, 3rd; Henry G. Miles, composer; George Holifield, jun., 2nd; Challis F. Winney, treble.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The ceremony of unveiling the tablet recording the long peal at Appleton was conducted by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Friday evening, July 21st, the eve of the Guild Festival. A short service was held in the little village church at 6.30, attended by the churchwardens, ringers and several interested friends. The Rector was unfortunately absent, being abroad on his holiday.

The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn gave a brief address, in the course of which he said that the outstanding features of the peal were, first, the fact that it was the longest composition ever rung by men standing at their ropes without relief, and, secondly, the high character of the ringing throughout the whole day. For the gifts that were required for such an achievement they offered thanks and praise to God.

The Master then led the way to the ringing loft, which, in the presence of all who could be accommodated, he unveiled the tablet.

It is of dull slate, inscribed in silver lettering, and is fixed on one of the splayed sides of the west window, the only available place. In addition to the ordinary details, the inscription on the tablet adds: 'This is the longest peal rung by one set of men.'

The service concluded with the grace.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was then rung by a band composed of members of the families of Holifield and White, with the Master of the Guild.

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CARISBROOKE, 1921 WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

RICHARD HIMSELF AGAIN.

BY 'ONCE A BEGINNER.'

Dear Editor,—Yestere'en good Mistress Peppery did catch me in the back shed, furtively trying to convert her best copper coal scuttle into a knightly helm, and to devise a shield from the dust bin lid, and did descend on mine head like a cyclone, and demand to know the reason for such warlike preparations. I did refer her to the 'R.W.,' and told her that, as William was out a' jousting, it behoved me to put my pate in a state of defence in case he chanced our way. But ye good woman did inform me that it would be more suitable to my tastes were I to emulate ye good King Cole and call for pipes, bowls, etc., and did explain to me that the panoply of war does not go well with an ascetic complexion like mine, and that the article which had caused me such trembling would not do so again, as she had been busy filling my pipe light jar. So I am again abased and retire crestfallen.

Let me hasten to say that no one is more sincere than I in congratulating 'W. W.' on his recovery. We can't spare such as he from our fold, and let me also hasten to say that I agree in toto with 99 per cent. of his article. I will dissect it.

Let us take 'bearings' first. Now, I have spent the whole of my long and blameless career sticking things into bearings from two feet in diameter to nearly zero, so I think I know what a bearing is capable of, and I agree with 'W. W.' that any luckless wight would have required at the end of six hours' dry slogging merely six bits of wood. 'W. W.' quotes your Editorial of July 28th. He noticed this; so did I notice it; and it is quite correct. The only thing that will put the baby to sleep is a peal of Stedman Caters not less than 21,364 changes in not less than the time occupied by the Appleton Peal, on a ring of bells with a tenor weighing not less than 30½ cwt. That, and that only, will scoop the pool. You see, it was not the App'eton band itself that set the ball a-rolling. They raised no quibb'es re weight and time. So, 'Tis theirs not to make reply.' They did, verb. sap. Apologies; I'm again abased.

I do not want to go over old ground, but it is an incontrovertible fact that the peal of Appleton, with all its faults of short notice, and no specially appointed umpire, contained, firstly, more changes than the Loughborough peal. Secondly, its conductor was a man of well-known probity; and I defy contradiction when I say that the two longest peals yet rung contained the two conductors in the kingdom who are most ready to call stand when a suspicion of fault occurs. It is a record as to number of changes and length of time, but not in weight of metal. The Loughborough peal always has been, and is yet a record performance on weight of metal, but it is no longer the peal, par excellence, that it was. More changes have been rung. Again, verb. sap.

And I now come to the only point I don't like in the letters of Mr. Pye and Mr. Willson. They neither of them mention that fact, viz., the greater number of changes. I know William Pye, and I don't criticise his letters or the way they are written. I just look at what he wants to say from an impartial point of view. The words he uses when he puts his views on paper come in with the joint, not with the sweets, and viewed from an unjaundiced aspect, are more filling and to the point than the iced pudding. But one has to add the seasoning, as it were. Loughborough peal is still the greatest performance in the history of ringing. Appleton is now the longest peal yet rung.

The record is divided. Let us, instead of spilling ink and making bad blood, put it together again. Like 'W. W.,' I notice the usual crop of letters. They are really the harmless bacilli which come in the train of the germs of all big diseases, and are just about as innocuous. So be like me, William, lean on your Mistress Peppery. Mine is an ever-present help in time of trouble. 'W. W.,' you should forgive the poor writers who are too personal, you know they drift into personalities when they really filled their 'plumes reservoirs' with the best of intentions, but don't discourage them. Who knows, perhaps Rider Haggard got his practice for the higher methods in the columns of the old 'B.N. and R.R.'

'W. W.' is correct when he deplores the short notice given for the Appleton peal. Rules must be carried out, if only for the sake of the performers themselves, and they, themselves, indirectly made these rules. Yes, 'W. W.,' you did qualify your remark re beating Appleton at the Bell Foundry, and you were not the only prominent ringer who made the same remark. You may have qualified your remark; but if 15 cwt. does not beat 30 cwt., 6½ cwt. can't beat 15. If it can, there is a peal at The Lye. Make two trebles and go there. The whole thing amounts to this: length or number of changes is one thing; weight of metal or 'performance' is another. The two combined is a greater record. Length, as a record, can be rung anywhere, but for stunts, well, go to Exeter if you can unlock the bells again.

In conclusion, may I submit, Mr. Editor, that you are correct when you say that everyone has a right to voice his opinions in your paper? but I think they would spend their Sunday afternoons to more pleasurable advantage laughing at good Mr. 'W. W.' and my very unworthy self girding at one another's opinions, than in penning the vitriolic effusions we do see from time to time.

Put back the coal scuttle and dust bin lid, good Mistress Peppery. 'Fiddlers Three' is ye next turn on. Your hand, 'W. W.,' to kiss.

THE QUESTION OF WEIGHT.

Sir, — It is more than pleasing to hear of the recovery of Mr. William Willson, and I sincerely hope that he will soon be as fit as ever, but I must advise him to use something more modern and substantial than a battle-axe!

I am sorry for the error re Appleton 9th. As a matter of fact, I was under the impression that two trebles were added and not two tenors, but I think we may take the late Rev. Robinson's book as correct.

This matter of weight is absolutely misleading. Mr. Willson has already done the selfsame thing, and now, when other members go and beat his best performance, he runs into print and criticises their record. You, sir, will no doubt remember the conditions under which the Wigston peal of Double Norwich was rung. Mr. Willson, the composer and conductor, attained the record with a tenor of 14 cwts. Mr. Washbrook did not 'grouse,' because his performance at Kidlington, Oxon, was with a tenor of 23½ cwts. There seems to be no basis for Mr. Willson's argument, and I have no desire to carry this further.—Yours, etc.,

LONDON RINGER.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

In connection with the decision of the Central Council to place in the Library a permanent record of the names of the ringers of this country who fell in the war, the following letter has been issued to Secretaries of Associations by the Hon. Librarian.

Great assistance will be rendered to Association Secretaries if Secretaries of bands will send in revised lists of their members who made the great sacrifice, so that the roll may be accurately and finally settled.

Broadlands, Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading.

Ringers' Roll of Honour.

Dear Sir,—A resolution was passed at the last Central Council meeting at Lincoln to the effect that a list of church bell ringers who fell in the Great War should be prepared from those lists which were read out by the president at the Council meeting at Northampton in 1920, and that the names of such ringers should be suitably written on parchment, and given an honoured place in the library of the Council.

It is important that this list should be complete and accurate, and that a ringer's name should not occur more than once in the list. Will you, therefore, be good enough to revise the enclosed list, and to return to me, as soon as possible, the results of such revision, bearing in mind the following points:—

1. Names should be given either in print, or in imitation printing capital letters.
2. A note should be added to a name, if it is known or believed that the ringer was a member of other associations, together with the names of such associations.

This is for purposes of reference only.

Thus—

SMITH, Cpl. W. H., Rifle Brigade (also College Youths and possibly Devon Guild).

You will, I am sure, understand that it is only by the co-operation of each Association, through its secretary, that a worthy record can be obtained.—Yours truly,

(Signed) C. W. O. JENKYN.

DEATH OF AN ASSOCIATION SECRETARY.

Members of the Exercise will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. Johnson, of Stoke, who passed away on August 2nd after many months' illness. He had been hon. secretary of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association for the past 15 years, and was held in high esteem by the members.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Dresden Church, and ringers were present from Stoke, Leek, Burslem, Tunstall and Longton. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. Grimwood (Rector of Keele) who is the clerical secretary and treasurer of the Association.

TREBLE BOB AT GILMORTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I inform the band who rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Gilmorton, Leicester, on Saturday, July 29th, 1922, that the first peal of Treble Bob Major was rung on these bells by members of the Warwickshire Guild on December 27th, 1910, conducted by Mr. J. B. Fenton, and was, I believe, the first peal of Major on the bells.—Yours, etc.,

A. ROBERTS.

Stoke, Coventry.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EALING, MIDDLESEX. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, L. H. Page 4, A. Harding 5, H. J. Honnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. Cooper 8.

BARNES ST. MARY'S.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. Stevens 3 R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, H. Rivers 8.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's Within the Walls.—For evening service, Sunday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes (by J. Reeves), in 46 mins.: H. Lewis 1, E. Harrison 2, R. Sperring 3, J. W. Davies 4, F. Fox 5, A. Newall 6, G. R. Jones 7, S. Jones, jun. (first in the method as conductor) 8.

THRAPSTON.—On Feast Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes) in 42 mins.: A. Bellamy 1, J. M. Nickerson 2, C. Wilson 3, D. Redhead 4, A. Wilson 5, T. Wilson 6, F. Kirk 7, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 8. Taken from 'Ringing World,' May 15th, 1921. Composed by J. George.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, August 6th, at St. Mary's Church, after the evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 36 mins.: W. H. Freeman 1, H. T. Scarlett 2, J. C. Adams 3, R. Maynard, sen., 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, W. B. Manning (Royston), conductor, 6.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, J. R. Picton 2, S. Hoare (Peterborough) 3, H. Hoare 4, E. M. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Countess of Essex and Dr. F. Haycraft Berry.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service six courses of Double Norwich: H. Buckley 1, G. Duck 2 E. H. Simpson 3, H. Davison 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Foster (conductor) 8 —For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, *H. Davison 4, *R. Umpleby 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Foster 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3, 6, 7. * First with bob bell.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, July 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, for divine service, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Willers (first 500) 1, R. Dore 2, H. J. Gray 3, V. Neale 4, J. Ladley 5 G. Gray 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss K. Willers 1, H. J. Gray 2, R. Dore 3, V. Neale 4, A. Wright 5, G. Gray 6, J. Ladley 7, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 8.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, July 30th, on the occasion of the Eve of the Festival of St. Ignatius, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Caunce 1, W. Fisher 2, W. Hughes 3, C. S. Benwell (first in the method) 4, E. Jones 5, T. Hammond, junr. 6, J. Martin (composer and conductor) 7, A. Lindsay 8. Longest length on the bells since restoration.

NEWBURN, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. — At St. Michael and All Angels Church, on Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Leedham 1, J. Oliver 2, T. Colvin 3, J. Lowery 4, H. B. Taylor 5, E. Lowery (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by the same ringers and conductor.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, E. Jones (conductor) 4, H. Jarman 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, P. Cross (Wrexham) 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, E. Jones 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

CHERTSEY. — On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Stevens 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, Miss N. Shorter 3, Miss N. Stevens 4, G. Warinton 5, J. Crocker 6, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 7, H. R. Stevens 8.

OXFORD.—For Divine Service, on Sunday, July 30th, at St. Mary Magdalen, 120 Stedman Doubles: W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 1, T. Payne 2, G. R. Newton 3, W. Jeffries 4, W. Harris 5. For evensong, at St. Ebbe, 360 Kent Treble Bob: F. Beckitt 1, W. Harris 2, H. Tolley 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, F. Clinkard 6. For evensong, at St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Kent: H. Tolley 1, F. Beckitt 2, G. R. Newton 3, F. Clinkard 4, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 5, W. Harris 6. After evening service, at Headington Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Beckitt 1, H. Tolley 2, G. R. Newton 3, W. Harris 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6. G. R. Newton hails from Liverpool, and the above ringing was as arranged for him.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: A. Allen 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Warnett, jun., 4, W. Weaver 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: *V. Glass 1, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 2, *W. Mellin 3, G. F. Williams 4, H. Redgwell 5, *E. Bright 6. *First 720 of Cambridge.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Warnett, jun., 4, W. Denman 5, H. Turell (conductor) 6.

PENTRE, RHONDDA. — On Sunday, July 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, for the Sunday School festival, for morning service, 352 Bob Major, 448 Oxford Treble Major.—For afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes). The ringers were: H. Page, F. Lashury, G. Cross, H. Davies, T. Hamlin, James Cross, G. Wanes, W. Page, T. Page and H. Crabb. The conducting was shared by H. Page, T. Page and J. Cross.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, at St. George's, a quarter-peal, 1280 of Kent Treble Bob Major: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, T. W. Taffender, jun., 2, J. S. Hawkins (late of Marlow) 3, E. J. King 4, I. Emery 5, G. Wickins 6, F. Terry 7, W. Smith 8.

LEEK SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY E. A. RIDGWAY.

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This is a double method, and has a clean proof scale, so that any peal of Bob Major that will run round true at half-way without the use of Singles, will produce a peal in this method. 4ths place Bob.

MISCELLANECUS PERFORMANCES.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET. — On Wednesday, June 7th, at the Parish Church, 672 Bob Major: C. Strawbridge 1, S. Mason 2, G. Stacey 3, J. Pugsley 4, F. Date 5, S. Mason 6, G. Atkins 7, J. H. White (Coventry), conductor, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Atkins. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. S. C. Phillips, who met with an accident on the sinking of S.S. 'Egypt,' which caused his death, and was interred at Minehead Cemetery on the above date. On Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: W. Hoyle 1, G. Stacey 2, G. Atkins 3, S. Mason 4, F. Date 5, J. Pugsley 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET. — On Tuesday, June 13th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Phillips 1, W. Hoyle 2, H. Parker 3, S. Farmer 4, G. Stacey 5, J. H. White (Coventry), conductor, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles.

DEATH OF SIR EDWARD MALINS.

A FRIEND TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The death occurred at Birmingham on July 23rd of Sir Edward Malins, the distinguished physician, who passed away at the age of 80 years. Throughout a long and active career he was closely identified with the life of the city. In his profession, he specialised in obstetrics. For many years he was a Professor of the Medical School attached to Birmingham University, and he signalised the termination of his official connection with the University in 1912 by a gift of £1,000 to the University funds. Sir Edward filled many important posts in connection with medical societies, and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London. In 1919 the King conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood in recognition of his services to the profession of medicine and of his public work. Sir Edward was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Warwick and the City of Birmingham, and was for many years actively engaged in educational and social work. He had also been President of the Birmingham Conservative Association. A staunch Churchman, he was for many years identified with St. Philip's Church (now the pro-Cathedral), and served as churchwarden under Bishop Bowlby, Dr. Knox, Canon Carnegie and Bishop Hamilton Baynes.

It was in his capacity as churchwarden that Sir Edward came into touch with the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and he was always a welcome guest at the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. At these gatherings he frequently proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' and his speech was always of a fresh and instructive nature, delivered in a style which scarcely betrayed his advancing years. On the last occasion an amusing incident occurred. Sir Edward was a keen collector of coins, and to illustrate a point in his speech he brought with him one of the old 'godless' florins (those minted without the letters F.D. in the inscription). Instead of holding up this coin, however, Sir Edward exhibited an ordinary penny, and when, to the amusement of the company, the Chairman afterwards humorously pointed out the error, Sir Edward was with difficulty persuaded that he had made the mistake. Indeed, it is doubtful if he was ever totally convinced of the error.

Sir Edwards Malins was keenly interested in St. Martin's Guild, and it was no fault of his that St. Philip's bells were not recast during his churchwardenship. On the Sunday evening following the last Johnson Dinner, despite his eighty years, he climbed the belfry steps of St. Philip's and stayed to watch the ringing and exchange a friendly word with the ringers, who included several visitors to the city.

Sir Edward Malins was a man of great intellect and engaging personality, but a life of great activity spent in the service of the public has now closed. Sir Edward died of cancer, but he bore his sufferings patiently and manfully, and it was typical of his character that he should tell those around him in his closing days that he should die a happy man, and thanked God for having enabled him to spend a happy and useful life, free from previous illness.

The funeral service took place at St. Philip's Cathedral. The Bishop of Birmingham officiated, and among those present were Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. The interment was at Edgbaston Parish Church.

On the previous Sunday evening (July 30th) a muffled touch of six courses of Stedman Caters (in the inverted tittums and handstroke home position) was rung at St. Philip's in memory of the deceased gentleman by: J. E. Groves 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, T. Ransam 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. Walker (conductor) 5, J. George 6, E. Mansell 7, T. H. Reeves 8, J. Neal 9, G. H. Yendall 10. This was followed by three courses, in which J. Wells and A. E. Norman took part.

On Tuesday, August 1st, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A most successful meeting of the above society took place at Campsall on Saturday, July 22nd. Over 40 members were present, representing 12 towers. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Stedman, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Tea was partaken of in the park, the tables being spread beneath the trees. The Rev. W. Able Turner presided at the business meeting, and was heartily thanked for his services and for the use of the bells.

Some courses of Grandsire were rung on the handbells, and a group photograph of the visitors was taken. The Vicar conducted the party round his gardens and also round the extensive grounds of Campsmount, the latter by kind permission of the squire, Mr. G. Cooke-Yarborough.

The tower at Campsall was built about 1166, and is a splendid example of Norman work. As one enters the churchyard the beautiful west door of the tower strikes the eye as being the most interesting part of the tower. There is a ring of eight bells, the octave having been completed about 43 years ago.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, August 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham (8 bells) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the District will be held at Kingstone on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (Bullring) 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at St. Luke's, Heywood. Bells ready at 3. Meeting, 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A Meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready early, in splendid order. —A cordial invitation is offered to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALREWAS PARISH CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Dedication of new bells, eight in number, Saturday, August 12th, 1922, 5.15 p.m.—Peals will be rung by men from Loughborough (Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Bell Founders).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 17th and 31st; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 22nd; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A practice meeting will be held at Cromer on Thursday, August 17th. By kind permission of the Vicar the ring of six bells will be available from 5.30 to 8 p.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting, 5.30.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Wednesday, August 16th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) available from noon. Service at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at 1/6 per head in the Barn Room, to those who notify Mr. R. Thompson, Co-op. Villas, Hatfield, near Doncaster, by August 16th. All ringers heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon, Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, August 19th. Please notify me on or before August 13th, how many intend to be present from your tower.—Edward Steele, 109, George Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, August 19th. Please write to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton, for tea. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting will be held at Calne on Saturday, August 19th, and not at Clyffe as previously arranged. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Sec., Calne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service 4.30. Tea to follow at the White Hart. Please notify Mr. H. T. Howell by Aug. 14th, 77, Summerhill Road, St. George, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 19th, by permission of the Rev. F. Marriott, Vicar. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar after service. Tower open at 3 p.m., also St. Mary's, by permission of the Rev. James, Vicar. Will members kindly let me know by the 14th all who intend to be present?—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at Waltham Abbey (12). Ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting after. Tea obtainable opposite. Master and Secretary will leave Liverpool Street by 2.58 from G.E.R., and will be glad to meet all who intend coming by same. Hearty welcome to all.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Secretary, 57, Market Street, W.2.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Guild service in church with an address by the Vicar, Rev. H. L. Langley, at 4.30. Tea at Mr. Walker's Tea Rooms at 5.15; business meeting following. Subscription for 1922, 6d. per member, now due. Will those requiring tea kindly notify the Secretary by August 15th latest? All bellringers heartily invited.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., Earl Street, Bilston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells, Peckleton (6) and Kirkby Mallory (5) available 3.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, August 19th. Ringing, 2.30, followed by short service and meeting. Tea at 6 at The Castle Restaurant, if ordered before 14th, from Hon. Sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Huish Episcopi on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those giving early notice; meeting to follow. Langport and Muchelvey bells available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on Saturday, August 19th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 19th, at Roxton and Great Barford. Bells available, 2.30 at Roxton, 6 p.m. at Barford. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Kemptford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Bishopsgate, August 28th. St. Clement Danes, August 21st. Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th at 5.15 p.m. Send your name in for the Summer outing on Saturday, Sept. 9th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 5 p.m. prompt. Tea for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3. Tea, 1/6 each, 5.30; meeting following. All ringers and friends invited. Will those intending to be present kindly inform J. Houldsworth, 33, Margaret Street, Oswaldtwistle, not later than August 23rd?—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held of the Halesworth branch of the Association at Halesworth on Saturday, August 26th. Tea will be served at the Swan Hotel at 1/6 per head. All those who wish to have tea please notify Secretary not later than Wednesday, August 23rd. The rings of 6 bells of the parishes of Wissett and Chedeston will also be available.—W. Kerrison, Dist. Sec., Wissett.

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AN OXFORDSHIRE TRIP.

The St. Giles' Society, Reading, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 5th, when ringers and lady friends, numbering 28 in all, left Reading at 7.30 a.m. by charabanc for Bampton, Oxon, an ancient market town in an agricultural district. It was the birthplace of John Phillips, a poet of the seventeenth century, well known as the author of 'The Splendid Shilling.' The party arrived about 10.30, and were very agreeably surprised to find an old and faithful friend, Mr. John Monk, from Witney, awaiting them, he having come on purpose to be their guide during the day. The church of Bampton, a fine old building of much interest, dates from the Early Norman or possibly the Saxon period. The beautiful peal of eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.), the 'go' of which leaves nothing to be desired, were soon going to the tune of Stedman Triples, and this was followed by touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, which were successfully brought round, the striking being excellent. After this, dinner was very much appreciated, the long drive having whetted the appetites of the excursionists.

Witney, of blanket fame, was then the objective, and was reached after a pleasant drive of six miles. A move was soon made towards the church, another most beautiful building; with a fine peal of bells, tenor 18 cwt. Here again some very good touches were rung, including Grandsire Stedman and Bob Major. Mr. J. Monk explained all the points of interest in the church, and there were to be seen some splendid marbleth peal tablets in the ringing chamber, recording peals of interest. After tea, the party proceeded to South Leigh, which was reached after a pleasant ride of about four miles. Here is a splendid light ring of eight (tenor 10 cwt.), by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, which are rung from the ground floor. The tone of them, for a small ring, is much to be admired. Here again some excellent touches were rung. The conducting during the day was shared by Messrs. J. Barnes, jun., R. N. Runham, L. T. Osborne and A. W. Osborne.

Taking to the motor again, the party set out for home, and at Eynsham had to part with their 'old friend John,' whose company they regretted to lose. He was accorded a hearty cheer for his services, and then the car sped on through Oxford to Reading, which was reached about 10.30 p.m. The weather was perfect for a ringing tour, and the party wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the incumbents and ringing friends for placing the bells at their disposal. And last, but certainly not least, Mr. Monk, who really did more towards the day's enjoyment than anyone.

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