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BADLY VENTILATED TOWERS.

The tropical weather which we have been experiencing for such an unusually long spell has brought home to ringers in a good many towers the insufficiency of the ventilation of their ringing chambers. Ventilation of the ringing room is, unfortunately, about one of the last things that church architects seem to give their attention to, and yet it is one of the most important, for it is in the belfry that the most vigorous of all church duties have to be performed. In probably two out of every three towers the ventilation is bad, and it is generally due to the fact that the matter was never properly studied when the building was erected. Usually the windows are either too small effectively to let in the fresh air, or are made to open in such a position that except on suffocating days, such as the recent weather has produced, they cannot be opened without creating a draught which may result in a chill for any ringer standing near. Some belfries are even worse, and do not possess any window at all that will open, while some few have not even got a window. In cases like these last, the church authorities could not well complain if the ringers declined to exercise their functions in such ill-arranged chambers, and the least that should be done is to provide proper ventilation for those whose duty it is to ring the bells.

In the majority of cases where ventilation is deficient, it is probable that the church authorities, if properly approached, would listen to any reasonable suggestion, although it must be admitted that there is great reluctance to touch anything that would be considered to interfere with the architectural design of the building. We could name a number of towers where the only means of admitting fresh air to the ringing chamber is by keeping the stairway door open—which usually means a deafening intrusion of the sound of the bells, or by lifting the trap door in the centre of the floor. Both these methods are usually insufficient, but ringers are long-suffering creatures and generally seem content to take anything that is offered to them in the way of inadequate arrangements without protest. Because the past generations of ringers in a tower have uncomplainingly put up with the inconvenience and discomfort of a badly ventilated ringing chamber, it does not follow that the present and future generations need submit to similar conditions, and this is one direction in the way of domestic reform in which ringers can set about improving their belfries where there is need for it. Where windows are a fair height from the floor, it is probably best to have the upper part of the lights to open inwards in hopper form. Where this is not possible, hopper ventilators of, say, a foot square, fixed in at least two opposite walls a few inches below the ceiling, are perhaps the next best thing.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5019 CHANGES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 2	EDWARD H. KING ... 7
*ROBERT A. FARDON ... 3	*ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	GEORGE R. FARDON ... 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, .

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	HENRY ADCOCK ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	JAMES BOUGHTON ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE ... 5
*JOHN HAYES ... 2	ERNEST CHANNELL ... 6
†FRED LATHAM ... 3	ARTHUR WATKINS ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*GORDON SNOWBALL ... Treble	WALTER BROWN ... 5
ALFRED FROST ... 2	FRANK STONELEY ... 6
JOHN IDLE ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
HARRY BRICKELL ... 4	*GEORGE WHITELEGGE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal. Rung by request of the Vicar (Rev. — Parsons) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

E. HARRISON ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 5
F. FOX ... 2	ARTHUR NAVELL ... 6
R. SPERRING ... 3	J. W. DAVIES ... 7
H. OVERTON ... 4	G. R. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

First peal in the method as conductor. Ringers of 4 and 5 hail from Crewe, the rest from Chester. R. Sperring's 70th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM ROSE 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	GEORGE R. FINCH 6
FRANK F. FISHER 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
EDWARD EVANS 4	CHARLES E. FISHER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES CUTTING 5	ALFRED SMITH 5
HERBERT PIERCY 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
JAMES TANN 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Y. GREEN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

H. Piercy was home with his battalion from Khartoum, and was on leave prior to going to Germany.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE H. CARTER ... <i>Treble</i>	BARNARD PATMORE 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	*GEORGE T. CROFT 6
*ERNEST W. DAY 3	GEORGE H. GROSS 7
*SAMUEL PAGE 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

G. H. Cross was elected a member of the Herts Association previous to starting. *First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
*ROBERT A. FARDON 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	DALBY HODGSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

*First peal on eight bells.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*ERNEST J. NEWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
*HERBERT E. DAY 3	*WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST W. DAY 4	GEORGE T. CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Martin's Society, Leicester.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETONS'.

*CHAS. HENRY WEBB ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	DET.-SERGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*SHIRLEY BURTON 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD HAYNES ... <i>Treble</i>	BARZILLAI HAWKINS ... 5
*GEORGE MILES 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	SERG. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 7
*JOHN MOTH 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The band represented 8 towers and 4 counties.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the R.C. Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM KENT 5
CHARLES WATMAN 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bernard B. Eckett and Miss D. Andrews, whose marriage took place at the Abbey Church on the 9th. Also as a birthday peal to the conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. NEWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. DAY 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ERNEST W. DAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

C. V. Ebberson was elected a member of this Association previous to starting, and it was his first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK HATTON <i>Treble</i>	JACK HAMMOND 4
RONALD ELLIS 2	CHRIS. HATTON 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	ALBERT HATTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

This is understood to be the first peal rung in Neath. First peal by all except the conductor. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest ringer in the district to ring a peal on church bells.

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**OADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*RANDALL JONES... ..Treble	J. HAMMOND 4
*IDRIS BOWER 2	HARRY BOYCE 5
CHRIS. HATTON... .. 3	*WILL THOMASTenor

Conducted by JACK HAMMOND.

* First peal.

**OFFLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY... ..Treble	GEORGE WOLFE 4
LEONARD FIDLER 2	HERBERT E. DAY 5
GEORGE T. CROFT 3	WILLIAM J. CROFTTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

First peal on the bells. The members of the band wish to thank the Rev. E. P. Gatty for the use of the bells and Mr. C. Monk for having everything in readiness.

**NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*ALBERT HATTONTreble	J. E. BLOXHAM 4
*HARRY BOYCE 2	*CHRIS. HATTON 5
D. J. LEWIS 3	JACK HAMMONDTenor

Conducted by JACK HAMMOND.

This is the first peal of Minor rung in Neath. * First peal of Minor. The conductor has now rung his 38th peal.

**NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLETreble	PERCY S. MERSON 4
WILLIAM DOBLE 2	*JAMES HUNT 5
*FRANK MILLARD 3	EBENEZER PRIDDLETenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung and overhauled, new gudgeons, bearings and sheaf pulleys fitted by Messrs. Thomas Doble and Son. The 'go' is excellent. The peal was rung to demonstrate to the local men what change ringing was like, and it is hoped it will bear fruit.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, July 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT 43, MALVERN ROAD, HANDSWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SWANN1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD7-8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN9-10
JAMES E. GROVES... ..5-6	JOHN NEAL11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Witness: Mrs. J. E. GROVES.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, July 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN. Witness: CHARLES JORDAN.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, July 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE W. STEERE1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MDLLE. YVONNIE ELOIE LELOUE & ETHEL WOOD.

Arranged and rung on the 170th anniversary of the first occasion on which this composition was rung.

**SHIREWSBURY.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(St. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, 1 of Canterbury Pleasure and 31 of Grandsire Doubles.

JAMES E. LILLEY... ..1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY3-4
REGINALD R. POLE5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

James E. Lilley is the youngest ringer in the county to ring a pair of handbells through a peal.

CARISBROOKE BELLS.

The recast peal of eight at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, are to be dedicated on Wednesday, July 27th. They have been rehung in all new fittings, and will be an attraction to ringers residing on or visiting the Island. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Appended are the details of the bells upon which the old inscriptions have been reproduced:—

No.	Note.	Inscription.	Weight. cwt. qrs. lbs.
Treble E		Although I am Both Light and Small I will Be Heard Above You All.	4 3 15
2 D sharp		At Proper Times our Voices will Raise In Sounding to Our Benefactors Praise.	5 0 0
3 C sharp		Musick is Medicine to the Mind.	5 1 2
4 B		Peace and Good Neighbourhood	7 0 4
5 A		To Honour Both of God and King Our Voices Shall in Consort Ring.	9 1 5
6 G sharp		Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound Make Hills and Valleys echo Round.	10 3 22
7 F sharp		No Inscription.	14 1 25
Tenor E		In Wedlock Bands all ye who Join With Hands Your Hearts Unite So shall Our Tuneful Tongues Combine To Laud the Nuptial Rite.	20 1 0 77 0 17

James Robey, George Young, George Morris, John Arlot,
Churchwardens.

On Reverse of Tenor:—

* 1921.

This peal of 8 Bells was recast.

T. Story Buster, M.A., Vicar.

R. Fisk, H. L. Morris, G. H. Horsley,
Churchwardens.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory.

On all Bells:— Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1921.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 26th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, and the Rev. A. Hammond gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard). Tea and meeting followed at the Lion Inn.—Mr. E. F. Cooper, District Master, presided, supported by Messrs. B. Redgwell, district secretary; W. H. Dyson (Braintree), A. Symonds (Lavenham), W. Elliott (Kelsedon), and about 40 members, including the local band.—The Vicar was thanked by the Master for his address, and the choir and organist for their services.—Feeling was chosen as the next place for meeting. Some excellent touches were brought round in the standard methods.

Earls Colne possesses a musical ring of eight in excellent going order, which are regularly rung for matins and evensong every Sunday by the local band, who are accomplished Surprise ringers.

NEW BELLS IN BRECONSHIRE.

MUNIFICENT MEMORIAL GIFT BY NONCONFORMIST'S FAMILY.

The old and historic Parish Church of St. Meugant's, Llanfagan, four miles distant from the county town of Brecon, now possesses a new peal of eight bells, of which any town or city might be justly proud. The whole cost of the bells, as well as the restoration, pointing, and raising by several feet of the tower, has been defrayed by the family of the late Mr. David Morgan, a well-known and respected Cardiff Nonconformist, founder, and until his death, head of the famous firm of drapers, David Morgan, Ltd., of that city, and a native of Llanfagan. The tower formerly possessed only four bells of various dates, which, on inspection, were immediately consigned to the melting-pot. The firm entrusted with the work, Messrs. John Taylor and Co, Loughborough, are to be congratulated on the excellence and quality of their work, in turning out such a magnificent and musical peal, as that which now hangs in the tower, and which will prove a source of great attraction to ringers from all parts. The bells (with a tenor weighing 12cwt. 1qr. 19lb.) are hung in a rigid iron frame, on steel girders, and the fittings are of the very latest pattern throughout, including patent ball bearings—a great improvement on the old plan. A sound-board has also been erected at the top of the tower to reduce the sound of the bells to a minimum, and an up-to-date chiming apparatus installed in the ringers' room. The bells are a splendid acquisition to the district, where there are so many 4, 5 and 6 bell towers. They are also situated in an ideal place for peal ringing, for there are no houses in the immediate vicinity.

The dedication was expected to have taken place in the last week in June, but owing to the outside pointing of the tower not being quite completed, it has been provisionally fixed for the second week in August, when the Bishop of Swansea is expected to officiate, and Brecon St. Mary's ringers to ring the opening touches.

At the request of the Rector, the Rev. T. A. Davies, the Brecon ringers visited the parish on Sunday, June 26th, for a few preliminary touches, to enable himself and his parishioners to hear the bells rung for the first time. The parish is a large, but very scattered one, the church situated about half-way up the side of a hill, with a fine view of the Usk Valley, the hamlet of Pencelly, and a few farms nestling at the foot. Although the Rector had tried to keep the visit 'dark,' the juvenile element of the parish soon noised it about the place, that 'some men had come to ring their bells,' with the result that by the time the visitors had got possession of the tower they found themselves besieged in the ringing room, and, having already walked four miles in a 'broiling sun,' found it extremely difficult to ring at all.

The Rector having kindly provided tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed, a fresh start was made, and some good ringing accomplished, consisting of 504 and 420 Stedman Triples, 630 Grandsire Triples, etc., the following taking part: W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, R. Kinsey, E. Matthews, A. Matthews, C. Powell, W. Evans (conductor), S. Brooks. Later some twin and odd Bob touches of Stedman Triples, mostly taken from 'The Ringing World' Sunday Service pages, were rung, with W. Griffiths on the tenor, conducted by A. Matthews and W. Hargest respectively. By the time ringing ceased, visitors had arrived from adjoining parishes, as they said, attracted by the music, and expressive of the great pleasure it gave them to hear the bells rung. The ringers also were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, the quality and workmanship of which reflects great credit on the founders.

The inscriptions of the four old bells have been reproduced on the recast 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th bells, and on the others the inscriptions are in the Welsh language.

Treble.—Gobaith-y-cyflawn fydd llanwenydd.

(Translation: The hope of the righteous shall be gladness.)

Churchwarden, H. R. Jones-Williams, Colonel, R.W.F.

2nd.—Bendith-yr-arglwydd a cypoethage.

(The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich.)

Rector, Thomas Aneurin Davies.

3rd.—Bendithion fydd ar ben-y-cyflawn.

(Blessings are upon the head of the just.)

Donor, John Llewellyn Morgan.

4th.—John Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect.

Recast 1921.

5th.—Howell Williams, H.W. C. W. Dens. Fear God, 1662.

Recast 1921.

6th.—David Morgan, Churchwarden, 1740. Recast 1921.

7th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect. 1813. Recast 1921.

Tenor.—Coffadwraeth-y-cyflawn sydd fendigedig.

(The memory of the just is blessed.)

A. M. D. G., and in memory of David Morgan, of Llandaff, 1833—1919, a landowner in this parish.

In a shield on each bell is: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

THE FIRST PEAL.

Last week we recorded the first peal in the new Surprise method, published by Mr. T. Law, of Weston Favell, Northants, on March 3rd, 1916. The peal was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and the band named it Lancashire Surprise. It is a method on the Bristol principle, and the Oswaldtwistle band are inclined to think the method is more intricate to ring than London. A study of it will go a long way to support this contention, as it seems to be more tricky than Bristol itself, which is classed almost with London, being given 48 points, compared with London's 50. The Oswaldtwistle band are to be congratulated on scoring the first peal.

With regard to the name of the method, the company would like to ask the Methods Committee if it be advisable to give it the name of Lancashire, as No. 22 in the Council's Collection of Surprise Minor Methods, which is of different construction, is already called 'Lancashire.' For those who may be further interested in the method and who may not have seen it when originally published, we give a lead of it below, and also the peal.

THE METHOD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8
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2 3 1 4 7 5 8 6
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1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5

Plain 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

Bob 1 6 4 2 3 8 5 7

THE COMPOSITION.

5,440.

23456 M B H

43652 —

63254 —

23564 — — —

52364 — — —

35264 — — —

Four times repeated.

Call and one Part.

M. M. W. W. reduces

peal to 5,024.

VICAR 39 YEARS.

WARNHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

It is with a feeling of deep regret and sorrow that the Warnham (Sussex) ringers announce the death of their Vicar, the Rev. H. Howcott, which took place on Wednesday, June 29th. Beloved and esteemed by his parishioners, the loss will be severely felt, for with a keen enthusiasm he entered into everything conducive to the welfare, happiness and enjoyment of his people. His kindly interest in ringing will be well remembered by many who have had the pleasure of visiting the Warnham tower, where they were always heartily welcome.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 2nd, when practically the whole population, of all denominations, met together to pay their last tribute of respect.

At the close of the service, a touch was rung with the bells deeply muffled, and on Sunday, for morning and evening service, they were rung half-muffled.

The deceased Vicar had held the incumbency for 39 years, and ringers have lost a true and loyal friend, who always had their interests at heart.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.—‘TIPS’ ON DOUBLE NORWICH.
THE SINGLE IN STEDMAN DOUBLES.

Up to the present I have been dealing mainly with the Plain Bob method on six bells, in which all the bells are used, one—the treble—having a plain hunting course and the other five sharing in the ‘work’ of the method, that is, the dodging and place making. I dealt first with this because, broadly, it is the foundation of method ringing. I know that there are some who may argue otherwise, but for practical purposes I think I may claim to be right, at any rate for an even number of bells, for there was little to be gained by beginning on so small a number as four.

I want, however, now to turn to method ringing on an odd number of bells, which enables those beginners who have to confine their efforts to rings of five to make a start, and which has certain advantages even where there are six bells. One of the difficulties which some beginners experience, when they attempt changes in a method in which all the bells take part, is that of ‘leading’ with precision, because they are not always able to find the last bell to lead from. In Doubles, which is the name given to five-bell ringing—because the rows are mainly two-pair changes—there is, when practised on the front five of a ring of six, the regular beat of the tenor behind, which not only helps to keep the bells in a good compass, but provides the beginner with a fixed bell from which to lead.

The Grandsire method, which is one of the oldest of all methods, is very like Plain Bob in its construction, except that, instead of having one bell (the treble) in the hunt, it has two bells (the treble and one other). This, at every lead end, when the bells would otherwise repeat unless a place were made (as 2nd’s in Plain Bob) causes the place to be pushed one step further out and 3rd’s is made instead of second’s. These two hunt bells also cause the place

to be made, not during the whole pull at lead by the treble,

but at the back-stroke of the treble’s lead and the hand-stroke lead of the other hunt bell, which, in the plain course, is the 2nd. In Plain Bob we saw that the making of the place in 2nd’s caused all the other bells to dodge in pairs when the treble led. In Grandsire, the 3rd’s place being a half-pull later, causes the dodging also to come a half-pull later. Another point to bear in mind is that the whole pulls behind are at back stroke and hand stroke, instead of at hand and back, as in Bob Minor.

I have explained these differences, not to confuse my readers, but in order to assist them in stepping from the even to the odd bell method, because I want to show how nearly they are one and the same thing and not the totally different methods which some ringers believe them to be.

On account of the third’s place being a half pull later than the 2nd’s in Plain Bob, Grandsire has to begin with the making of the 3rd’s place in the first change, and the 3rd, which is, of course, called upon to do this, goes down to lead. This also causes the two other bells to begin their work with a dodge, the 4th going one step into 5th’s and coming down to lead after the 3rd, and the 5th stepping down into 4th’s before lying the whole pull behind. Thereafter the bells perform the plain hunting course until the treble again comes to lead, when the next bell in the cycle makes 3rd’s. As the treble and 2nd are both plain hunt bells, there are only three left to do the ‘work’ of the course, and consequently the plain course only runs to three leads, or 30 changes. The work may be learnt by means of a table, just as was the case in the Minor method, and it is as follows:—

Pass treble in 3—4 dodge in 4—5 down.

Pass treble in 2—3 dodge in 4—5 up.

Pass treble in 1—2 make 3rd’s and lead again.

In making 3rd’s it should be observed that the first blow (which is a back stroke) is over the bell ‘in the hunt’—as that bell is called which is doing a similar work to the treble—and the second (at hand stroke) over the treble itself. The bells behind also have a guide, for the last blow in 4—5 down by the bell which is dodging that way is also over the treble.

The ‘bob’ in Grandsire has the effect of changing the bell ‘in the hunt.’ This is done by the making of an additional 3rd’s place, immediately in front of the one which occurs in the plain course. The figures at the side show how this operates. The bell which

passes the treble in 2—3 immediately makes one more blow in 3rd’s and goes back to lead, taking the treble off and becoming the new bell in the hunt. This extra place causes an extra dodge behind (the two being termed a ‘double-dodge’), so that the bell which dodges up, has to step back twice into 4th’s before lying the whole pull behind and the bell dodging down steps back twice into 5th’s after lying the whole pull and before going to lead. This bell which dodges down is the bell that, before the bob, was the bell in the hunt and in dodging in 4—5 down is said to dodge out of the hunt. As a guide to the dodging the same rule applies—the last blow in 4th’s is over the treble. Put into table form we have the ‘bob’ work as follows:—

Pass treble in 4—5, double-dodge in 4—5 down.

Pass treble in 3—4, double-dodge in 4—5 up.

Pass treble in 2—3, make 3rd’s and go into hunt.

Pass treble in 1—2, make 3rd’s and lead again.

It will be seen that the work of the bell passing the treble in 1—2 is not affected by the bob, but the other three are; one point to notice being that the bell which would have dodged in 4—5 down had there been no bob, double dodges in 4—5 up, thus cutting out the 4—5 down work altogether.

Here again I would advise my readers to examine the method by figuring it out—it is the best first step to grasping what has got to be done in the tower. Construct the plain course from the lead which I have given and then write out the bob work. If you want to prick out a short touch, make a bob in the first and second leads, and the bells will come round. If you want a longer one put a bob at each alternate lead, and you will get half the possible changes on five bells, viz., 60. In the next article I will show how to obtain the extent of the changes on five, and have something to say on how to call these 120’s.

‘An Improver’—I rather like that nom-de-plume for one who has, in a sense, got out of his ringing apprenticeship, but has not yet become quite a master craftsman—asks me to give a few hints on ringing Double Norwich, as this is a method which he finds some difficulty with. He has learnt the method, he says, according to ‘book,’ by first, last and full work; but it still gives him some trouble, for he is never quite sure about the place-making, especially after a bob. It is curious how little things like this will sometimes hold up an otherwise quite promising ringer, who, once he gets over the stumbling-block, quickly goes on to greater things. The ‘book’ method is not to be despised as a groundwork for learning the method but from my own experience I have found the following points useful.

In hunting up or hunting down—in Double Norwich what applies to one applies equally to the other—there are two places to pass the treble that are real guiding points to the place-making.

Pass treble in 1—2 make near places.

Pass treble in 2—3 make far places.

If you don’t meet the treble in either 1—2 or 2—3 you are treble-bob bell. If you are hunting down you must remember that it is 1—2 and 2—3 from behind. It is all double dodging, in front and behind, unless the treble intervenes or a bob is called. If ‘An Improver’ will grip this, Double Norwich will present no more difficulties, for if he cannot remember the next piece of work, the treble, or the absence of the treble, will tell him.

Then, when dodging behind at a bob, just keep on dodging until the treble comes up and separates the bells. It is a sure guide that, and an invaluable help to the man that gets worried by a long dodge in case he makes one too many or one too few.

Another important point in Double Norwich is always to look out for your course and after bells and double dodge with them in front and behind unless the treble intervenes.

‘Where is the right place to make the single in Stedman Doubles,’ asks another correspondent, ‘and can it be done at the parting of the sixes?’ To answer the last part of the question first, ‘No,’ otherwise you turn one bell back into the front work with three blows in 3rd’s place. There are three places in the six where the single can be made, but the best form is at the third and fourth changes, where the bell that has come out of the front work makes 4th’s place, after having struck one blow behind and then, after one more blow in 5th’s returns to the work in front, the other bell in 4—5 of course performing the reverse operation, and stopping behind for another six. The other two places at which the single can be made are at the 2nd and third changes, and at the fourth and 5th changes. If this is done the bell coming up lies a whole pull behind at the single, having, if it is made the 2nd and 3rd changes, a dodge down to complete the six; or, if made at the 4th and 5th changes, a dodge up at the beginning of the six. But whichever form is adopted, both singles must be made alike.

CONDUCTOR.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This society on the invitation of the Master (Colonel Herbert Baker) had a most enjoyable outing to Knebworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Leaving Hertford, by motor, about 2.30, the party arrived at the picturesque village about 3.15, and were heartily welcomed by the Rector. The handy little peal of eight were soon going to Stedman and Treble Bob, and the visitors were joined by Mr. Barnard Patmore, of Great Munden, and old Mr. Sam Page, of the once-famous Beunington band. High tea was partaken of at the Lytton Arms, when the Master presided, and the Rector occupied the vice-chair. The party was further augmented by Mr. John Dennis, who is well known by all ringing visitors to Knebworth, and is still active, in spite of his 83 years.—At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. H. J. Gray, the hon. secretary of the society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his generosity in providing the outing, and also to the Rector of Knebworth for his welcome and the use of the bells. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going till 8.30, home being reached shortly before 10 o’clock.

AUTHORSHIP OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The question of embarking upon the Exercise of new methods appears to hold the field in these post-war days of renewed ringing activity. In the light of your leading article of the issue dated June 24th last, Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter will hold an added interest for all ringers whose activity in the Exercise extends from the bell rope to pen and paper.

As a body, the Exercise, doubtless, will respect Mr. Armiger Trollope's statement as to his prowess as a wizard with figures; but for those of us who are more than ordinarily interested in the science of mathematics, and who have tried to delve just a little way below the surface in these matters, there can be nothing less than amazement (not to say awe) in our regard for one who in thirty minutes achieved what an expert ringer and an eminent mathematician has succeeded in producing only after 35 years of patient and deductive effort along scientific lines.

As Mr. Banks James has said, he was not working alone; indeed it may safely be said that nearly everyone of us who has put pen to paper in constructive effort has a variety of London Royal. But we believe Mr. James' variety to be the closest ever produced to what we know from mathematical principles to be the form which the extension of London Major should take.

If Mr. Trollope's argument be pursued to its logical conclusion, the result will demand that he call on the shade of Stedman to give the well-known principle of that name some other title!

We read that, with the great Creator, 'all things are possible,' but to man only those things are possible which are revealed by Him who is the Author of all things; and those, to whom it pleases Him to reveal any of these secrets of science, we may justly call the authors of methods (et cetera) which they produce.

Surely Mr. Trollope will not be prepared to maintain (for example) that in the realm of Physics, because certain phenomena in relation to Volume, Temperature, and Pressure, were first discovered, summarised and announced by Boyle, the famous 'Law' bearing his name should now be known to science under some other title? In a later issue, should space and your courtesy permit, sir, I should like to illustrate further my remarks by means of some few figures in relation to the construction of Principles and Methods.—Very truly yours,

St. Peter's, Brighton.

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

EARLY RINGING DAYS AT SHIPLAKE.**HOW AN OXFORDSHIRE PARISH GOT ITS BELLS.**

With the death of Mrs. Emily Jane Climensson, widow of the late Vicar of Shiplake, the Rev. John Climensson, the parish loses a link with one who did a great deal for ringing in this Oxfordshire village. The late Vicar predeceased his wife by just 17 years, and for nearly 40 years he held the incumbency. Soon after his first coming to Shiplake he raised a sum of £10,000 for church restoration, and the belfry claimed a good portion of that sum. At that time there were only five bells and one of them, the present sixth, was cracked. This bell was recast, and the Vicar gave a new bell to make a ring of six. In 1902 he was instrumental in getting the present 4th and 5th recast, and two trebles added in memory of Queen Victoria. The Vicar always took a keen interest in change ringing, and from 1870 to 1872 engaged the late Mr. Henry Haley to visit Shiplake at week-ends, and instruct the local men in the art.

In all the work which her husband undertook in connection with the church, his wife was an ever-ready help. The death of this highly gifted lady has left a void in the parish which will long be felt, and the name of Climensson will remain a cherished memory. The ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, and afterwards rang muffled touches on the bells.

A WAR MEMORIAL.

On the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital by Field-Marshal Earl Haig on Sunday afternoon, July 3rd (the hospital being about half a mile from the church), the bells at Alverstoke, Hants, were half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand was rung for about a quarter of an hour, commencing at 2.30 p.m., the ringers being: C. F. Barron 1, H. Nobes 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. Reynolds (Holy Trinity, Gosport) 5, A. E. Noble 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. A 168 touch of Grand-sire was then rung, with Mr. Uphill as conductor. Whilst the service was in progress, the muffles were removed, and, on the choir being sighted returning to the church, a 364 Grandsire was rung by: H. Nobes 1, C. F. Barron 2, W. Wheeler 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Uphill (conductor) 5, A. E. Nobes 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. It is of interest to note that these bells are also a part of the parish of Alverstoke memorial, and were put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated on November 11th, 1919.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When 170 years ago, John Holt sat in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and called his great one-part masterpiece for the first time, he could hardly have realised what a comparatively simple task some future ringers would make of conducting this composition. Mr. Alfred Pulling, who has probably called this peal more times than anyone else, celebrated the anniversary of the first peal on Thursday week by conducting it on handbells yet once more. There is one thing about the frequent calling of Holt's Original, it can never get monotonous like the constant calling of the Ten Part.

The two churches at which the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild are holding a meeting, and visiting, on the 23rd inst., play a prominent part in Thomas Hardy's powerful novels, namely, 'Puddletown,' which is the 'Westerbury' of 'Far from the Madding Crowd,' and Bere Regis, the 'King's Bere,' of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.'

Mr. F. W. Hopgood writes that the peal of Stedman Triples, published under the name of A. J. Pitman, in our issue of July 1st, was first composed by J. W. Washbrook at least 20 years ago. It can be found in the Oxford Diocesan Guild Peal Book, and has been rung many times by the Oxford Guild.

To enlighten the public of Bath a local newspaper, recording the dedication of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association War Memorial at the Abbey, stated that prior to the service the Abbey company 'rang the Grandsire Caters 377.' The reporter must have imagined the touch to be some kind of tune, numbered 377 in the tune book, we suppose. No wonder the public are mystified over change ringing!

Few incumbents, who were not themselves ringers, have been more sympathetic to ringing than the Rev. R. Bowcott, who has just died, after being Vicar of Warnham, Sussex, for 39 years. During his incumbency the bells have been recast and rehung, as well as many improvements effected in the belfry, and we think we are right in saying that over 200 peals have been rung in the tower—the majority of them within the space of the first 25 years.

Few ringers can boast of calling their first peal at the age of 18 from an inside bell in such a method as Cambridge Surprise. This was successfully accomplished on Saturday last at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, by the brilliant young Leicester ringer, whose first year's performances we noted last week, and who undoubtedly has a great future before him. Whilst not claiming any record, it would be interesting to know if this performance has ever been equalled.

PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss E. M. Hole, of Brightley, Portishead, to Mr. Walter H. Harvey, of Bristol, took place on July 2nd in the Parish Church, Portishead, the officiating-clergy being the Rev. H. W. Jukes and the Rev. H. S. Briggs. The bride has been a member of the Portishead band of change ringers for several years, and has scored four peals. The first she rang in December, 1910, the last of 5,040 changes Grandsire Triples in August, 1919. This peal was to celebrate 'Peace,' and this she also conducted. She is a member of the Ladies' Guild, and the Bath and Wells Association.

Amongst the many beautiful and useful gifts was a handsome oak clock from the Portishead band, and a case of carvers and fruit knife from the lady clerks of the G.W.R. Goods Department, Bristol.

Miss Hole's wedding took place on the day after that of Miss Gillingham, a member of the same company.

CROFTON SURPRISE.

In response to the request of Mr. George Baker for the production of a peal of Crofton Surprise, with the tenors together, the Rev. E. Bankes James sends the following:—

	5,184.
23456	B W H
23564	— — —
24365	— — —
25463	— — —

Eight times repeated, with a plain lead for the bob at H, at the 3rd, 6th and 9th part ends.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Monday, June 13th, 672 Double Norwich Major: W. Dowsett 1, G. D. Wilson 2, C. P. Chalk 3, W. Bedwell 4, W. Dudley 5, S. W. Corden 6, T. Wilson 7, W. H. Judd (conductor) 8. Longest length by an entirely local company at Prittlewell.

LINTEN, NOTTS.—On June 21st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Wesley, a peal of Stedman Triples (Washbrook's No. 2) was attempted, but lost after 50 minutes' good ringing, too late for another attempt. Afterwards a touch of 1,428 changes was rung, taken from the same peal and coming round at seventeen courses: S. Wesley 1, T. H. Kirkby 2, J. C. Dickens 3, R. A. Hickton 4, W. H. Jones 5, H. Harrison 6, E. C. Goby (conductor) 7, P. Price 8.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WAR MEMORIAL AT BATH ABBEY.**

The memorial erected to those members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who fell in the war was unveiled and dedicated at Bath Abbey on July 2nd on the occasion of the annual meeting of the association. There was a large gathering of ringers, representing the two dioceses, and the clergy present included the Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), the Rev. C. C. Parker (Rector of Corston and Master of the Association), the Archdeacon of Bath (the Ven. L. J. Fish), the Rural Dean of Keynsham (Preb. M. E. Hoets), the Revs. J. T. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), Preb. F. A. Bromley (Weston), H. Wheeler Bush (Bathford), W. Smith (Chaplain, Partis College), and de Ste. Croix (Chairman of the Bridgwater Rural Deanery Branch of the Association), with Major J. M. T. Reilly and Mr. E. J. Vokes (Wardens). A service touch of 377 Grandsire Caters was rung by the Abbey ringers, and the service began with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple.' The sentences were said by the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), Psalm 23 was chanted, and Preb. M. E. Hoets read a portion of 1 Thess. iv. The special ringers' collects were said, and after another hymn the Rev. C. C. Parker recited the names of those whose memories were being honoured.

A HANDSOME MEMORIAL.

During the singing of the hymn, 'O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came,' a procession was formed to the north transept, and at the conclusion of the hymn the Archdeacon of Bath withdrew the Union Jack from before the memorial and dedicated it to the glory of God and in proud and honoured memory of fallen members of the Bath and Wells Change Ringers' Association. The tablet is a very beautiful and effective memorial, designed by Sir Thomas Jackson, R.A. Its predominant feature is a great bell on a copper plaque, and the bell is copper gilded—the work of the Birmingham Arts Guild. The execution of the tablet and the carving, including the names, was carried out by Messrs. Hayward and Wooster. The bell is encircled by the words 'Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.' The names recorded in gilt letters are: S. Ball, W. Bennett, H. Brook, A. Budd, W. Butler, G. Bye, W. Caple, A. Case, E. Chivers, S. Chivers, A. E. Coles, W. Comer, R. Cox, B. Cullen, I. G. Day, H. Doble, G. Drew, B. F. Dunford, S. Everett, H. Fisher, L. Fisher, H. Ford, G. Fountain, C. V. Fry, W. Fudge, A. Gould, S. B. Ham, A. Harris, J. V. M. Hodges, J. Hodges, C. James, R. Jarvis, J. Loxton, A. O. Major, A. C. Mardon, F. Marsh, F. Norman, J. Odey, V. Partidge, W. Perry, S. Phillips, T. Pope, T. Price, G. Ralph, A. E. Sears, H. Stevens, W. Stitch, W. Stone, T. G. Taylor, W. Tudgay, C. Vowles, S. Waite, T. Ward, W. Weaver, W. B. Webb, A. Webber, H. Webber, P. Wheeldon, E. Whitehead and W. Woollard.

Beneath the names are the words: 'These members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers died for their country in the Great War, 1914-1918.'

While the procession was returning, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, by: Messrs. J. Hunt 1-2, J. T. Dyke 3-4, G. Condie, junr., 5-6, J. A. Burford 7-8, W. A. Cave 9-10. The concluding hymn was 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' during the singing of which a collection was taken towards the completion of the tablet, and realised £4 18s. 8d.

The Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), in the course of an address, said that those whom they commemorated were young men, full of vigorous life, rejoicing in their strength and prospects, and with the prospect of years of happy companionship. They were men who found pleasure in the difficult, manly and truly British art of change ringing. It was because they loved their English land and the manners and customs of their fathers and the old associations attaching to bell towers that they became ringers, and it was the same love of fatherland, fortified by a spirit of duty, unity and discipline that made them quick to the call of their country, and ready even to lay down their lives. Those remaining were proud of them, and felt that the very least they could do was to raise at any rate such a memorial as they had dedicated that day as a tribute to their noble spirit, as a mark of gratitude, and as a reminder to all who should come after them of what the men of the present generation of ringers did when an exceedingly searching trial came. That was a diocesan memorial. The whole broad county of Somerset was represented and the men whose names were on that tablet of honour were drawn from the towns and villages throughout the county. The memorial was raised almost entirely by the members of the Diocesan Guild. Those brave men never forgot they were ringers, and their fellow-ringers would not forget them. Would it be possible to think of the sacrifices of those men without realising that a solemn burden was cast upon those who remained? What were they that they should remain when so many of the best and finest should be taken? The men who laid down their lives called on those who survived to emulate their noble example and to carry on, never spoiling or undoing their work, recalling that if they who remained were frivolous,

or self-seeking, they would be unworthy of the men whose sacrifice was made for the saving of the country. To the hereaved ones they offered their tribute of reverent and heartfelt sympathy, reminding them that those who died had not lived useless lives.

During the day the towers of the Abbey, St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's, St. Mary's and St. Michael's were open for ringing, and were well patronised. After the service at the Abbey, the annual meeting of the association was held in the Abbey Church House, presided over by Prebendary J. L. Fish.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master, in his annual report, said 'We have never had our annual meeting under circumstances of greater importance and solemnity than this year. We often hear of bells rung in memory of some well-known and faithful ringer, whose death is felt to be a serious loss to the Association, but on this occasion we commemorate not one but 60 of our number who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of their country. Ringers are not only loyal Churchmen, but also loyal citizens, and if any proof were needed it is amply supplied by the noble death of these gallant men. It is a great honour and privilege for us all that we are able to show our appreciation of their sacrifice by the erection of this tablet in the glorious Abbey Church of Bath. I am sure we all deeply regret the absence of our Bishop and President to-day, solely due to ill-health, a cause which, I am sorry to say, has led also to his resignation from this diocese, in which he has spent so many years of strenuous and self-sacrificing work. We are most grateful to the Archdeacon for taking the Bishop's place and dedicating the tablet, and we owe more than I can say to Prebendary Boyd, who has extended to us so much kindness, and has helped us with such keen interest to carry out our purpose.'

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £87 1s. 7d., compared with £74 7s. 11½d. a year ago.

Preb. S. A. Boyd was added to the list of vice-presidents, Mr. Taylor expressing the warm appreciation of the Association of Preb. Boyd's keen interest in their activities.

The Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master, amid applause, and accepting office once more, said while he felt the time was approaching for him to vacate the office, he desired to see the Association on a financially sound footing before doing so, and believed it to be possible during the ensuing year (applause).

Mr. Coles (Bridgwater) proposed the re-election of Mr. E. Burgess as the Association's secretary and treasurer, and this was unanimously carried.—Mr. D. G. Taylor was re-elected auditor, with thanks for his services, and as representatives to the Central Council, the meeting appointed the Master, Messrs. A. E. Coles, E. Burgess and James Hunt.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Prebendary Boyd and all the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Association; also to the Bath members for their assistance, and with this the name of the local secretary, Mr. F. C. Rich, was coupled.

CHANGE RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of May 27th, you gave an excellent description of the new peal of ten bells just opened at St. Mary's, Durban, and I am sure we all hope, as the writer of that article suggests, that Durban will now become a stronghold of change ringing.

May I, however, be allowed to correct two of the remarks in the article under review. The writer states, firstly, that St. Mary's, Durban, is the only tower in South Africa with bells that are rung; secondly, that the art of method ringing has been hitherto unknown in South Africa. Both these statements are somewhat inaccurate.

The bells of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, which are a peal of eight, tenor 12 cwt., have been rung on and off since 1903, and ringing has been in full swing here for the last fifteen months, good progress being made in Grandsire.

The art of change ringing was known to this country as far back as 1904, as on December 15th of that year a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's 6-part) was rung on the Woodstock bells in 3 hours and 7 minutes by the following gentlemen, Mr. Powell conducting: S. A. Davies 1, J. F. Priest 2, H. C. Cock 3, E. F. Behan 4, L. Green 5, J. Murray 6, E. F. Powell 7, H. Montgomery 8.

This was the first peal on the bells, and the first ever rung in South Africa. I also understand that a peal of Bob Major was contemplated at that time, but it did not materialise, as some of the members of the band left the neighbourhood. Messrs. Green, Powell and Priest are still members of our band, and it is under their able guidance that we are now practising the art.

I think I have now said enough to prove the claims of St. Mary's, Woodstock, to seniority in change ringing in South Africa, and I will close by wishing the Durban ringers the best of luck and success in their ringing.—Yours sincerely,

Cape Town, June 24th.

J. M. POYNTZ.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

This meeting, which had been postponed from Whit-Monday, took place at Winchester on Monday, July 4th. Besides members from the following towers, Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Portsmouth, Portsea, Southampton, Chertsey, Aldershot, Guildford, Wickham, North Stoneham, Christchurch, Basingstoke, Yorktown and Winchester, the Revs. C. D. P. Davies (Overton), E. Bankes James and N. C. Woods were present.

The Central Committee met at 11 a.m., lunch followed at 1, and the annual general meeting at 2, at which the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) was in the chair, supported by Canon Braithwaite (representing the Dean and Chapter), the Rev. Sir J. C. Herschel, Bart., hon. secretary; the Rev. E. W. Colchester, hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Williams, Master.

The election of officers followed the confirmation of the last minutes, all being re-elected with the exception of the hon. secretary, who, with much regret, expressed his inability to carry on owing to the pressure of other work. Sir John Herschel was cordially thanked for his past services, and the Rev. N. C. Woods, Minor Canon and Sacrist of Winchester Cathedral, was elected in his place.

The Hon. Treasurer, who has given much time to the Guild's war memorial, and deserves the sincere thanks of all members, reported that the two new trebles had just been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and would be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, July 16th, in the Cathedral. It was the intention to place these bells upon the floor of the choir, under the tower, ready for hoisting, and to solemnly offer them to the glory of God, and in memory of the members of the Guild, who gave their lives during the great war. A design for an oak tablet, containing the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice, was produced, and cordially approved. This would be erected in the Cathedral belfry, when completed by a Winchester firm, at the cost of about £22. The sum of £30 odd was still needed to defray the cost of the bells and oak tablet.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on a Saturday in June, and Canon Braithwaite kindly consented to preach the sermon on that occasion.

On the recommendation of the committee, one or two slight alterations were made in the rules, and Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford) gave notice that he would move that in future the annual meeting should always be held on a Saturday.

The Rev. E. Bankes James referred to the proposed sub-division of the diocese, and voiced the general opinion of the meeting, by expressing the fervent hope that their Guild would not be split up and separate associations formed for the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth. He remembered the division of Bristol from Gloucester diocese, but on that occasion they wisely decided to maintain one society, with admirable results.

A very well struck course of Stedman Caters was rung for the annual service, which was the ordinary evensong at the Cathedral at 4, with some of the Guild's special prayers added to it. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, from 2 Samuel vi. 21, in which, taking the three objects of the Guild, the preacher showed that each and all of them aimed at giving glory and honour to God and to His church.

Subsequently tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, when the Vice-President proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells.—Canon Braithwaite, in responding, said that they always welcomed the diocesan ringers at Winchester, and hoped they would always regard their noble Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**AN INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Erdington, on Saturday, July 2nd. The attendance was poor, owing probably to travelling difficulties. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, when Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung with the help of the gentlemen present.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar gave an interesting address.

The members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Erdington ringers at the Church House, at which Miss Pigott (President of the Guild) presided.

At the business meeting which followed, three honorary members were elected.—The Secretary submitted the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £15 10s. 5d.—The Secretary, in reviewing the year's work, stated that the districts which had been formed were doing very good work, and the membership was gradually increasing.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Clapham, was unanimously elected president for the year, and Miss Parker re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Northamptonshire district.

The Secretary reported that she had now received the dinner gong, a silver-plated bell, suitably engraved, and hung in an oak frame, which the members were presenting to Mrs. Salvaneschi (nee Miss Alice White) on her marriage. It was not possible to make a formal presentation, as Mrs. Salvaneschi had left England for some time, and was at present in Canada. The gong was, therefore, being forwarded, with the Guild's best wishes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address at the service, and to the Erdington ringers and their wives for their kind welcome and hospitality.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the secretary for her work during the year.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**BIG GATHERING AT HANDSWORTH.**

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield district and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Church of St. Mary's, Handsworth, on Saturday, July 2nd. Over 100 members were present at the meeting from the following towers: North Wingfield, Bolsover, Staveley, Wortley, Killamarsh, Anston, Norton, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Barnsley, Rannmoor, Treeton, All Saints', Sheffield; Dore, St. Maries', Sheffield, and Rawmarsh, and there were also visitors from New Mills and Huddersfield.

Tea was provided by the local company in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Baker) presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the society, saying how pleased he was to have such an opportunity of welcoming the society of church workers at Handsworth to ring on the new memorial peal of bells. He could plainly see that the spirit of the ringers was a good one, and that a genuine freemasonry existed amongst them. He could tell by the singing in the church during service that the members were devotional as well as musical, because they sang with their souls, which made the service into a bright reality instead of dismal formality.

It had been said to him that no sober bell ringers could be found, but he, as well as the society, were able to deny this. The spirit of the ringers had changed; what was done in the past was not done to-day, and they were contented at their meetings with a cup of tea.

Congratulations were extended to the local company, under the able management of Mr. Watkinson, for their speedy progress in ringing in so short a time.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and for the kind way in which the society had been received by them.

Eleven new members were elected.

Ringing on the handbells took place after the business meeting, and ringing on tower and handbells continued till dusk, while the Rectory gardens were open to the members and their wives during the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone in August.

VISIT TO ASHBY FOLVILLE.

On Saturday, July 2nd, St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, had their annual outing, when 36 ringers, wives and friends, made a 12-mile journey across country by horse charabanc, to Ashby Folville, a quiet old-world spot, with a light ring of eight bells in an iron frame. An invitation by Lady Smith-Carrington, of Ashby Manor, to the manor grounds was gratefully accepted, and on arrival bowls, skittles, tennis, etc., were soon being indulged in, while others visited the tower and rang various methods, from Grandsire to Cambridge. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. Shirley White, M.A.) and Mrs. White, accompanied the party, as did also the doyen of Leicester ringers—Mr. William Cooper, now in his 85th year, and an inmate of Wiggleston Hospital. Tea was served in the orchard of The Carrington Arms (a fully licensed house) by Host Walker, and thoroughly enjoyed. After tea another visit to the manor grounds was made, where sports were on the programme. A four-legged race for men proved the old adage: 'More haste, less speed,' as did also the 'land boat' race, when the craft of the winning team collapsed a few yards from the tape. A clothes-peg race for ladies was well contested, and in the run-off, the winner and second well earned the bottle of scent and box of chocolates. The 'kiddies' race was such a near thing that it was expedient to give each a prize of equal value. Handbells on the lawn and time brought the holiday all too soon to a close, and the party ultimately arrived back in Leicester at 11 p.m. The best thanks are due to Mr. Pyket, vergier of Ashby Folville, and the society cannot let the opportunity pass without publicly thanking the hostess of Ashby Manor for her kindness and hospitality. W. W.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Cox's), in 47 mins.: R. Baird 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, J. T. Williams 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams 7, W. Webb 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dobbins, the captain.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

'Something for the experts to get on with,' is the comment of the correspondent who forwards the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples given below, from the Rev. H. Law James' seven-part. For those who desire to call the complete peal, we would add that it consists of the first 12 courses six times repeated, the first part end being 4536712. The 4th change of the last six of each part is in the cycle of rounds, viz., 3456712 in the first part, 567123 in the second, and so on.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Seamon 1, W. E. Oakley 2, R. Picton 3, E. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Hewitt 7, H. J. Wise (conductor) 8. This quarter-peal was published in 'The Ringing World' of July 1st.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, T. H. Taffender (first quarter in the method) 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service at the Parish Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Russell (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Grosvenor 2, E. Rose 3, C. Helinkiss (first quarter on tower bells) 4, C. Webb 5, S. Grove 6, W. B. Cartwright (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Wallbuton (first quarter) 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Parish Church, on Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., for morning service: T. Baker 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewett 3, N. E. Hope 4, G. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Blee (first 720) 1, A. Hibble 2, A. Howell 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, H. Norgate 5, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, comprising 4 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 six-scores of Plain Bob: S. France 1, W. Clay 2, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 3, W. Lycett 4, W. Weatherby 5, H. Edwards 6. This in all probability the first 720 on the bells, as there is no record of any other having been rung on them. It is also the first time the bells have been rung for nearly 12 months, as there is no local band there.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On July 3rd, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman 2, A. E. Smith 3, E. Cox 4, R. G. Rue (conductor) 5, A. E. Gee 6. Longest touch by ringers of 3 and 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Knight (conductor) 1, T. Smith 2, T. Roden (longest length in the method) 3, H. A. Farlow 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, W. H. Lawley 6, A. Fallon 7, J. Smith 8.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), for morning service, in 53 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, G. Tudor 4, C. Beech 5, H. A. Farlow 6, T. Smith 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Farlow (mother of the 6th ringer) on the 84th anniversary of her birthday.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 800 Superlative Surprise Major, by: F. Borrett 1, H. Piercy 2, R. Whiting 3, J. Tann 4, C. Baker 5, J. Boughton 6, A. Smith 7, C. Roope 8.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday morning, July 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Pope 1, H. Head 2, G. Smith 3, Miss E. M. Goodship (Reading) 4, J. Smith 5, F. Head 6, E. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend), conductor, 7, C. Pope 8.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James', Birch, on Sunday, July 3rd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Ryder 1, W. E. Ryder 2, J. Idle 3, E. Burroughes 4, A. Frost 5, F. Stoneley 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, E. Burroughes, Junr., 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Manchester.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 48 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, Miss A. M. Durrant 2, E. W. Day 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. H. Cross (composer and conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and 6th.

STANTON-ON-HINEHEATH, SALOP.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. For evening service, 900 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob), in 30 mins.: S. France (longest in two methods) 1, W. Clay 2, A. White (longest in two methods on a bob bell) 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, R. Turner (longest touch) 6.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, G. F. Alexander 3, J. E. Bird 4, A. Coates (conductor) 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, A. Deas 8. After service, a quarter-peal in the same method: M. Cooper 1, A. Coates 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, J. E. Bird 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, A. Deas 8. Messrs. Bird and Deas, for whom this ringing was arranged, hail from Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and A. Coates from Whitby.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, June 26th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Lindridge 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.										
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G. R. Fardon.

From the Rev. H. Law James' Seven-Part.

1,295 GRANDSIRE CATERS. 602 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.										
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53462	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25384	9	in	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
32564	9	in	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43265879	9	in	and	out	at	2	—	—	—	—
24365	8	in	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32465	8	in	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
53264978	8	in	and	out	at	2	—	—	—	—
45362	9	in	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
34562	9	in	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23465879	9	in	and	out	at	2	—	—	—	—
42365	8	in	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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OUTINGS.

ACROSS THE HILL COUNTRY.

The annual outing of the St. Mary's Society, Penwortham, which was inaugurated in 1921 on the occasion of the bicentenary of the bells, was held on June 11th, when a visit was paid to Settle, Burton-in-Lonsdale, and Kirkby-Lonsdale.

At Settle the visitors were fortunate enough to find a peal of eight, none too common an occurrence in some of the outlying parts of the hill country, which separates Lancashire and Yorkshire, and, in company with one of the local ringers, soon had the bells going to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

Owing to the ambitious route set out, however, a long stay could not be made, and, no matter how charming a place might be or how delightful the bells, there always existed a pleasurable anticipation of the next stopping-place. So, taking once more the open road, the party travelled across the exceedingly fine country between Settle and Ingletton, stopping for a few moments to examine and debate upon the causes of the 'ebbing and flowing well.' Owing to the dryness of the weather, however, the well was not seen to much advantage, a fact which called forth a certain amount of cynical chaff amongst the party.

Natural phenomena were soon forgotten when the company reached Burton-in-Lonsdale, for they then commenced important business, and reduced the splendid meal set out for them to a stage to which only the remark 'This is all' was applicable.

After dinner they wandered to the church, which, as the venue of the society's first outing, will always be of special interest, and, raising the bells, pulled off a touch of Bob Minor, in which the junior members took part, handling the bells in a highly creditable manner, in view of the strange conditions. Touches of Treble Bob were then indulged in, and the party moved on towards Kirkby-Lonsdale. Here ringing took place both before and after tea, and, though no 720 was scored, the ringers had reason to be satisfied with their performance.

The homeward journey passed as pleasantly as the rest of the day, and the party reached the starting-point, well pleased with the outing, and wishing it occurred more frequently.

The thanks of the band are extended to all local ringers and clergy, and they hope to meet again in the near future those ringers whose acquaintance they had the pleasure of making.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7p, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—At Earl-Shilton, on Friday, July 15th, induction of Vicar and dedication of new ring of 8 bells. Service at 6.30 p.m. A band has been arranged to ring the opening rounds and first touch, after which all ringers welcome. Bells will be available the next day, Saturday, 16th, to all ringers from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at East Bridgford, on Saturday, July 16. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

SALOP GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Trinity Hall, 1/6 per head. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited. Please send a card to the Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmunds, Shrewsbury, or W. Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) will be available from noon. Service in S. Peter's at 4 p.m., with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring. Tea at 5 p.m. at Mrs. Wilds' (close to church)—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ribchester on July 16th. Goosnargh bells will also be available from 3 to 4.30. Further particulars by circular.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Gt Wymondley on Saturday, July 16th. St. Ippolyt's bells will be available. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby (8), Dunchurch (6), and Newbold-on-Avon (6) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. J. B. Hewitt, M.A., Vicar of Newbold-on-Avon. Meat tea at 2/3 per head at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Bentley and Frensham will also be available.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—John Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Rd., Portsmouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Tuesday, July 19th. Bells available from 8 to 10 p.m. All welcome. Hadley bells will be dedicated on Thursday, July 21st, by the Bishop of Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (also Bere Regis) from 2.30. Guild Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wellington, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available—Parish Church (8), 3.30 to 8 p.m.; Rockwell Green (6), 3 to 5 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 6 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry previous to the service. No tea arranged.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, July 23rd. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend being present, please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Ringstead, on July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, July 19th.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, 23rd July; also, the committee will hold the Half-Yearly meeting in conjunction. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 23. The towers of Christ Church, North Shields (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at the Grosvenor Café at 6 p.m., followed by Business meeting. All those requiring tea should inform me not later than the 19th inst. Members 1/6. Non-members 3/- per head.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be Hythe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome at this meeting.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

CARISBROOKE CHURCH BELLS.—The Recast ring of eight will be dedicated on Wednesday, 27th July, at 6.30 p.m., by the Right Rev. Bishop Macarthur, D.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 30th, as the 23rd is not suitable to the authorities. Bells ready 3.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for a motor charabanc to leave Tonbridge Station at 2.15. All members wishing for tea must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, 19th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Road.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, 12; lunch, 1; business meeting, 2. Ringers wishing to attend lunch must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford, on or before July 16th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (p.v.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, July 18th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will (p.v.) be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3 o'clock; preacher, The Dean.

In addition to the city belfries, those of Christleton, Eccleston and Aldford will be open all day. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, July 25th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell, on July 30th. Business meeting at 7 o'clock in the Belfry.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches will be held at Lowestoft on August Bank Holiday, Aug. 1st. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m. Members intending being present at dinner must notify the same to the Gen. Sec. not later than Thursday, July 28th.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The bells (now a peal of eight) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 6 o'clock in the Church House, at a charge of 1/- per head, but arrangements will only be made for those who advise me by July 27th. All members and friends are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An All-day meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, commencing at Walton-on-Thames, at 10 o'clock, Hersham 11.30, Esher 1.30, East Molesey 3. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea by kind permission (if fine), on the Vicarage Lawn. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later Wednesday, July 27th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Lewisham District is transferred to Farningham, on Saturday, August 6th. Particulars later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

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