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CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church,
Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)
was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by
the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in
8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were
repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) com-
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GILLETT & JOHNSTON.

The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record
Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a **SPLENDID
CREDIT** to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

A great many expressions of surprise and indignation have reached us this week from ringers all over the country at the attitude which a small minority of representatives succeeded in making the Central Council take towards "The Ringing World." In the article on this page in the last issue we put just plainly before our readers the results of the decision of the Council, and we make no apology for returning to the subject again, and, in doing so, replying to some of the statements contained in the letter on another page from the Rev. H. Law James, who contends that no injustice has been done to ringers. In traversing his statements, let us say at once that we have ample evidence that Mr. James is friendly disposed towards "The Ringing World," and that we, in our turn, have the greatest admiration for Mr. James, but just as he feels compelled to criticise our article, so we are constrained to reply to it in the frankest terms. He says we do not quite understand the real position of affairs; but surely there is no misunderstanding such statements as those made by the President when he said, "The fact of the matter is I wish the paper had never been started," and, after an amendment to send official reports and communications to both the ringing papers had been carried, "I tell you frankly if you wish to carry it out I refuse to do it." The mere fact that some few of the members, among them Mr. James, thought the motion for recognition premature does not account for such expressions as the above, and the feeling which animated them would not be likely to disappear with the continued success of the paper which the President wished "had never been started." Delay, therefore, would hardly have got over the difficulty contained in these sentiments. Besides, there was no suggestion at the Council meeting that the motion was premature. To emphasise his point Mr. James adds that the Central Council never took official notice of either of the previous publications which came to life and died out. With regard to one, at any rate, there was a very good reason—"Campanology" was never in existence at a time when the Council met.

Then Mr. James excuses the Council by saying that it is only awaiting results, and is not prepared to commit itself to supporting a new paper, until it knows if the new paper is going to justify its existence or not. We leave it to our readers to say whether we have or have not justified our existence, and come to the point as to the injustice to ringers of which we spoke last week, and to which suggestion Mr. James takes exception. He says
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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
Bell and Brassfounders,
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs.—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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"the honorary secretary has sent us all the notices, our representative was present to report the meeting, and that the Peals Analysis Committee have tabulated all peals published in both papers so far and will, for the sake of their own work, undoubtedly continue to do so for the present." This last assertion is news to us, as it will be to all who have read what transpired at the Council meeting, but if all this is being done what earthly reason was there for the Council to refuse the recognition which they were asked to give to the paper? If Mr. James speaks with authority as to the analysis—and we cannot doubt that he does—we can only say that the opposition which came from the Analysis Committee was extremely hollow. If, however, the committee are acting in accordance with the attitude they adopted, then, we repeat, a certain number of ringers will suffer an injustice and the analysis will be worthless.

We stated last week that it was only by the courtesy of the honorary secretary that we were enabled to publish the Council notices and the reports of the committees, and doubtless the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will continue to extend similar kindness to us in the future. But ringers who are readers of "The Ringing World" and of no other ringing journal, ought not to be dependent for the official communications of the central authority merely upon the indulgence of an individual. There is such a possibility as a change in secretaryship, and a new occupant of the office might take a very different attitude to that of Mr. Davies. Then, as to the report of the Council's proceedings. It was this, we believe, to which the President referred when he declined to have anything to do with carrying out the amendment which the Council agreed to. As we pointed out last week, we sent our own representative to report the meeting—we wanted it before it became history—and we should not have imposed upon the President or honorary secretary, who admittedly go to some considerable personal trouble in this matter, to copy out or revise the report made at the Council's own expense for another journal.

After all, the whole thing comes back to this, ringers have a right to know the decisions of proceedings of their own central body, which they elect and which they support financially, and it is to the Council's interests to give as wide a publicity as possible to their doings; but how can it be said that they are giving equal treatment to all ringers, when, officially, they deny a large section the opportunity of perusing the official communications, and of having their peals enumerated in the analysis. These are the plain facts; what we are able to put before our readers by the individual kindness of an honorary official has nothing to do with the case. "Next year the difficulty, created by the appearance of a second paper, will have been thoroughly considered, and the Council will be able to come to a decision which will give satisfaction to everyone," says Mr. James. We say there have been no difficulties except those purposely put in the way by certain individuals. No preferential treatment has ever been asked on our behalf, and all we desire is a fair field and no favour. We are content to stand upon our merits, but for our readers we do claim that the Council should officially give them equal facilities for receiving the Council's communications. There is only one other point in Mr. James' letter to which we would refer, and that is the suggestion that "if the two papers try to form two parties in the Exercise it will do infinite harm." With this we agree absolutely, but we venture to think that the Central

Council's action will do more to form two parties than ever our attitude can be accused of doing. We have aimed at unity and concord, and it was for that reason that equal treatment for this journal was sought. Had the Central Council accepted that fair and reasonable proposal there would have been no need for the insinuation of a divided camp. Our contention is that every ringer should be allowed to choose for himself—we have no fear of the result—and that no official minority should penalise him because he prefers one paper to another.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3lb., in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ...	2	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE...	6
WILLIAM MOTTS	3	EDWARD EVANS...	7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	4	JAMES MOTTS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method by all and by the above Association, also first but one rung in the Eastern Counties.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	Treble	FREDERICK BURROWS ...	5
FREDERICK MANSEY ...	2	EDWIN WHITING ...	6
ALFRED NEWSON ...	3	JOHN SNELLING...	7
JONATHAN CUNNINGHAM ...	4	GEORGE SNELLING ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and

Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES H. ALDELTON ...	Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ...	5
FRED A. HOLDEN ...	2	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN ...	6
CHARLES J. ELLIS ...	3	*FREDERICK CHAPLIN ...	7
*GEORGE TAYLOR ...	4	*BENJAMIN ELMER ...	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

* First peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. S. Taylor, R.N., who left the day previous for Chatham.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PRITCHARD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MARKS...	Treble	FREDERICK J. COPE ...	5
*ALFRED CHAPLIN ...	2	†WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	6
JOSEPH W. TIMMS ...	3	JAMES PRATT...	7
THOMAS BLOORE ...	4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal as conductor.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lbs.

JAMES NORTH Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 5
FRANK LUSH 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	JOSEPH WHITE 7
SAMUEL PAICE 4	*JOHN PRINCE Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight, the peal being rung after the dedication service. The ringer of the third was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

NORTH-STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G. sharp.

GEORGE E. CHAPPELL ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to commemorate the opening and consecration of the new portion of St. Michael's Church, Bassett Avenue, Chapel-of-Ease to St. Nicholas, by the Bishop of Winchester (The Right Rev. E. S. Talbot, D.D.); also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Miss Chappell, wife and daughter of the ringer of the treble.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

JOSEPH A. COOKE Treble	JAMES HY. RIDING 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr. 2	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr. 7
ARTHUR ALLMAN 4	*JOHN RIGBY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD THOS. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of one of the choristers of the above church, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Holding, junr., the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE POVEY Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
*WILLIAM FLETCHER 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
*REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN ... Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 5
FRED WILFORD 2	ALBERT V. INNS 6
ROBERT F. TURNER 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 7
DAVID L. NICHOLS 4	CHARLES W. BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur E. Payne (one of the local ringers) and Miss Mildred May Bradshaw.

BOLSOVER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*ALBERT V. MOORE ... Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	GEORGE W. MOSS 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
*WALTER ROBINSON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS-STONES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

VICKERS' SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD ... 5
LAURENCE TAYLOR 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
SAMUEL LORD 3	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7
J. B. TAYLOR 4	JOHN WM. ORMEROD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS Treble	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... 5
FREDERICK WHITHAM ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
RICHARD BALDRY 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
ERNEST LINCOLN 4	GEORGE POYNTZ Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

The ringer of the fourth hails from Earsham, and of the fifth and sixth from Norwich.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Four Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8000 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, the band wishing him many happy returns.

WOOLWICH.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 7
GEORGE H. JAYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, in 13 courses, has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's, without the 2nd or 3rd, and with all the 8—4's, 8—5's and 8—6's.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Kent, Duke of York and Oxford.

WILLIAM KING ... Treble	GEORGE ABLETT ... 4
DAVID LEGGETT ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
HENRY PUTTOCK ... 3	WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

First peal of Treble Bob in seven different methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*F. DEWELL ... 1—2	*F. LEVITT ... 5—6
*J. LEVITT ... 3—4	A. E. MOORE ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

In the Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HUBERT EDEN ... 1—2	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 3—4	FREDERICK WHITE ... 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire, FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal on handbells.

WIMBORNE MINSTER BELLS.

An Historic Tenor Recast.

PEAL OF TEN DEDICATED.

For the first time the diocese of Salisbury possesses a peal of ten bells, and it is felt to be peculiarly appropriate that the historic Minster of Wimborne should win this distinction. The old eight have been recast, and two trebles added, and the bells were dedicated on Wednesday afternoon last week by the Bishop of Columbia. Until 1686 there were only five bells in the Minster, but in that year a sixth was added, and 170 years later, in 1856, the peal was increased to eight. In June of last year, Mr. Henry Oakley Chislett (chairman of the Church Governors), by reason of the "great love and veneration" he has ever felt for, and his almost life-long association with, the Minster, offered to defray the cost of the two additional bells and fittings, at an outlay of £127, on condition that sufficient money was forthcoming to thoroughly overhaul and rehang the old peal, and there was such a cordial response to the appeal for funds—parishioners and friends interested readily contributing sums, large and small—that the work was at once taken in hand, under the direction of an Advisory Committee, consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), the churchwardens (Messrs. F. Blount and Tom Gomer), the architect (Mr. W. J. Fletcher), and Mr. E. J. Brett, who had the advantage of the advice of such expert campanologists as Mr. W. W. Gifford (of Salisbury), Mr. Martin Stewart (of Ferndown), and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (of Kington Magna). No less a sum than £586 had been subscribed prior to Wednesday, which left but a small amount to be raised. This total included Mr. Chislett's gift, and also £60 contributed by General Sir John Fryer, K.C.B. (an old Wimburnian), who (through Mr. Chislett) has defrayed the cost of re-casting the tenor, commonly called St. Cuthberga's bell, in memory of his father and mother. The two small bells (in addition to the peal) in one of the windows of the north wall of the western tower, upon which the military figure or "jack" strikes the quarter-hours in connection with the clock, having found to be cracked, have also been re-cast, in correct musical harmony with the peal, at the expense of the churchwardens. The figure itself, which apparently was made in 1613—an entry in the church accounts for that year reading "Item to one of Blandford for carving the Jacke, 10s."—has also been re-painted, in the uniform of a Grenadier Guard of a century ago. It is said that about thirty years since, when it was last painted, the jack was re-placed in the tower as a verger wearing a verger's gown, but feeling in the town ran so high, and it was considered to be an insult to the governors' verger (Mr. Davidge), or rather to the governors themselves, that the churchwardens were compelled to make an alteration at once, and to give the jack back his former military appearance.

THE TENOR.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who themselves re-cast the four lighter bells, the whole peal being tuned according to Canon Simpson's principle. The bells have been re-hung in a new steel and iron frame, and the louvres bricked half-way up, to prevent the sound beating down on the houses in the immediate neighbourhood. In re-casting the famous tenor, the old metal was kept distinct, while the original inscription (a cast of which was taken) re-appears on the bell in its exact form, as follows: "Mr. Wilhelmus Loringe ma primo fecit in honorem S^{te} Cuthberga Renovabar sumptu parochiali per A.B. Anno Domini 1629" (Mr. William Loringe first made me in honour of St. Cuthberga; I was re-cast at the cost of the parish by Anthony Bond in the year 1629), H.B.R.L., C.W., C.P.S.W.R., W.B. The following has been added in addition: "This Bell was re-cast A.D. 1911 by General Sir John Fryer, K.C.B., in memory of his father and mother. John Fryer, Esquire, born at Wimborne Minster 1797, died 1854. Mary R. Fryer, 1808—1886." The original date of this bell is not known, although it is surmised it was first cast about 1385, as Mr. William Loringe was (according to Hutchins) one of the canons of the Minster in the eighth year of the reign of Richard II., which was eighty years before the western (or bell) tower was built, and in

all likelihood this was first hung in the lantern (or central) tower. It was re-cast in 1530, and re-consecrated with great solemnity by a Suffragan Bishop on its return from Salisbury. It was again re-cast in 1629, in the garden of Henry Allen, near the churchyard, where a pit was dug and a furnace constructed, the bell being re-cast on the spot by Anthony Bond. Hutchins gives the bell's weight as 36 cwt., but on its removal it was found to be 28½ cwt. only.

OTHER INSCRIPTIONS.

The inscriptions on the other bells have also been retained as far as possible.

7th.—"George Oakley and Samuel Bartlett, Churchwardens, Robert and James Wells, Aldbourn fecit 1798."

6th.—"Sounde out the Belles. In God rejoyce. I.W., 1600."

("I.W." is the name of the Founder, John Wallis, of Salisbury).

5th.—"Thou the Lord glad, 1598 I.W." (Probably "Praise thou the Lord with gladness, but the other letters would be rubbed off from the mould in casting).

4th.—"Sum pulsata Rosamundi Maria vocata. Samuel Knight Fee Set (i.e. Fecit) 1686. Matthew Raindle, Thomas Pottle Churchwardens, T. B. (i.e. Sir Thomas Banks). "I am struck (i.e. rung) the rose of the world, called Mary. Samuel Knight made me 1686, etc."

3rd.—"Sum minima hic campana At inest sua gratia parvis. S.K. 1686. M.R., T.P., C.W., T.B. This bell was added to ye five in 1686. "I am the least bell here but to each little one is its own charm." (The initials are those of the same churchwardens, etc., as on the fourth bell).

2nd and Treble.—These were added by subscription at the great restoration of the Church in 1856, when Henry Frampton and William Holland were churchwardens. They were cast by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, of London.

The inscriptions on the two new bells are:—"Per multos annos resonet campana Lioba" (May Lioba's bell sound forth for many years), and "Gratias agimus Deo pro Domina Margareta Scholae fundatrice et hujus Ecclesiae benefactrice" (We render thanks to God for the Lady Margaret, foundress of the school and benefactress of this church). St. Lioba, it may be explained, was the eminent Saxon saint who was educated here, and who rendered such material service to St. Boniface in the eighth century in the evangelisation of Germany. Lady Margaret, Countess of Richmond, and mother of Henry VII., originally founded the Grammar School. Her parents' tomb is of marble, situate on the south side of the chancel, and bearing the effigies of John de Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, grandson of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and his Duchess, Margaret, daughter of Sir John Beauchamp. To the presence of this tomb, it is said, Wimborne was no doubt indebted for much of its old endowment.

The weights, notes and diameters of the bells are as under:—

	Note.	Diameter Inches.	Weight cwt. qrs. lbs.
Treble.	F sharp.	26 7-16ths	4 3 1
2nd	E	27½	4 3 8
3rd	D	29	4 3 12
4th	C	29½	5 0 6
5th	B	33	7 0 2
6th	A	35 15-16ths	8 13 9
7th	G	40 1-8th	11 2 15
8th	F sharp	43½	15 0 11
9th	E	49 1-8th	20 0 15
Tenor	D	54	29 2 20

Total Weight 115 1 2

THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation assembled for the dedication service, which was of quite an impressive nature. The clergy who robed were: The Vicar (the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), the Rev. T. J. C. Parry Evans (Kingston Lacy), the Rev. N. Balfour, of the Minster staff; the Revs. Canon E. R. Bernard, T. G. B. Price (St. John's), A. D. H. Allan (headmaster of the Grammar School), C. E. Kindersley (Colehill), W. H. Stent (Broodstone), J. Cross (Sturminster Marshall), T. Cooper (Portland), F. L. Edwards (Kingston Magna) and C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), Branch Secretary of the Diocesan Guild. The special form of service opened with the hymn, "We love the place, O God," and following the prayers and special psalms, Canon Bernard read the lesson (Numbers xi., II.), and the choir gave a beautiful rendering of Stainer's anthem, "O clap your hands, all ye people." The Bishop of Columbia, who was acting for the Bishop of Salisbury, whose illness prevented him attending, then proceeded to the baptistry in the West tower, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens. Here the churchwardens handed the Bishop a rope connecting with the bells, and requested him to dedicate "to the glory of God and for the use of this church, this peal of bells." Holding the rope, his Lordship led the congregation in prayer for the undertaking, and then dedicated the bells, offering petitions for those whom the bells summoned to worship, for the newly-married, for the sick, for those who absent themselves from the House of Prayer, for the departed, and for the ringers. The bells were then rung by the Minster company, under the conductorship of Mr. Edmund Tubbs. The Bishop and clergy meanwhile returned to their places, and then was sung the hymn:—

Lifted safe within the steeple,
Now our bells are set on high,
To begin their holy mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

"Things new and old" (Matthew xiii., 52) were the words upon which the Bishop based his address. No sermon, he remarked, could set forth more plainly and more clearly what the objects of the bells were than the service in which they had joined. In the prayers and in the hymn they had just sung all was clearly set before them as to what was the ideal of a peal of bells. He added nothing to it beyond emphasising the fact of the need that there was constantly for the congregation, who were helped by the ringing of the bells to remember the ringers in their prayers. What did the re-casting of those bells and the addition to their number teach them? Surely that their lives, whatever they might be, needed constant re-casting in order to be kept in tune. They knew so well all that marred the true harmony of life. Their bad tempers, their evil passions, their slanderous, unkind, uncharitable thoughts; their lack of true humility. And he trusted that that most beautiful church, with all its past history, with that perfect and complete peal of bells, might lead them on to strive after that which was higher and better. Was there not room for them all to do something as it were to complete the octave of their life—not to be content with that to which they had attained.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," during which a collection was taken on behalf of the bell fund, and it amounted to £13 11s. 5d.

After the ceremony, courses of Grandsire Triples, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, the following taking part: The Revs. C. A. Phillips and F. L. Edwards, Messrs. L. Taylor, Alan Macdonald, F. W. Townsend, Cyril Johnston, R. Pickering, Martin Stewart, H. Knight, W. Ingham, A. J. Osman and F. Case. Subsequently the subscribers to the bell fund were entertained to tea by the Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Fletcher, in the Vicarage grounds, whilst the ringers partook of meat tea, by invitation of the churchwardens, at the Church House.

The first peal was to be attempted on the bells on Coronation Day. Next week we shall publish a photo of Wimborne Minster and the tenor bell.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

The 13th annual meeting was held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, members attending from Darlington, Hemingbrough, Maske, Middleham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees, Sharow, Shildon, Skelton Solby, West Tanfield, Thirsk, Wath, etc. An excellent dinner was provided at the Golden Lion Hotel, Thirsk, to which about 30 sat down. The President (the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough) presided, supported by the Rev. W. R. Hannam (Vicar of Felixkirk), the Rev. C. E. Howlett (Curate of Thirsk), Dr. H. C. Pauli (Vice-President), and Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary).—The President proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.

The Secretary read the annual report, which showed satisfactory progress, and alluded to the Coronation as the most noteworthy event of the year. He appealed to tower secretaries to send in their reports of the year's working. The peals rung during the year were rather less in number than in the previous twelve months, but the standard of ringing was much better. The peals had been rung in ten towers, and 64 members took part. Nine members took part in the conducting, two of them conducting their first peal in the Association. Reference was made to the new peal of bells that were to be dedicated on the 15th June, and also two new trebles added to the present peal of eight at Whithy, as a Coronation memorial. The membership of the Association is on the increase, several new members having joined during the year, while the financial statement showed a good balance on the year's working.

The President read an invitation from the Rector of Middleham, inviting the Association to the re-opening of the bells on June 15th, and this was unanimously accepted.

All the officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells for the day.—The Vicar of Felixkirk and the Curate of Thirsk replied.—Several performing and honorary members were elected, and Mr. W. H. Porter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their valuable work on behalf of the Association during the year.

AN HISTORIC CHURCH.

The pleasure and interest of the visit to Thirsk was enhanced by an explanation by the Vicar of the chief points of interest in the beautiful church. The present building dates back to 1430, and possesses a fine nave, timber roof and south door, and chapel screen of the same date. There are traces here and there at the west end of an early Norman church. There is a parvis over the south porch. The registers date back to 1556, and are at present being copied by the Yorkshire Register Society. The tenor bell (1½ cwt.) dates back to 1410. The Holy table is a fine piece of Dutch carving, unfortunately quite hidden by the modern frontal. The nave walls contain traces of old frescoes of the twelve Apostles. There is a crypt, which in 1812 was used as the town school. The cottages at the west end of the church were formerly the residence of the Chantry priest, and after the Reformation they were turned into the gaol for the North Riding. More accommodation is required nowadays for the number of prisoners sentenced to "do time." In 1740 no bull was allowed to be sold unless it had first been baited in the Market Place, and the ring used upon such occasions is still to be seen in its original place.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD." "UNFAIR TREATMENT."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I gave notice of the motion for equal recognition for your paper and "Bell News," which was proposed by Mr. Trollope at the Central Council meeting, I feel that I can hardly refrain from a few remarks concerning the unfair treatment meted out to it by the President and some members of the Council. Their action reveals a tendency which cannot be for the good of change ringing, and is certainly opposed to its advancement. They have decided that only peals which appear in "Bell News" shall be included in the analysis, and, by so doing, they are detracting from the correctness of the analysis, and making it, not a record of peals rung, but of peals published in one paper.

I would appeal to all unprejudiced and fair minded ringers to read carefully the arguments brought forward by those who opposed this motion, and then, I am sure, they will not allow such a state of affairs to last long.—Yours faithfully,

J. PARKER.

THE REV. H. L. JAMES DEFENDS THE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have taken in "The Ringing World" ever since its first publication, and so far I have been very well pleased with it, but I do not like the tone of this week's article headed "An Injustice of Ringers," and I do not think that you quite understand the real position of affairs.

When I saw the notice of the motion to give "The Ringing World" the same recognition as the "Bell News," I immediately felt that it was premature. We have seen "Campanology" and "The Bell Ringer" come to life and die out within twelve months, and this week's "Ringing World" is only No. 13. As the Council never took official notice of either of those publications I do not see how it could fairly take official notice of "The Ringing World" until it has at least lived as long, or longer, than they did, and the fact that the previous question was moved and carried only shows that the Council is only awaiting results, and is not prepared to commit itself to supporting a new paper until it knows if the new paper is going to justify its existence or not.

The publication of "The Ringing World" gives us two ringing papers, and if the Exercise can support them both the competition between them will be a distinct advantage, as it will keep them both up to a high level, but if the two papers try to form two parties in the Exercise it will do infinite harm and go against the promotion of good ringing, which I am sure we none of us wish.

Now, where is the injustice? The honorary secretary sent you all the notices of the Council's meeting. Your representative was present at the meeting, and is able to give a full report of what took place. The Peals Analysis Committee have tabulated all peals published in both papers so far, and will, for the sake of their own work, undoubtedly continue to do so for the present. Therefore, I cannot see where the injustice is. Next year, if both papers are alive and well, which I sincerely hope they will be, the question will be ripe for settlement, the difficulties,

which the appearance of a second paper have undoubtedly caused, will have been thoroughly considered, and the Council will be able to come to a decision which will give satisfaction to every one.

Now, let me say a word to the Exercise at large. Many ringers cannot afford to take both papers, then take which ever you prefer, but endeavour to get both papers into every belfry each week; others can afford to take both, then do so; but if you cannot take both send your peals and anything of real interest to both, so that the news may be the common property of all ringers which ever paper they take in.

Finally, let me ask the ringers to support their publications better than they do. The publication of a paper exclusively devoted to ringing is a great privilege, and we ought to respond to that privilege by taking the paper, but one paper per tower is not fair to the paper, and yet I am afraid that this is very common, similarly one copy of some publication of the Central Council per tower does not fairly support the Council in its work, and many of its publications are very useful and deserve all the support the Exercise can give them.

H. LAW JAMES.

The large number of letters which we have received upon this subject makes it impossible to publish them all—at any rate this week. From all parts of the country have come communications taking exception to the attitude of the Central Council.

LANCASHIRE VIEWS ON CORONATION PEALS.

Stretford, a suburb of Manchester, a nice ride on the Chester road by car, was the meeting place for the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday, when visitors from many towers came to try their skill on the six bells of the Parish Church, which were set going to Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Stedman Doubles. Mr. W. J. Moss, the local conductor, presided at the meeting, over about 20 members and friends from Manchester Town Hall, Pendleton, Prestwich, Rusholme, Gorton, Stretford, Stockport, and Worsley. Worsley was chosen for the next meeting, and one new member was elected.—A discussion on the publication of Coronation performances resulted in the hope being expressed that "The Ringing World" would issue a double number for the Coronation peals, touches, etc., so that they might be published before they got too far into history.—Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, to the ringers for having arranged for the comfort of the visitors, and the authorities for the use of the bells, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, Mr. S. Stott, of Oldham, presiding. Ringers were present from Heywood, Middleton, Oldham, Rochdale, Todmorden, Walsden, and the local band. The business over, the bells were kept going in Grandsire Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major till 9.40 p.m.

A fairly well attended meeting of the Preston branch was held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at four o'clock with Grandsire Doubles, followed by a 720 each of Oxford and Kent. Then followed the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Taylor. Leyland Parish Church was selected as the next meeting place, on July 22nd, and as this will be the annual meeting of the branch, a good muster is expected. Afterwards the bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles and various minor methods.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

THE MASTER OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

Although from a peal ringing point of view the Sussex County Association is not now doing so much as at one period of its history, it is among the leading organisations of the country and claims a larger membership than most. In its 26 years' history there have been only two Masters, and both were concerned with the formation of the association in 1885. The present occupant of the office is Mr. F. Blagden Tompkins, of Chichester, who, despite the fact that he has very little opportunity for ringing, maintains a keen interest, and takes an active part in the management of the association.

Born 50 years ago, Mr. Tompkins learnt his ringing at Arundel, and when later he resided in London he rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, but there was little or no regular change ringing there in those days. Afterwards



MR. F. BLAGDEN TOMPKINS.

Mr. Tompkins went to live at Battle, where, for 2½ years, he was associated with the local company. He has now been for 22 years in Chichester, but, unfortunately, despite the possession of a fine peal of bells in the massive campanile, change ringing is not taken seriously by the local men, nor encouraged by the Cathedral authorities. Mr. Tompkins has thus had very few opportunities of joining in peal ringing, and he has rung very few.

A solicitor by profession, Mr. Tompkins holds such public offices as Clerk to the Justices, Clerk to the Guardians, Superintendent Registrar and Deputy Coroner for

Sussex. His connection with the Sussex Association, as is mentioned above, dates back to the beginning of the organisation. He was elected treasurer in 1893, and when Mr. G. F. Attree left England three years ago, was elected to the position of Master. Mr. Tompkins has been for some years one of the Sussex representatives on the Central Council.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We would remind our readers of the necessity for sending in at the earliest possible moment records of the peals, etc., rung in celebration of the Coronation. Those received first will appear first.

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In reply to P. Moth and other inquirers, the term "broken lead" (mentioned in the Central Council reports) is not a scientific term at all. It was brought forward at the Council meeting some years ago as a practical differentiation between Treble Bob methods, which are not Surprise methods, and we are not certain what the Yorkshire men mean by it. As far as we understand it, "broken lead" methods are those Treble Bob and Delight methods in which there is not a bell in the slow, or doing work in front equivalent to slow work in extent. If this be right then the group of "broken lead" methods consist of the great majority of Treble Bob and Delight methods.

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Mr. Thomas Verry, the tower keeper, has been a ringer at Handsworth Parish Church for quite 40 years, and his father, the late William Verry, was tower keeper for over 50 years. A "Verry" good record. (Will readers please keep their bricks for some other occasion.)

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Two cracked bells, bearing dates 1612 and 1614 respectively, have been taken from the tower of Bulford Church and recast into one large one by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bell has been satisfactorily rehung in a new frame by Messrs. T. Doble and Son, of Taunton, and when the villagers heard it rung on Whit-Sunday everybody was delighted with its splendid tone.

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In reference to our biographical sketch of the Rev. H. Law James, two correspondents write pointing out a slight error. Mr. James did not call the first Surprise peal in Northamptonshire. The first Surprise peal (Superlative) in that county was rung at Irthlingborough on March 18th, 1897, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, and the second, on March 27th, at the same place, conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke. Mr. James' peal, we are informed, was rung at Thrapston on May 22nd of that year.

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Many and strange are the places where birds build their nests. Recently a small hole in the window pane of the ringing room at the Oaks Church, near Whitwick, attracted the notice of a pair of starlings. They built their nest just inside the window ledge, and, notwithstanding the presence of the ringers several times each week, they have hatched out their young, and the fledglings have been fluttering about the ringing chamber.

The late Mr. William Collins, of Bagshot, Surrey, bequeathed £500 to St. John's Church, Herne Bay, for providing a peal of bells, conditional upon a tower being added to the church within five years.

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Monastery and temple bells in Japan and China are particularly soft toned, according to the American Consul at Fu-chau, and he gives as the reason that the bells are suspended in a fixed frame and struck on the outer edge with a wooden mallet.

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The fine peal of five bells at the Parish Church of Frithelstock, Devon, some of which belonged to the Old Priory, have been rehung by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and in order to raise the £43 still owing, a garden fete and bazaar was held in the Vicarage grounds. So successful was the undertaking that a sum of over £57 was realised. The bells themselves were heard during the day, being rung at intervals by ringers from Monkleigh, Wearie Gifford, and Little Torrington, as well as by the local men.

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The last of the coupons for our competition will appear on June 30th, and the competition closes on July 10th. Coupons should be forwarded to the office between those dates.

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Ringers throughout the country will wish success to the long peal attempt at Mottram-in-Longdendale, on Saturday. Commencing at 7 a.m., the eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt Mr. E. Timbrell's 17,120 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

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The peal of five at St. John the Baptist Church, Kingsthorpe, Northants, have been re-hung and a treble added by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Tuson) in commemoration of the Coronation. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The bells were dedicated on Tuesday of last week.

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On Saturday the bells of Hurst, Berks, which have been re-hung by Messrs. Webb, of Kiddington, and augmented from six to the full octave by two trebles cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were dedicated, the ceremony being performed by the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). After the service a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as recorded in another column.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

SATURDAY, JULY 15th.

The opportunity for a big gathering of church bell ringers, which will be afforded by a "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace is one which promises to be taken great advantage of. Saturday, July 15th, has been fixed for the event, and arrangements to ensure its success are proceeding apace. As there are doubtless many hundreds who will desire to witness the historic pageant, and inspect the wonderful imperial exhibition collected in the Palace grounds, it will be all the more enjoyable if they can visit the festival and meet friends from dis-

tant parts of the country. The day will therefore provide an outing of an unique kind for ringers, whether they go in parties or individually.

Everyone will be at liberty to come and go as he pleases; all we desire to do is to ensure the greatest amount of pleasure and comfort for the ringers at the least possible expense to themselves. Negotiations are in progress with the railway companies with a view to securing cheap travelling facilities, and we have already secured from the Festival authorities promise of reduced charges of admission both to the pageant itself and to the numerous side-shows which go so far to make up the pleasure of such a day's excursion, provided the numbers are large enough.

In addition, the large Concert Hall has been placed at our disposal for this "Ringers' Day," and ringers will be able to make this their rendezvous. It will be available from 2 o'clock to 8 p.m. It contains a large organ and grand piano, so that those who are musically inclined will find some entertainment, while Messrs. Warner and Son, who have a stand in the exhibition, have kindly promised to place at the disposal of ringers some peals of hand-bells. In addition to the exhibition, which, of course, is open all day, and the pageant, which begins at 5 p.m., the attractions on July 15th will include a grand military tattoo at 8 p.m., baseball, athletic sports and a kite flying competition, so that there will be no lack of entertainment both in quantity and variety. The day will thus provide an unparalleled opportunity for a ringer's excursion, coupled with a great reunion of friends.

In order to complete the arrangements and to secure and distribute the necessary vouchers for the reduced tickets, it is necessary that we should be informed as early as possible of the numbers who will attend. Letters should be addressed to the offices of "The Ringing World," and marked "Ringers' Day."

ROUND ABOUT GAINSBOROUGH.

The Workshop Priory Church bell ringers had their annual outing on Whit-Monday, when they visited Stow, Willingham, Upton, Corringham, and Gainsborough. Leaving Workshop at 7.40 a.m., a party of eleven arrived at Gainsborough about 8.30, and were joined by Messrs. Butler, Tinker, and Ladd, of the All Saints' company, three others having previously set out on bicycles to meet the party en route. The drive from Gainsborough to Stow, via Marton, was through some beautiful scenery, and on reaching the picturesque little village, the visitors found a very handy ring of six bells (tenor 39 inches in diameter), the tone and go of which were excellent, and a ringing chamber of wide dimensions. Some good touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob were tapped off in fine style, and then the party left for Willingham, where they were greeted by Mr. R. O. Bacon, who, some few years ago, placed in the tower a new ring of six bells, the tone and go of which is simply grand. Mr. Bacon was very anxious to hear some Treble Bob Minor, whilst he gave the Boy Scouts instruction in a field close by the church, and the ringers very readily obliged him with a well-struck 720 of Kent, for which he expressed his great delight. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and a look round the garden, concluded the programme here, and the visitors then made the next stage of the journey to Upton, where they found a very nice ring of five bells recently restored, and the tenor bell given by the donor of the Willingham peal. This peal, like the other two, are by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it would make one of the finest rings of six in Lincolnshire, if another bell were added. A few six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. At Corringham, the next place of call, the party found another nice ring of six in decent going order, but owing to the long draught of rope, the bells were difficult to handle. (A set of rope guides would remedy this little defect.) Tea was partaken of at Gainsborough Coffee Tavern, where the wants of the visitors were admirably catered for, and the party wound up an enjoyable and strenuous, albeit a scorching day's outing, by ringing 112 and 504 Grandsire Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church. The excellent arrangements were made by Mr. Butler, local secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the ringers desire to express their highest appreciation of his efforts and their thanks to those who joined in making the outing a success, particularly to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

FULL REPORT OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

By "THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.
(Continued.)

The discussion upon the report of the Peal Values Committee was continued by Mr. J. Griffin, who moved, as an amendment, the substitution of the following for Schedule A.

TABLE CONSTRUCTED FROM THE FORMULA $\frac{VN-3-2}{8 \times 2}$

DESCRIPTION	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
Plain methods	7	8	10	11	13	15
Alliance, etc.	8	10	12	14	16	18
Treble Bob, etc.	—	11	—	15	—	20
Erin, Forward, etc.	12	14	17	20	23	26
Double Norwich, etc.	—	20	*24	28	—	37
Stedman, Duffield, etc.	20	24	29	34	39	45
Superlative, etc.	—	32	—	45	—	60
Cambridge, etc.	—	40	—	56	—	75
London, etc.	—	50	—	70	—	95

* Double Norwich Caters

He assured the Council it was not done in any sense in depreciation of the valuable work of the committee. The Peals Analysis Committee were not asked for any opinion, but two of them thought the schedule proposed by the committee was likely to meet with great opposition as regards the number of points for the higher number of bells. They, of the Analysis Committee, were anxious that the matter should be settled, and rather than it should be referred back decided to offer an alternative formula for the points. Mr. Griffin then explained the difference in the two schedules.

Mr. King, who seconded, said the effect of the amendment was to lessen a little the values for peals on the larger numbers of bells, and of increasing the values below Major, which was supposed to be the standard, so to speak. In the past, Stedman Triples had always had 24 points allotted to it. Schedule A said, in future, they must be content with 18, but under the amendment they screwed this number up to 20, which was an advantage, because it gave the same value, at all events, as a peal of Double Norwich. As Schedule A had it, they got less for Stedman than for Double Norwich, and those in the habit of ringing thought that was rather an aggravation of the situation. He had submitted the matter to Mr. William Pye, who had had probably as much experience of ringing on the higher numbers of bells as anybody, and his opinion was that, as regards calling, no doubt Stedman Triples was as hard as calling Stedman Cinques, but when it came to conducting there was a different tale to be told. That, therefore, was a reason for giving a higher value for peals on twelve bells, because of the greater difficulty of conducting. Mr. Pye had also furnished him with what he considered the relative values of Stedman. He put them at 24 for Triples, 30 for Caters, and 40 for Cinques. There they had the opinion of an expert given without any formula whatever, and it nearly agreed with the table brought forward by Mr. Griffin, which allotted 29 to Caters and 39 to Royal. He thought they had got a great step forward in this matter of points, and he hoped it would be brought to a clear issue that day and settled once and for ever. Some people did not care a great deal about points at all, but he believed the greater number of ringers were really interested in the analysis, and anything that could be done to put it upon a more permanent and stable ground would be welcomed.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said they had heard the two sides as to higher points for the higher numbers of bells, and he thought the amendment might be accepted as a compromise, and passed.

After the luncheon interval, the Council considered Schedule A. The President pointed out that an amendment of such a drastic character could not be deliberately forced down the throats of the committee, who had devoted a great deal of time to the matter. He suggested, therefore, that it might be approved by the meeting and referred to the committee for their serious consideration. To force the amendment upon the committee would result, he thought, in every member of the committee at once resigning. It was not a proper way to treat a committee.

NO CAST-IRON RULE.

Mr. Burton said he did not like the Schedule altogether, but he liked the amendment less. Both sides seemed to have lost sight of the fact that there could be no rule without an exception. The Schedule could not be applied in a cast-iron way. There were anomalies in both, and in the amendment, for instance, they were giving less points to Double Norwich Maximus than they were to Stedman Cinques. Surely the Council could not swallow that. He would be prepared to accept the Schedule A, subject to certain little modifications to meet the

anomalies, by which, for example, Stedman Triples was given less than Double Norwich Major. They could not hope to get anything near perfection.

Mr. Tompkins asked if it did not come back to a question of the classification of the methods.

The Hon. Secretary thought Mr. Burton's objections might be met very largely, if not altogether, by reconsideration of the methods they put into various classes.

The Rev. H. T. S. Richardson suggested that they might consider whether they should not allot points on the basis of the number of places in a method, because the more places, the more intricate the method. It might be much less practical on eight than on six bells, but it was a question that might be considered.

The Rev. H. L. James: I think you will find that Superlative and Cambridge have more places than London.

The President said the arguments as to the number of men that had to be brought together for the higher numbers of bells seemed to him to be entirely beside the mark. They might just as well argue that with more ropes there was greater risk of one breaking. They might also bring in the weight of metal, as had been done in bygone years. It had practically been decided that none of these things could be taken into consideration in their peal values.

The amendment was carried by 25 votes to 12, and the Council then proceeded to discuss Schedule B.

The Rev. H. L. James suggested that they should go on with the present system for another twelve months, and communicate with representative ringers, asking them to set the point values to the different methods.

The President asked if that would not lead people who rang one method to put an exaggerated value upon it.

The Rev. H. L. James: Certainly, but you won't take one opinion, you will take opinions from all parts of the country.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter spoke of the extra work which would be thrown upon the Peals Analysis Committee if the committee had to examine the various minor methods to see in which class they had to be placed.

Mr. King said he had considerable sympathy with those who rang Doubles. There were hundreds of towers with only five bells, and he thought the ringers ought to be encouraged. Where they rang a peal in several methods, it was not much encouragement to give them only two points. It would be a very fine thing to lay down a rule that where a tower had six bells and determined to ring Doubles instead of going on to something higher and better in Minor, they should still get no more than two points, because they were capable of better things.

Mr. G. Bolland thought the scale brought forward by the committee would go very satisfactorily, and he thought they might fall in with Schedule B. With regard to what had been said about ringing six Treble Bob Methods and one plain method, he would rather have that one plain method in a peal than repeat one again. The custom of Yorkshire ringers was to get as many methods as they could.

The Hon. Secretary thought objections might be met by altering the Schedule so that for every 720 in a Plain method one point would be awarded, for every 720 in a Treble Bob method 2, for every 720 in a broken lead method 3, and for every 720 in a Surprise method 4.

The Rev. H. L. James pointed out that this would not do, because a peal of seven 720's of Bob Minor would get the same number of points as a peal in seven different plain methods.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett suggested as a way out of the difficulty, that two points should be added to each of the figures in the last column.

Eventually the report was referred back to the committee to consider the various suggestions made for its amendment.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has appeared in these columns. He did not know, he said, how far the work of the committee might be affected by a subsequent resolution, but if the members expected the committee to grope about in two papers, analysing first one and then the other, they would be setting them a task which the committee certainly would not appreciate. If ringers would take the trouble to send a report to each of the papers, then the work would be simplified, and the committee provided with a complete check.—Mr. Griffin seconded.

The President expressed gratitude to the committee for the enormous work which they had done. Whether ringers liked or did not like scoring on points, they could not get away from the fact that it was one of the most interesting things which they had to look at.—The report was adopted.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The Rev. H. L. James moved: "That nothing shall be recognised as a peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties, but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's." Mr. James said years ago the Council so defined a peal of Minor that it must consist of seven true and complete 720's. That stood for some time, and was then withdrawn, because people wanted to ring 360's, in order to make up fourteen methods, and at that time it was not considered possible to make up fourteen methods in complete 720's. As long as it was not considered possible to do so, he thought the

Council perfectly justified, because it was an improvement upon ringing seven methods to ring fourteen. But the fact that it was only possible to ring seven 720's in seven methods had disappeared. They could ring seven 720's now in fourteen methods, or even more, and that not only in Plain methods, but in Surprise methods as well, and that put a different complexion upon it. Without being satisfied with 360's running round at the end of each, they went a stage higher, and changed from one method to the other at a bob. What they had to do was to get methods with the same rows in the plain courses. We had rung a peal on these lines, and could assure them it was very good fun. In their seven 720's they changed from one method to another 38 times from beginning to end. There were friends there fond of ringing 14 methods, and this was a lead he hoped they would follow. As soon as six-bell ringers realised it was possible to come up to a higher level and make their peals of Minor consist of seven true and complete 720's, there would not be one six-bell ringer in the country prepared to speak against it.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

The Rev. M. Kelly, having raised the question as to whether the Council regarded peals of Minor as peals or merely performances, the President said in 1892 the Council passed a resolution that the conditions essential to the validity of a peal on five bells was that it should consist of at least 5040 changes, rung without a cover in six-scores, and that on six bells that it should be rung without cover and in true 720's, of which no two in the same method should be called alike. Owing, however, to grave difficulties that arose from the different way in which peals of Minor and Doubles were regarded, there was so much dissatisfaction that in 1897 the following resolution was passed: "That the Council recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting in 1892, and recognising, also, that the fact that on five and six bells no actual true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated, do now decide to expunge such definition from the standing resolution, thus offering no opposition to the varying local construction of the term 'peal' in regard to five and six-bell performances."—The President said that this was arrived at after considerable difficulty, and it ought to be rescinded only after the most careful consideration. While he applauded Mr. James' ideal, he would point out that many six-bell ringers raised insuperable objection to the definition, and if they did that, how much more would they take objection to the infinitely more stringent resolution of Mr. James.

The Rev. H. L. James: I don't see that it is more stringent; it simply recognises the fact that it is possible to get seven true 720's in more than seven methods.

Mr. J. W. Parker said, having heard Mr. James' clear definition, he thought they must all agree with him that it was the correct way to ring more than seven methods of Minor, in order to get the least repetition possible in the 5040, but if the resolution was carried that day they would be doing an injustice to certain bands, who might be practising for a peal in 14 methods that might not couple up in the way suggested by Mr. James. He would propose, therefore, that the Council put the motion forward this year as a recommendation, and next year bring it up again.—Mr. Lewis seconded.

The Rev. H. L. James said he would be glad to accept that suggestion. He thought it met the case very nicely indeed.

Mr. W. E. White asked how many rounds were permitted between each of the 720's in a peal. He believed in some places it was customary to ring a whole pull after the bells came round before going off again.

The Rev. H. L. James: Then you cannot call it a peal.

Mr. W. Snowdon agreed with the scientific point Mr. James had raised, and thought it would be an excellent thing to educate six-bell ringers to the more refined method of ringing the peals, but it would be a very dangerous thing to, thrust it down the throats of the six-bell ringers.

The Rev. H. L. James: I will throw out a challenge to Yorkshire. We have done the job over the border; you come up to the mark, Mr. Bolland, and ring it (laughter).

Mr. Bolland: On paper, I admit Mr. James is ahead of me, but in the belfry I am not frightened of Mr. James, nor anybody else (laughter and applause).

The resolution, amended to read, that the Council recommend that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, etc., was then put, and carried nem con.

TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION.

Mr. W. Story proposed: "That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council, only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect." This, he said, might seem a somewhat democratic sort of motion, for it made the votes of one value instead of being of very varying value. Some ringers were members of only one Association, or possibly two, while some were members of fourteen or fifteen, and consequently were more highly represented. He thought the justice of the case would recommend itself to the members. The resolution excluded such Associations as the College Youths and the Cumberlands, which were historical societies, and entitled to representation, although their members were all members of other Associations, which were territorial.—Mr. W. A. Cave seconded.

Mr. A. T. King said the resolution created many more difficulties than it was intended to remove. He supposed no two Associations could be dealt with on the same lines. They found one difficulty when they said they were obliged to exclude the College Youths and Cumberlands, and other great Societies, but there were a great many Associations which impinged on the ground of other Associations. He would like to know how his own Association would stand, where in the case of the great Metropolis people earned their living in London and went to sleep in the country round. They had many members of the Middlesex Association who resided out of London, but who earned their living in London. His Association, with 383 members, was entitled to three representatives. He did not care a button whether they lost one or not, but at the same time he did not see what was to be gained by it. If people thought they were hardly used by over-representation of other Societies, it would be different.

Mr. J. A. Trollope hoped the Council would not pass the resolution, because their difficulties were great enough at present, and they did not want them increased. The old London Societies were not prepared to admit that any of the newer Societies had a territorial right to London at all. He did not want to stir up any feeling on the matter, but he did not want the discussion to be raised again as to whether or no an outside Society like the Kent, for instance, had a right to South London, but if the Council passed the resolution, the question was bound to come up again.

The Rev. M. Kelly said, as the representative of the County Association, there was a difficulty the mover had not realised. There were on the list of his Association members who had left the county, but who were not members of any other Association. Surely they ought to be represented.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he did not think they had ever had any difficulty in the Winchester Guild with regard to overlapping with the Surrey Association. He believed before very long the diocese of Winchester would be divided, and then in all probability the Surrey Rural Deaneries would go over to the Southwark Diocese, and they would have the Winchester Diocesan Guild entirely confined to Hampshire.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson asked what was the relationship between the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association, and Mr. Snowdon replied that the Yorkshire Association covered the whole county.

The President said if the Council decided to pass this resolution, it would be wise to do so in somewhat less direct terms than it was worded, because it was a little delicate for them to dictate to the Associations. He thought it would be wiser to send the resolution to the Associations for their judgment before carrying it into effect. If they wanted to carry the motion, he hoped they would accept the alteration he suggested. He did not consider they had power as a Council to carry it as it stood.

The motion, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

The discussion on "The Ringing World" was reported under a separate heading.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded the President for presiding, on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

A NEW PEAL FOR MIDDLEHAM.

DEDICATION OF A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE BELLS.

The old church of SS. Mary and Alkelda at Middleham, Yorkshire, has been enriched by an excellent peal of eight bells, in place of the six bells which formerly did service, chiefly through the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Topham) and his family. Prior to the present peal there had been six bells placed there in 1824 by Mr. John Breare, Middleham, great uncle to the present Rector. One of these bells fell in August last, and the Rector consulted Messrs. Taylor and Co., bell founders, Loughborough, who reported that to replace the bells would cost £90, but it was not deemed advisable to go in for repairs, the best thing to do being to put in a new peal. It was also found that the old beams, which had never been renewed, were so thoroughly rotten, that the bells could not have hung together for another three months. The new peal has been fitted in a steel frame, and are rung from the floor of the tower, instead of from the floor above the level of the nave roof as was done in the case of the six bells; the font having to be removed from beneath the tower to its original position near the south door of the church. Prior to the six bells there were three 18th century bells attached to the same beams which served for the six bells. The Rev. H. G. Topham states that the first record in the church in regard to the bells dates back to 1640, when they are mentioned as having been repaired. Dr. Pauli states that in North Yorkshire wills there is a mention of two bells at Middleham Church, one of the big bells being re-cast, and the other having been purchased with the proceeds of the sale of some relics of St. Alkelda in the 15th century. There would probably be a bell from the foundation in the 12th century, but the church has had to wait 700 years to find its full musical voice in the shape of a peal of bells, and it redounds to the credit of the present Rector and his family that it is owing to their generosity that the peal of bells has been completed. The work has been carried out in splendid style by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the bells are a great improvement in their character, and much heavier, the tenor being in E and twice the weight of the previous heaviest bell, namely, 18 cwt., as against 9 cwt. Towards the cost, which has amounted to £600, the Topham family have

contributed £500, and one of the bells is dedicated to the memory of Miss Topham, who lately died at a great age.

THE NEW PEAL.

In Middleham there is a ringing company formed by Dr. Pauli, who spare no efforts in furthering the art, and the local band includes Mrs. Pauli, and Messrs. Christopher Clarkson, William Sykes, H. Collinson, Robert Handley, William Gargett, Thomas Sarginson, and H. Parrish. The Rector is the president of the Guild.

The bells bear the following inscriptions: Treble, given by Miss Grace Topham, niece to the Rev. H. G. Topham, "We are all cast to the glory of God." 2nd, given by Mrs. Malcolm, widow of the late Mr. Edward Clough Topham, brother to the Rev. G. H. Topham. "I ring for God and King." 3rd, given by the Rev. H. G. Topham and Mrs. Gordon Fowler, in memory of their aunt, the late Miss Topham. "I call to worship." 4th, given by the Rev. J. A. G. and Mrs. Birch, of St. Hilda's, Darlington, in memory of their father (the late Rector of Middleham) and mother. "I call to prayer." 5th, given by the parishioners in memory of Mr. John Breare, of Middleham Hall (great uncle to the Rev. H. G. Topham), who placed the peal of six bells in 1824. "What I give, I have." 6th, given by the parish. "St. Alkelda's name I keep." 7th, given by the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Topham. "Hear my voice, O God." Tenor, given by Mr. Lupton Topham (the Rector's brother), and his wife. "Time passes, God calls," and it is also inscribed: "H. G. Topham, rector; Henry Pauli and Arthur Eyles, churchwardens. 1911."

DEDICATION SERVICE.

Some 50 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bellringers were present at the dedication service on Thursday of last week, and the sacred edifice was crowded. The surpliced choir entered the church singing "Oh praise ye the Lord," as a processional hymn, preceding the clergy and Bishop of Knaresborough. The first lesson was read by the Rev. W. P. Wright, and the second lesson by the Rev. J. A. G. Birch. The choir and clergy singing "Unchanging God, who livest," proceeded to the tower, where a bell rope was handed by Dr. Pauli to the Bishop, who offered the special prayers of dedication, while the clergy and choir knelt round in a circle. The fine tones of new bells then rang out in well-struck rounds, the ringers being A. Alcock 1, A. Simpson 2, P. Stephenson 3, J. Baxter 4, J. G. Hall 5, W. H. Porter 6, T. Metcalfe 7, E. Burnett 8. After the choir and clergy had returned to their places the Bishop of Knaresborough delivered an address from Psalm xix., 3, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them." His lordship pointed out that God gave His message in two ways, by words as in Holy Scripture, and secondly by symbols and signs, and rites and ceremonies. God spoke through nature. In regard to the bells which they had just dedicated, they had "neither speech nor language, but their voices were heard." Though they spoke without words, they preached of God, and called them to the worship of Him, reminding all they were the children of God, and responsible to Him for their lives. The bells spoke to them with a solemn warning, and reminded them of the divine life. The bells carried their message of warning, and solace to the sick and poor, and their appeal to the divine in man. The hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung as a recessional. The collection realised was £9 11s. 3d.

After the service, the first touch on the bells, a 504 Stedman Triples, was rung by the band previously mentioned, followed by 336 Grand-sire Triples: R. Borrows 1, W. Pick 2, J. W. Taylor 3, J. B. Budd 4, G. Park 5, J. Metcalfe 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, G. W. Park 8; and 544 Double Norwich.

The visitors, who prior to the ceremony had been entertained to lunch, were also entertained to tea in the evening, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (president of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association), Dr. Pauli, Mr. J. W. Taylor, etc.—The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the Association for opening the bells, and the President, in responding, thanked the Rev. H. G. Topham and the Middleham Guild for kind hospitality.

The arrangements for the comfort of ringers were entirely managed by the secretary to the Guild, Mr. H. Parrish, by whose energy and zeal in all that belongs to the church, the Guild owes so much of its efficiency. The catering was done by Mr. Beswick, of the Commercial Hotel. The comfort of such a large airy room as his new garage afforded during meals was commented on, and the local band were much gratified that such a good company accepted their invitation. Ringers were present from Darlington, East Witton, Hemingborough, Knaresborough, Kirby Malzeard, Masham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Stockton, Richmond, Sharow, West Tanfield, West Hartlepool and Wath, together with the local Guild. The bells were kept going to a late hour in the evening.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of this Association was held at Downham Market on Whit-Monday, when, by kind permission of the authorities, the bells of the Parish Church, and also those at Hilgay, Stow Bardolph, and Denver, were available. Luncheon was served at the Castle Hotel, Downham, presided over by Mr. J. W. Sedgley, of King's Lynn, supported by Messrs. W. L. Duffield, G. Moy, F. R. Borrett, T. Fitzjohn, C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from several towers in the district. A cordial welcome was accorded by everyone present to

Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, Essex, who was on a visit to the neighbourhood.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, new members were proposed, and King's Lynn was decided upon by a large majority for the meeting on Whit-Monday, 1912.—A vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells concluded the business part of the proceedings.

These meetings in West Norfolk are arranged for the benefit of those residing in this somewhat out-of-the-way part of the diocese, and it is hoped that even more ringers will avail themselves of these opportunities for meeting together.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

In my last notes I promised, for the benefit of young conductors, to give a few hints on calling Grandsire Triples into rounds. As a matter of fact there are definite rules laid down for this particular work, and they need to be studied and worked out on paper. At the same time it must be remembered, in order to put it into practice in the tower, something more than theoretical knowledge is necessary. A good rope sight is essential in order that the conductor can perceive almost at a glance what the different positions of the bells are. He must be able to "read" the coursing order, and to have some knowledge of the possibilities which the positions of the bells provide him with, because very often, in endeavouring to call bells round, a bob called or missed at the next lead makes all the difference in the world to the length to be rung before rounds is reached.

The first thing to do is to get 6 and 7 together in proper coursing order, if they are not already there, and this can be done in various ways according to their position. If the 7th be in the hunt call the 6th before, if the 6th be in the hunt call a bob the lead after the 7th is before, which, of course, brings the 6th into 4-5 down and the 7th into 6-7 down. If neither be in the hunt the general rule is to call one of them into the hunt as quickly as possible, and call it out according to the rules mentioned above. Sometimes it can be done by calling the 7th before. For instance, when you find the 7th in 4-5 up and the 6th in 6-7 down—i.e., when the two bells have another one coursing between them—a bob the next lead sends the other bell into the hunt and brings 6-7 together.

Having brought them together on the front, the next stage is to get the 5th into its proper place, that is, coursing after the 7th. The bob which brought 6 and 7 together may have put the 5th right, if not there are only three other places that she can be in, and one of these is the hunt, when call the 7th before with a double, and you will have the 5th in its right place. If the 5th be immediately in front of the 6th it is necessary to call the 6th before, and then the 7th before, and you may note that the first of these two bobs brings the 5th into the hunt. The only other position in which you can find the 5th is coming down immediately in front of the treble to make 3rds at the next lead. Call her before, and the trick is done.

The only three bells now left to be brought home are 2-3-4, and if the bells be not already in the plain course after the last bob, 5-6-7 must be brought together behind at a bob (unless two bobs immediately precede it) to *keep* the bells in-course, or at a single to *put* them in-course. Before you get to that bob with 5-6-7 at home you may know, if the second be in the hunt, that the 4th coursing the 3rds is in-course, the 3rd coursing the 4th is out-of-course; if the 3rd be in the hunt, the 2nd coursing the fourth is in-course, the 4th coursing the 2nd out-of-course; and if the 4th be in the hunt, the 3rd coursing the 2nd is in-course,

and the 2nd coursing the 3rd is out-of-course. In-course order requires bobs only to bring the bells round, while out-of-course order necessitates the employment of a single. Having called 5-6-7 at home with the necessary bob or single the bells will either come round, or produce 342567 or 423567. If the former, call the 7th in and out of the hunt, which puts the bells in the plain course, if the latter call a bob the lead after the 6th comes before, and it will bring the bells round. Just one example to illustrate this. Let us imagine that at a treble lead the working bells turn up in this order 264573, and we want to get them round. How do we proceed? We have to get 6 and 7 together by calling one or other into the hunt.

2 6 4 5 7 3
 2 5 6 3 4 7
 — 7 3 2 4 5 6 7th in the hunt
 7 4 3 6 2 5
 — 5 6 7 2 4 3 Out when 6th is before
 5 2 6 3 7 4
 5 3 2 4 6 7
 5 4 3 7 2 6 5th in the hunt requires
 — 6 7 5 2 4 3 7th before with a double.
 — 3 2 6 4 7 5
 3 4 2 5 6 7 A plain lead because two bobs precede it
 — 7 5 3 6 4 2 7th in
 — 2 6 7 4 5 3 and out
 2 4 6 3 7 5
 2 3 4 5 6 7 rounds.

CONDUCTOR.

Any ringers attending the Territorial camp at Thetford, July 29th to August 12th, and wishing for a peal are invited to communicate, naming method, with H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

INTERESTING EVENTS AT HANDSWORTH.

On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Nellie Verry (eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Verry, tower keeper at Handsworth) to Mr. Joseph Clark at Handsworth Parish Church, 350 Grandsire Triples were rung by E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis 2, E. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auken 5, S. Danby 6, C. Starkey 7, R. Speakman. Mr. Thomas Verry is the eldest son of the late Mr. William Verry, who was tower keeper for over 50 years, and Mr. Thomas Verry has himself been a ringer at the church for 40 years.

The band celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hemms, of Handsworth, on May 29th, by ringing 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, J. Corrigan 2, G. Taylor 3, C. Starkey 4, W. Auken 5, R. Faux 6, W. G. Ellis 7, S. Danby 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Long Sutton on Whit-Monday, ringers attending from Lynn, Clenchwarton, Walpole, Fleet, Moulton, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington and Bicker, together with the local ringers. The bells were kept going during the day, some good 720's being rung in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Double Court. Dinner was served at the Bull Hotel, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Dixon Spain), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Five new members were elected, from Long Sutton, Donington, and Clenchwarton. At 3.30 a short service was held in the church, an excellent address being given by the Vicar.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Rev. J. M. Coates, a vice-president of the branch, and who was at one time secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday next, June 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea can be obtained close to the church. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on the 24th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held on Saturday next, June 24th, 1911, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Rochester District, Frindsbury, Rochester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday next, June 24th, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Wednesday, July 5th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, July 1st.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

A CAVERSAM OUTING.

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when, accompanied by their wives and families, they visited Nettlebed and Shiplake. The party numbered 45, and the journey was made by brake. Nettlebed, one of the highest points in Oxfordshire, was reached after a two hours' drive. Bob Minor, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the light peal of six, and the journey was then resumed. A substantial meat tea was partaken of at the Plough Hotel, Shiplake, and while the ladies and young folks strolled by the picturesque river, the ringers visited the tower and enjoyed touches of Bristol Surprise and Stedman Triples. Caversham was again reached at 10.30, after one of the most enjoyable day's outings in the history of the Society.

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