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THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

The recent formation of the Suffolk County Association aimed a serious blow at the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association, and the secession of the towers in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury must have had a considerable effect upon the strength of the organisation. It has, in the past, been felt by those who have now established their own association, that their attachment to Ely was, so far as ringing affairs were concerned, one from which they got little or no benefit, and it was this that largely induced the West Suffolk men to set up a society of their own. The Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association appear to have accepted the fait accompli with the best grace possible, and at once curtailed their title to suit the more limited area left to them. At the same time there seems to us to have been no great reason why they should so hastily have taken this action, for there are other instances of diocesan and county associations overlapping one another's areas. It almost looked like the admission of the argument that they were unable to provide for the interests of the ringers in the Sudbury Archdeaconry.

But the idea behind the establishment of the Suffolk Association, as we understand it, is not merely to confine it to the West Suffolk towers, but eventually if possible to take in those in the eastern part of the county at present affiliated to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. The task of winning over the ringers in this area, who through a long period of years have grown up as loyal members of the old Norwich Diocesan Association, is a totally different problem, and at present among the ringers themselves there seems little desire to change their allegiance. Moreover, the Norwich and Ipswich Association is not prepared to accept the innovation quite so readily as did the Ely Association, and at a general meeting on Bank Holiday they sought a way of meeting the opposition which has confronted them. The solution of the difficulty which met with acceptance, and which the President characterised as an ideal suggestion if it can be carried out, was that there should be a meeting between representatives of the Norwich and Ipswich Association and the new County Association, with a view to amalgamation, the Sudbury Archdeaconry being made a separate branch with the same powers to control its own affairs as is now possessed by the Norfolk and Suffolk branches of the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

From the point of view of the latter organisation it is quite true there could be no happier settlement, and if the territory covered by the County Association were entirely within the boundaries of the old diocese of Norwich, the effort to amalgamate the two would have everything to

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commend it. While we have no desire to raise possible obstacles to such a solution, we feel inclined to ask where the consideration for the Ely Association comes in? The territory which, at the moment, is chiefly affected by the new organisation, is an area that until recently was within the borders of the Diocese of Ely, and when the new diocese was formed for the county of Suffolk, the Ely Association altered its title just as the Norwich Association did, to meet the changed conditions. If, now, the Norwich and Ipswich Association persuades the western part of the county to throw in its lot with them, they may lay themselves open to the accusation of robbing the Ely Association of a big slice of its area, almost as wantonly, indeed, as if they had done it without waiting for the formation of the Suffolk County Association, and we are sure that is the very last impression they would desire to create. If, therefore, the proposed conference is to take place, the Ely Association ought surely to be represented.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At St. Mary's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY HEAD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
CYRIL PEASE 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
WILLIAM LINCOLN 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
ALBERT W. COLES 6	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	*WILLIAM WAIN 8
*SYDNEY BRIGGS 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN 9
JOHN P. TARTLTON 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in Bob Royal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 6
F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*JOHN BEAMS 3	J. A. TROLLOPE 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
ISAAC EMERY 5	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, July 26th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Hart 1, G. H. Daynes 2, G. Steele 3, A. Cherriman 4, A. White (conductor) 5, R. Stodwick 6.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5219 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS ... ..	... Treble	HARRY BARRETT	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	2	SIDNEY R. HICKS	7
WILFRED G. COOKE	3	GEORGE ORCHARD	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	4	WILLIAM HASTINGS	9
ALBERT WRIGHT	5	RUPERT SHARP	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. WRIGHT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT	6
JOHN OLDHAM	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	HARRY BROUGHTON	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
ARTHUR MASON	5	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK ... ..	... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
FREDERICK PAGE	2	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	6
ERNEST DIBBIN	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Arranged for J. W. Jones, Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ARTHUR MASON	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... ..	... Treble	*HERBERT J. ELDRÉD	5
*GEORGE S. CLAYTON	2	*EDWIN R. GOATE	6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. H. J. Eldred was elected a life member of the Association previous to attempting the peal. The ringer of treble belongs to Barsham, and to Gt. Yarmouth, 3rd to Cambridge, 4th and 8th to Wrentham, 5th to High Barnet, Herts, 6th to Beccles, 7th to Knodishall.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	... Treble	CYRIL RADDON	5
HARRY COLLYER	2	†FRANCIS BIBBY	6
*GEORGE H. RANGLES	3	†THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	WILLIAM BIBBY	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in Major. † First peal in the method. This peal was arranged to extend a welcome to E. Jenkins, a member of the Norwich and Ipswich Association (Suffolk), who recently came to reside at Stretton, Cheshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	... Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
*JOHN OLDHAM	2	ARTHUR MASON	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

* First peal in the method. The above is the lightest peal of bells on which a peal in this method has been rung.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ILLMAN ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM BEESON	5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
GEORGE MARRINER	3	GEORGE ELLIS	7
ALFRED J. BULL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... ..	... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM	5
ARTHUR MASON	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
PRYCE TAYLOR	4	REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ONE-PART (No. 12).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... ..	... Treble	HENRY HEAD	5
ARTHUR EDWARDS	2	*EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN	3	*JOHN WOOD	7
*CYRIL PEASE	4	ARTHUR HEAD	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES WINSER 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	RICKS PAINE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, also first peal of Stedman as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE F. TURNER <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 5
*MISS EMMA TONGE 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LOWE 4	RICHARD F. DEAL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. CHAPPELL <i>Treble</i>	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
WILLIAM C. WEISKINS ... 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. G. RUMSEY.

Rung at the second attempt, a previous attempt earlier in the day coming to grief after 1½ hours owing to a change course. * 50th peal.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM TANNER <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH MILNER 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	JACK TANNER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Spencer and Milner who hail from Isleworth and Harrow respectively.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS H. HAIGH <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY... .. 5
JOHN HOWELL 2	PETER CROOK 6
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 3	JOHN R. BARTON... .. 7
WILLIAM A. HALL 4	WALTER YEEND <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the Restoration of the Church. The ringers of the treble and 5th belong to York, 2nd to Hull, 3rd to Leicester, 4th to Selby, 6th to Bolton, Lancs., 7th to Scarborough, and Tenor to Cheltenham. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for the trouble they exercised in arranging the peal.

IRETHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 2	JAMES WARD 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Arranged for Messrs. Brinklow, Dix and Sharman, who hail from Oxy and Dunstable, and were elected life members before starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

Arranged to oblige H. R. Newton, who was spending a holiday in the district.

LIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MARTIN <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*WALTER FISHER 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 4	THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. W. J. Bowden hails from Edmonton and was elected a non-resident life member of the Association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*REGINALD BROWN 2	HENRY W. WILKES 6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Mr. Wilkes, of Dartmouth, Devon. * First peal in the method with a bob bell.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY <i>Treble</i>	PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
EDWARD HARRIS 4	*HARRY A. FOLKARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. W. Halliday Thompson), who is leaving for the Parish of Winfield, near Windsor. * 100th peal and first for 16 years.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*FRANK LEWIN Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	GEORGE LINES 7
†JOSEPH SADDINGTON 4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

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

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATHEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	HARRY OVERTON 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	JOHN W. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RICHARD KEEN Treble	FRED LAMBETH 5
JOHN MONK 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 4	ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

Arranged for Mr. F. Lambeth, who bails from Chippenham, Wilts, and was elected a member previous to starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

*HAROLD WIGHTMAN Treble	*GEORGE DUDLEY 3
*EDWARD RIVITT 2	FRED COTTON 4

ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and belong to local band. First peal on these bells which were augmented to 5 in 1961. They are the front 5 of an octave and are hung backwards.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, DODDERHILL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	FREDERICK SUMNERTON 4
EDGAR GUISE 2	CHARLES SMITH 5
EDWARD HAWKINS 3	CHARLES HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SMITH.

Mr. E. Guise belongs to Bristol.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising three 720's of Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HAROLD WALMSLEY Treble	FRED HARWOOD 4
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 5
E. R. MARTIN 3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Woodhouse, J.P., on attaining the age of 85 years. He has been people's warden at St. Leonards for 45 years, and was formerly a chorister for 30 years.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY BURCH Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
IN KING'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. G. BENSON 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
R. O. STREET 3-4	YORK GREEN 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: OLAVE BROYD, Gestingthorpe.

Witness: WILLIAM CROSS, Sible Hedingham.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, August 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten-and-a-half Minutes,
IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3-4	R. O. STREET (St. John's) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT WORCESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would allow me space in your valuable paper to correct a mistake I made in the foot-note to the peal of Bob Major rung in Worcester on handbells on July 27th. It should have read, 'First peal of Major in hand by Western Branch,' and not the first peal in hand, as given. Will the secretary please note?—Faithfully yours,
W. PAGE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A MEETING IN HARDY'S COUNTRY.**

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Dorchester Branch held their summer meeting at the old-world village of Puddletown, which is situated five miles N.E. of the county town of Dorchester, and is the 'Weatherbury' of the Wossex novels. The feature of greatest interest in the village is its fine old church, which dates from 1195, and is one of the few in the county which has escaped the hand of the restorer. There is in the nave a beautiful panelled ceiling of Spanish chestnut, which dates from 1441. There are the old oak pews of past days, still in use, a handsome singing gallery for the choir, bearing the date 1635 (the Vicar still has the bill for the pews and gallery, which amounts to £101), an ancient wood pulpit, and a Norman font, shaped like a tumbler glass. The altar rails date from 1635. The church has a trans-Norman tower, with Perpendicular additions, which contains a fine peal of six bells. The tenor, which is especially worthy of mention, is 16 cwt. in E. No church in the county can compare with this in human interest, and nowhere can one come into closer communion with the homely spirit of the Dorset of the past. The village, also, has a lovely park and extensive gardens, with a large amount of glass. By kind permission of the squire (the Rev. G. Brymer) the ringers were taken through these by the head gardener, and they were much enjoyed and appreciated.

The following towers were represented: Bere Regis, Bournemouth, Buckhorn Weston, Buckland Newton, Fordington, Dorchester, Swanage, and Wyke Regis. The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and made good use of till 4.30, when the special Guild service was held in the church. The Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Helps) officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch). The singing was well rendered, and was a fine feature of the service, being led by the full ladies' choir. The Vicar gave a quotation from Emerson, 'What you are thunders so loud, I cannot hear what you say,' and instead of the usual sermon, he dwelt in a masterly way on the history of the church, pointing out every detail, to the delight and appreciation of all present.

Other good things were in store for the ringers and friends (between 40 and 50), the Vicar inviting all to come to his house, and on the lawn under the large beech trees a sumptuous tea was awaiting them.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Daves), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Vicar and Mrs. Helps, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), and officers of the branch. Several apologies for non-attendance were read.

Mr. A. B. Russ, of Wyke Regis, was elected an honorary member.—The Vicar of Buckland Newton (the Rev. E. C. Field), having extended an invitation to the branch for them to hold their meeting there in September next, that place was chosen.

The Master gave a short resume of the general meeting of the Guild, and stated they had decided to raise the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Helps for their great kindness in providing such a bountiful repast, and for the use of their house and extensive grounds; also to the Vicar for the interesting address.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips seconded, and, needless to say, the vote was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped nothing would intervene to prevent them staying away so long again.

It may be mentioned here that the Vicar is a real ringers' friend, having been an honorary member of and taking great interest in the Guild for a number of years. He also learnt the rudiments of the ringers' art at the Theological College.

Further votes of thanks were given to the organist and choir, the local band, and the Master for presiding.

General regret was expressed on all sides at the likelihood of the Branch Secretary having to leave the district.

Several ringers came after the meeting and made good practice with the learners till 9 p.m., while another party motored to Bere Regis and rang some Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on this fine peal, a few being piloted through their first course of Minor. Afterwards they made a circular trip home in what is known as Hardy's country, across Egdon Heath, through Bovington Camp, which many a ringer remembers during the late war.

AUTHORSHIP CLAIM WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I write to withdraw my name from the composition rung at Oswaldtwistle, on June 28th, the figures of which were published in 'The Ringing World' on July 15th, with apologies to the Rev. H. Law James.

I think Mr. A. York-Bramble's suggestion in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th, re overlapping in naming of methods and claims to authorship is worthy of consideration by the C.O.—Yours truly,

T. LAW.

NEW BELLS AT HADLEY.**MR. F. A. MILNE'S MEMORIAL GIFT.**

On Thursday, July 21st, the Bishop of Willesden dedicated at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hadley, Middlesex, the two new trebles which have been presented by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., hon. treasurer and a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild; the treble in memory of his father and mother and the 2nd in memory of his son who was killed in France. The bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and all who heard the touches which were rung by members of the association after the dedication service were agreed not only that the founders had made a most excellent splice, but that the new bells, when rung in changes with the old, appeared to impart a tone and quality to them which they did not possess before.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—A.D.M.G. In piam memoriam Franci et Augustæ Milne qui eodem die ex humanis rapti in Christo beatissime obdormiverunt ix Kal: Aug: MDCOCXC. Dedit filius F.A.M.

Second.—A.D.M.G. In piam memoriam Alexandri R. Milne, centurionis in magno bello occisi. Fridie Kal: Aug: MCMXVII. 'O fili dilectissime paulisper vale.' Dedit pater F.A.M.

DEATH OF MR. W. WARBURTON.**PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING AT WHISTON.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. William Warburton, of Whiston, Yorks, who passed away at the age of 61 years, on Saturday, July 30th, after suffering for some months from cancer. The deceased first joined the Rawmarsh company of ringers, and afterwards transferred his services to Rotherham. He joined the Yorkshire Association in the year 1889, and rang ten peals under that association.

Later in life he went to reside at Whiston, where there were only four bells. He, however, used his talent there in instructing the band at that time, and was chiefly instrumental in getting the ring augmented to a peal of eight (by the famous Loughborough firm, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.). It is pleasant to record that his name appears on the tablet in the church recording the first peal upon the bells.

At the funeral the remains were borne to the grave by the deceased's fellow workmen. The Rev. H. T. Alton, M.A., Rector, met the cortege at the church gate, and read the prayers and lesson in a very impressive manner. He also spoke of the late Mr. Warburton's upright, manly bearing and character, from which all could take an example.

After the committal, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by: S. Briggs 1-2, F. Willey 3-4, W. Burgar 5-6, C. Ryder 7-8. Many other ringers attended from Rotherham, Norton, and other towers, and rang the church bells half-muffled in the standard methods as a last tribute of respect.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Reddish on Saturday, July 30th, Mr. A. Barnes presiding over the business proceedings. He gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers, especially to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, the secretary of the Llandaff Association, and his wife, who were spending part of their holidays in the district.—The Branch Secretary gave a report of the committee meeting held at Bolton, and Prestwich was selected for the next meeting-place on Saturday, September 3rd. Before the close of the meeting, Mr. J. W. Jones said how pleased he was to have met the members of the branch, and thanked all those who had made his stay in Manchester so pleasant, especially Mr. H. Chapman for his kindness in arranging the ringing for him at different towers. If at any time any of them were coming to Newport he would try and repay what had been done for him.—Votes of thanks to church officials and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, closed the meeting, and ringing was indulged in till a later hour.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association was held at Hatfield on Saturday, July 23rd, and was well attended by ringers from various towers. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in methods up to Superlative. The party were entertained to tea at St. Audrey's by the Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Antrobus, whose kindness was much appreciated by all.

At the business meeting the Rector was voted to the chair. One new member was elected (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, of Northaw), and it was decided to hold the next meeting at North Myms, it being left to the secretary to fix the date.

A vote of thanks was moved to the Rector for the use of the bells and for so kindly entertaining the members to tea.—The Rector, replying, said it gave him great pleasure to have the meeting there, and hoped the association would come again.

'TABLOID.'

In our article, 'Westminster Ringers in Bucks,' on page 444 of our issue of July 29th, reference was made to 'Tabloid food (Horlick's)' as among the local industries pointed out at Slough. Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co. call our attention to the fact that the word 'Tabloid' was invented by them, and is their registered trade mark, and has been for nearly forty years specifically designated the products of their house. Clearly, therefore, 'tabloid food' should not have been used in connection with the industry at Slough, and we take this earliest opportunity of pointing out the error which our correspondent quite inadvertently made, and which we regret.

SUFFOLK RINGERS IN ESSEX.

On Saturday, July 9th, the St. James' Guild, Bury St. Edmunds, made a tour of Essex towers for their annual outing. Starting from home by char-a-banc at 8.15 a.m., accompanied by Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, and Messrs. A. and S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, the first stopping-place, Halstead, was reached at 9.30, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major. Braintree was reached at 11 o'clock, and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung at this tower, where the party were greeted by Mr. A. Shufflebotham. Chelmsford was the next objective, and here the party were joined by Messrs. J. Sparrow (Croydon), C. Woodcock (Ipswich), F. G. Symonds (London), and Mr. Kirton and others of the Cathedral band. After an excellent dinner at the Dolphin Hotel, a visit was paid to the Cathedral, where a course each of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters was brought round. The next call was at Writtle, where hangs a very musical peal of eight, on which Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Mr. F. G. Symonds had then to leave for London. The last place on the programme was Bocking, which was reached at 5.45 p.m. Here tea was enjoyed, and afterwards a visit to the tower to ring Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Major. The touches throughout the day were conducted by A. Moore. On the homeward journey the handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, whilst travelling through Halstead, Sudbury and Long Melford street, much to the amusement of the townsfolk. At Alpheaton the two Lavenham friends bade farewell, to wend their way home by field and glade, and Bury was later reached in safety, after a very happy time. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the towers, and the friends who met them, for all their kindnesses.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting of the above was held at Bentley on July 30th. There was a fairly good attendance of ringers, in spite of the holiday. Various methods of Doubles were rung on the five bells during the afternoon and evening. A sumptuous tea was provided by the local band, and served in St. Peter's Room.—The Rev. A. E. B. Wade (Vicar) welcomed the ringers to Bentley, and advised his own ringers to send a deputation to the Church Council to ask for another bell to make the ring into one of six.—The usual votes of thanks were passed at the business meeting. Later the members went on to Arksey, where touches in the four standard methods were rung on this light ring of eight.

LINSLADE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 30th, the Linslade ringers had their first outing since the war, and motored to Hardwick, where they found a handy little ring of six, restored by Mr. Bowell in 1903, to commemorate the late King's Coronation. After raising the bells in peal, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, as well as 360 Bob Minor and 180 Double Court. The ringing is done from the floor of the church, and several of the local men were interested spectators. This is believed to be the first half-peal ringing on the bells. The visitors were congratulated by one of the oldest ringers, who had rung at Hardwick for over 50 years.

After leaving Hardwick, the party rode into Aylesbury for tea, and then took a stroll round the market. Then going on to Birtton, they interviewed the Vicar, who kindly went with the ringers to see if it was possible to ring the bells, but it was found that only one rope out of the six was attached to a bell, owing to repairs being carried on to the tower roof. Proceeding to Wingrave, where there is a fine ring of six, they tried about half an hour to get the bells to go to Grandsire Doubles, but the task had to be given up on account of the shifting of the frame. A deputation of the visitors called on the Vicar and told him the state of the bells, and recommended him to call in expert advice or communicate with the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild about them. These bells were rehung about 14 years ago, but appear to have been neglected. After leaving Wingrave the party motored to Mentmore, and called on Host A. Carter, of the Stag Inn, where a pleasant quarter of an hour was spent on different hunting courses. Host Carter informed the visitors that he came from Little Mundon, Herts, and several were interested in the peal cards he brought out for their inspection. Before leaving, the wish was expressed that he would cycle to Linslade for six and eight bell practice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It was interesting to note that amongst the Wath company taking part in the contest at Ecclesfield was the genial face of Mr. Josiah Panther, aged 74, and, like 'Johnny Walker,' still going strong. At the last contest at Ecclesfield, which took place in 1874, this veteran was one of the Wath company which gained second prize.

Another interesting figure at the contest was Mr. T. Stead, of Huddersfield, who took part in the 'All England team' which won the 1874 contest.

Mr. F. Willey writes: 'I see in your Belfry Gossip in this week's "Ringing World" you say the first silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung on August 7th, 1899. May I correct the statement, and also inform you that a silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, on November 20th, 1886.'

An anniversary which falls to-morrow is that of the first peal of Double Norwich in Wales, which was rung on August 13th, 1883, at Rhyl, by those same Burton men who can claim the 'silent' peal of Stedman. Joseph Griffin, John Jagger and Edward I. Stone, who were in the band at Rhyl, are still on the active list to-day.

August 15th is the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which, with many other interesting achievements, went to the credit of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. It was rung in 1908. This method is the height of ambition of most twelve-bell ringers, but the total number of peals rung since the Ipswich men led the way is, we believe, less than a score.

Our reference in our leading article last week to the long services of the Rev. E. J. O. Helmore as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association brings us the information that Mr. Helmore has filled this office for longer even than we mentioned, for he was appointed on July 15th, 1891, which is over thirty years ago. Mr. Helmore feels it is time a younger man was appointed, but that is not the feeling of the members of the Kent Association all the while he is willing and able to discharge the duties of his office.

Fancy ringing 99 peals and waiting 16 years for the 100th! Yet this is what Mr. H. A. Folkard has done. Last Saturday he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman at West Ealing. It completed his century, although his previous peal was rung in 1905.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BELL REPAIRS FUND STARTED.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, when upwards of 60 were present, including ringers from Gainsboro', Derby, Southwell, Northampton, Rushden, Wellingborough, Kirby-Muxloe, Kettering, Bedford, March, Chatteris, Deeping, Whittlesey, Wisbech, etc. The service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Miles, who gave a very powerful address, and a collection was made for the Memorial Bell Fund.

The tea and meeting were held in St. Mary's Schools, the president (the Dean of Peterborough) being in the chair, supported by the vice-president, the Rev. A. C. Neely, B.D., Vicar of St. Mary's.—The treasurer's report showed a balance of £9 18s. 1d. in hand, and on the Bell Fund £6 13s. 6d. One handbell peal and ten Minor peals had been rung during the year.

The officers were re-elected, with the addition of Miss K. A. Jutson as assistant secretary; Miss A. Parkins and Messrs. Tebbutt, Cross and Dainty on the committee, in place of Messrs. Barker, Howling and Hoare.—Nine new members were elected, and two life members.

The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston Churches were kept going during the day, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative Surprise Major. Master Bowley, Kirby-Muxloe, got his first touch of Bob Minor, and another ringer from that district a first in Treble Bob.

It was decided to form a Belfry Repair Fund, and it was also decided to ring a quarterly peal to be arranged by the committee.

In conclusion, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Dean for presiding, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for arranging such a splendid tea.—Mrs. Jutson replied on behalf of the ladies.

PRESENTATION AT HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING. FAREWELL TO A ROMFORD RINGER.

On Wednesday, July 27th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, a date touch (1,921 changes) was rung in one hour and eleven minutes, consisting of 481 Plain Bob, 720 College Single, and 720 Plain Bob Minor, by: — Rainbird 1, T. Masters 2, S. Robinson 3, A. Spearman 4, W. Sheraton 5, R. Parkinson (conductor) 6. This was rung as a farewell to Mr. Rainbird, of Romford, Essex, who has been staying in the district for about a year, and has been a frequent visitor to the belfry. On behalf of the ringers, a walking stick, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Rainbird as a memento of his stay. He leaves with the best wishes of all the hand for his future welfare, and the hope was expressed that the day was not far distant when he would be amongst them again.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

THE POSITION OF SUFFOLK MEMBERS.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE UPON AMALGAMATION WITH NEW SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich branches of the Association was held on August Bank Holiday at St. Margaret's Institute, Lowestoft, when many representatives from both the Norfolk and Suffolk towers of the Association were present, and an important discussion took place upon the position of affairs in Suffolk, caused by the formation of the new Suffolk County Association. Previous to luncheon being served at the Crown Hotel, the members were kindly granted by the Rev. Evan C. Morgan (Rector) the use of the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Margaret, and rang touches in the standard methods. The president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) presided at the luncheon, supported by the vice-president (Mr. C. E. Borrett), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), the Ringing Master (Mr. G. P. Burton), Mr. E. Evans (branch secretary, Ipswich), the Revs. W. C. Pearson and H. Drake, Mr. W. L. Duffield, and the following district secretaries: Messrs. G. H. Cross, C. E. Fisher, E. E. Diaper, F. C. Lambert and F. W. Naunton. An excellent repast was served by Host Stansfield, and the only toast honoured was that of 'The King.'—The Dean said every year that passed by made the toast appeal more and more to all patriotic and loyal Englishmen. His Majesty the King set us all a magnificent example of duty faced and duty done.—The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The company then adjourned to the St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, where the Dean extended to the members a hearty welcome.—The General Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read the minutes of the last general meeting of the Norwich Branch, and the Branch Secretary (Mr. Edward Evans) read the minutes of the last general meeting of the Ipswich Branch, and these were confirmed.

The Secretary read the names of nine new members elected by the committee, and reported that the association had enrolled nearly fifty new members, including re-elections, and had received six resignations. He thought this a very satisfactory state of affairs, in view of the increased subscription which had been levied. Mr. Coleman further reported that Mr. A. J. Naunton, who had been secretary of the Southwold District for 25 years, had resigned on account of his great age, and his son, Mr. Francis W. Naunton, was elected to fill the vacancy at a meeting of the Southwold District, held at Wrentham on May 7th. Mr. Coleman eulogised the work carried on by Mr. Naunton, senr., in the Southwold District, and congratulated the members of that district upon appointing another member of the Naunton family as district secretary (applause). Mr. Coleman also reported the resignation of Mr. Edward Jenkins as secretary of the Framlingham District, upon his leaving that district to take up an appointment at Warrington, Lancashire.

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed, and Mr. E. Evans seconded, the confirmation of the motion passed by the Norwich Branch at Fakenham, and by the Ipswich Branch at Ipswich at their respective meetings on March 28th, 1921: 'That members on re-joining the association shall pay a fee of one shilling, together with the subscription for the then current year.'—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

VIEWS OF SUFFOLK CLERGY.

A long discussion followed as to the position of the Norwich and Ipswich Association in respect to the formation of a new Suffolk County Association.—Mr. Evans explained that since the branch meeting at Ipswich a Suffolk County Association had been formed by West Suffolk members (late of Ely Diocesan Association). He had been asked whether East Suffolk members were going to secede or stick to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. They would really like a lead from the new Bishop of the Diocese. At a meeting last Tuesday, the Ipswich Branch decided to continue their membership with the Norwich and Ipswich Association (applause).

The Rev. H. Drake read the circular letter that he had issued to the clergy, and stated that he had been asked to find out the opinions of the clergy who have towers with rings of four bells and upwards, and to report to the meeting. Mr. Drake said the clergy had no sympathy with the formation of a County Association, but he wanted the meeting to be impartial on the matter. There was a strong feeling amongst the clergy, however, that a Diocesan Association should be formed.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he was surprised at the attitude of Mr. Drake, especially as he was an official of their association. The Suffolk members had always adopted a brotherly feeling, and it would be unnatural to divide Suffolk up. He thought the question arose through the overlapping of the boundaries. It was not right to say that West Suffolk ringers would not coalesce with East Suffolk ringers. Suffolk ought to be, and could be, as one. He was not desirous of witnessing anything approaching secession, and suggested that the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich be approached in a diplomatic manner for a lead to be given, and the suggestion be made to the Bishop that the two associations work together as one.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) said he thought Mr. Drake's circular a mischievous one, and the questions put to the clergy to

answer misleading, in dealing with such a serious matter as that, of dividing up of an association. Of the 200 clergy to whom the circulars have been issued, approximately only 20 were members of ringing associations. What was such an opinion worth, coming from a body of men with little or no experience on ringing associations? The 380 ringing members concerned did not appear to have a voice in the matter until the clergy had expressed their opinion, which was wrong in principle, and was compromising the position of companies in union with the association, and endangering the happy relationship that now exists between the clergy and the ringers. Mr. Coleman pointed out that in all cases of the divisions of Dioceses, the ringing associations had wisely decided to remain as one society, with admirable results. He thought one association would be far better than two broken associations (applause). They would deeply regret a severance of the Suffolk members.

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION.

Mr. F. C. Lambert (district secretary, Halesworth) thought that very few of the members were aware of the spade work done by the Norwich bell ringers during the past 250 years. Bell ringing in the District was instituted at Norwich, and it would be unfair to sever connection.

Mr. C. E. Borrett said the only happy solution would be the forming of one association for Norfolk and Suffolk, with self-governing branches for Norfolk, East and West Suffolk. He proposed that a small deputation meet the West Suffolk County ringers at a conference to discuss the matter of amalgamation.—This was seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, and carried.

The President remarked that this would be an ideal solution of the matter, and hoped it would be carried into effect so as to make amalgamation possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Rector of Lowestoft, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Richard T. Woodley who kindly made all the preliminary arrangements.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S CIRCULAR.

The circular sent out by the Rev. H. Drake to the clergy, and which was commented on at the meeting, was as follows:—

'When this Diocese was formed the re-arrangement of the Ringers' Societies was held up on account of the war. Ultimately the old arrangements were continued, with merely a change of name. The Ely Diocesan Association became the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association, and the Norwich Diocesan Association became the Norwich and Ipswich Association. At Easter a new Society was formed in the West of the Diocese to be called 'The Suffolk County Association.' Thereupon the Ely Association withdrew from the Diocese and reverted to its old name.

'The new Society wishes to cover the whole of the County; but there are two counter proposals: (1) That it should keep to the West of the County, and leave the East to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. (2) That the County Association become a Diocesan one, or that an independent Association be formed for the Diocese, to include the 200 towers in which there are bells.

'As an official of the Norwich Association, I cannot support the formation of a rival Society, but I was asked to find out the opinions of some of the Clergy who have Ringing Towers, and report them to a Meeting of that Association which will be held at Lowestoft on August 1st. So far, I have heard from about a score, and they are all of one opinion. Therefore, it seems best to send this letter to all the Incumbents of towers given in Raven's "Bells of Suffolk" as having four or more bells, asking them to return me their replies on the form on the next page.

'If they could also suggest the kind of subscription which would be best, it would be a help. The Norwich Association's subscription is 2s. 6d.; that of the County Association is 2s.; it is suggested that the subscription for a Diocesan Society be a lump sum for each tower, say, 2s. (or even 1s.) per bell, to include all Clergy, and ringers.

'The answering of this letter does not pledge you to join any such Society, unless you answer the last question in the affirmative.

'If you know of any tower where the bells have been increased to 4 or more since 1890, please mention its name.'

The questions to which replies were requested were the following:—
(1) Do you think the Norwich and Ipswich should continue, as of old, the Association for Ringers in East Suffolk?

(2) Or do you think that the County Association should take its place?

(3) Or do you think that it should become a Diocesan Association, or that such a Diocesan Association should be formed?

(4) What arrangements as to subscription do you advise?

(5) Are you at all inclined to join such a Society, and if so, which?

The Rev. H. Drake informs us that he omitted to make it clear at the meeting at Lowestoft that his primary motive in sending out the circular was to advertise the Association among the clergy of towers where there are bells, and interest them in it through this question which has arisen.

Out of about 245 inquiries sent out 53 replies were received, and as the majority, if not all of these are not at present members of any association, it should at any rate lead to many new members being secured.

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To the first question asked, six said 'Yes.' An affirmative to the second question was given by three, and 39 said 'Yes' to question 3, while five declined to express an opinion.

On the question of the amount of the subscription 11 voted for a subscription of not less than 2s. 6d. per ringer, two for 2s., one for 1s., five for 2s. per bell, eight for 1s. per bell, three for 2s. 6d. for each tower. Four promised to join the Norwich and Ipswich Association, two the Suffolk County Association; 30 a Society for the new Diocese, and one whatever society was ultimately formed.

The circular was intended, we are informed, to elicit opinions of those now outside ringing circles, and the idea originated with Canon Goldsmith. At the same time arrangements were being made to elicit the opinion of ringers themselves in the county, but as was explained at the meeting at Lowestoft, these fell through. The information obtained from the clergy, although not forming a working basis, is not without interest or value.

RINGING CONTEST AT ECCLESFIELD.

KIRKBURTON WIN A £12 PRIZE.

Ecclesfield Church, Yorks, is known for its architectural beauty. Dodsworth, the great Yorkshire antiquary, wrote of this church more than 200 years ago: 'The Church of Ecclesfield is called by the vulgar, and that deservedly, the Minster of the Moor, being the finest church for stone, wood, glass, and neat keeping that I ever came in of country churches, and has a famous peal of bells that ordinary ringers of to-day say go the wrong way round.'

At this remote village, far from the madding crowd, a great ringing contest took place on August Bank Holiday, and drew together a big gathering of ringers. The contest 'piece' was a 720 of Treble Bob, and some 15 companies from Yorkshire and adjoining districts, including some well known six bell bands, entered, viz.: Dronfield, Kirkheaton, New Mills, Roughton, Sheffield, Bolsterstone, Killamarsh, Shelley, Wath, Kirkburton, North Anston, Shireoaks, Hoylandswaine, Liversidge, Eckington. Of these thirteen companies competed, and some good ringing and clear striking was the result of combined practice. Kirkburton was awarded first prize, value £12, their faults numbering 108. Liversidge took second honours and a prize, value £8, with 116 faults; Wath carried off third prize, value £5, with 251 faults. Shelley was placed fourth, and received prizes, valued at £3, with 282 faults. North Anston gained fifth prize, with 336 faults. Messrs. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, and William Lambert, Bolsover, were the judges, and gave universal satisfaction.

The prizes were distributed to the successful companies in the Gatty Memorial Hall by Dr. Simes, J.P., who had the honour of distributing the prizes at the last contest at this old 'Minster of the Moor,' in the now distant days of 1874.

During the afternoon the Ecclesfield handbell ringers gave selections on their fine peal of handbells, and drew forth the applause of a large and interested audience. The selection of 'Les Cloches de Bride' was rung with excellent taste and judgment, and well deserved the encore which was given. Another interesting item was entitled 'Swannie.'

Mrs. Clyde Hayes, a lady deeply interested in handbell ringers, made a special appeal to the audience, and asked them to show their appreciation by contributing to the box placed at the end of the table for the repair and renewal of handbells and music.

The Dronfield Glee Party contributed several excellent items, and in 'The Soldier's Farewell' (Kincol) every voice was heard to perfection. Mrs. J. Turner sang two songs entitled 'Roses' and 'Good-Bye,' and, after repeated calls, Mr. and Mrs. Turner sang the duet, 'Let the rest of the world go by.'

It is interesting to recall that at the last contest, in the year 1874, the winners were a company called the 'All England' band. They had no regular tower at which to practice, but they made themselves champions not only on six, but on eight. At Ecclesfield their company comprised Joseph Roebuck, John G. Hardy, Thomas Stead, Richard Whitehead, John Rhodes and Allen Womersley. They had to ring 720 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and there were ten competing teams. Wath being second. Mr. T. Stead, who conducted the winning 'All England' team, was an interested listener on Bank Holiday, and though he gave up ringing many years ago and took to bowling, in which he excelled, and has represented his county, he was given hearty greetings. Mr. Stead was one of a band of six Huddersfield ringers, who, in the year 1867, at Batley, rang a non-conducted peal in seven different Minor methods.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Will you kindly announce the following further contributions to the fund for Mrs. Walter Wise: Major J. H. B. Hesse, 10s.; Mr. C. Winney, 10s.; Mr. C. Burden, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Jas. Hunt (Taunton), 5s.; Mr. F. Bennett, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Trappitt, 2s.; Mr. J. Trappitt, 2s. The fund is now closed. Mrs. Wise wishes to thank all those who have helped in the hour of need.—Yours truly,

99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

ARTHUR MASON.

VISIT TO KENT TOWERS.

The Uckfield Branch of the Sussex Association had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. The party, numbering about 20, were joined by Messrs. E. J. Dawe and A. Turner, of Lewes, and Mr. G. Ades, of Brighton. Leaving Uckfield by motor at 8 a.m., a journey was made eastward, through Heathfield, Burwash, Hurst Green (a drive commanding extensive views equalled only in the writer's experience by those of Devon). The first call was made at Rolvenden, a little village on the Kentish border, where the party were met by Mr. C. Tribe and conducted to the tower. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and during the stay, Messrs. W. and G. Billings arrived on the scene, thus augmenting the party considerably. Eventually the journey was continued to Tenterden, where, on the fine peal of eight, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round prior to lunch, which Mr. Tribe had admirably arranged for the visitors.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and various touches rung. This tower is among the finest in Kent, and the view to be obtained from the top is magnificent. The bells were lowered in peal at 3.45 p.m., and the return journey made by way of Benenden, to Hawkhurst, where the ring of eight were soon set in motion to the tune of Triples and Major. Tea had been arranged for here, after which the homeward journey was continued, Uckfield being reached about 9.30 p.m., after a most delightful day.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, DONCASTER.

The annual outing of the above Society was held on Saturday, July 23rd, when Lincoln and Washington were visited. Leaving Doncaster by the 8.50 train, the party, on arrival at Lincoln, proceeded to the Cathedral, and spent a pleasant hour looking round this magnificent pile. Hopes had been entertained of being able to have a 'pull' on the bells, but permission was refused by the Dean, 'owing to the fact that Doncaster was not in the Lincoln Diocese.' The Doncaster men feel that the Dean hardly met them in the friendly spirit generally shown to ringers at other places. The Old Prison and Castle were visited, and, after dinner, the Arboretum. Proceeding by train to Washington, no time was lost in getting to the church, and the bells were soon going merrily to the tune of Stedman Triples. A sumptuous tea was provided by mine host of the Hunter's Leap Inn, and was done justice to by all concerned. After tea various members of the party entertained the rest to songs and selections on the piano. More ringing was then indulged in, when touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire were rung in good style. The bells were then rung down in peal, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making the party welcome. The party included several of the ringers' wives and friends. 'Home, sweet home,' was again reached about midnight.

A BRISTOL SOCIETY'S LONG TRIP.

The annual outing of the St. James's Society, Bristol, was held at Minehead on Saturday, July 16th. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, left Bristol at 8 a.m. for Wells, which was reached at 9.40 a.m., and where a short stop was made, which enabled the party to look round the Cathedral. They then proceeded to Glastonbury, and were conveyed thence by char-a-banc to Taunton (via Langport), which, after a good lunch at the County Hotel, they left for Bampton (Devon), arriving at 3 p.m. Here the photographer got busy with his camera, and took an excellent photograph of the char-a-banc and party. Leaving Bampton, Minehead was reached about 4.45, after a picturesque ride through some of the best scenery in Somerset and Devonshire. Time passing all too quickly, the ringers went to the church and found Mr. Atkins (the secretary) patiently waiting for them. The bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman, and a course of Cambridge Major. After ringing they had tea, and left Minehead for Bristol about 6.45 p.m., Bristol being reached at 11.30 p.m., with stops at Bridgwater and Cross only. The total mileage for the day was about 160, and everyone had a very enjoyable outing.

BEVERLEY MINSTER RINGERS.

The ringers of Beverley Minster and their wives had an enjoyable outing to Howden on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association. The party left Beverley, by char-a-banc, in the morning, and a stay of about an hour was made at North Cave for a ring on the new peal of six bells at the village church and a tour round the Vicar's garden, by his kind permission. Howden was reached in good time, and this enabled the Minster ringers to secure an early turn on the peal of eight at the Parish Church, where ringing was indulged in by various companies up to service time. The Vicar conducted a short service, and welcomed the ringers to Howden, and afterwards a party, numbering in all 52, sat down to tea together. The party from Beverley returned by way of Market Weighton, where a stay of about an hour was made for a ring on the peal of six bells at the Parish Church, and Beverley was reached at 10 o'clock, after a delightful day's enjoyment.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAYNE.—Essex Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church of All Saints', on Sunday, August 7th, 216 Oxford Treble Bob: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, W. H. Hammond 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (the composition given below): H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindridge 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. Redgwell 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. R. Radley (Beckenham) 2, H. Norgate 3, E. J. Pannett 4, G. Dawson (Leytonstone) 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Jinks 1, G. J. Hemming 2, J. Hemming (conductor) 3, Miss E. M. Johnson 4, J. Hall 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, F. Johnson 9, G. Ashley 10. Composed by James E. Groves, and rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the unveiling of Evesham War Memorial in the Abbey Park by the Earl of Coventry.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evensong, 960 Kent Treble Bob: W. Tipton 1, T. Hard 2, F. Whitby 3, V. Tipton 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clarke 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Longest length inside by ringers of 2 and 3.

HORNE.—At St. Martin's Church, on August 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. Curtis 1, W. Savage 2, W. Stone 3, Harrison Smith 4, F. Hadlow 5, C. Hadlow 6. Ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Littlebourne and Wickhambreau respectively; the remainder are local members.

PURLEY, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, a 720 Bob Minor: R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 1, Miss C. Collins 2, A. D. Cullum 3, W. Hibbert 4, Miss N. Collins 5, A. A. Hughes 6. The Misses Collins deserve congratulations on the progress they have made.

BEVERLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Minster, on Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 270 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, C. P. Bradley (conductor) 2, C. G. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellars 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. For afternoon service, 168 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 395 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, C. P. Bradley 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellars 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. (Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.)

ACTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 7th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, H. E. Good 2, T. Elson 3, G. Hes 4, F. Skevington 5, A. Harding 6, J. Herbert 7, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Walters 1, F. Stone 2, A. Pitman (conductor) 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Nurton 5, H. Perry 6, F. Atwell 7, J. Wethersby 8. For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 10 different callings, in 43 mins., 4-8-8 covering: F. Stone 1, W. Nurton 2, A. Pitman (conductor) 3, J. Wethersby 4, H. Perry 5, C. Hughes 6, F. Atwell 7, E. Stitch 8. These touches were rung by the local ringers to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first ring of bells (5) being placed in the

tower, and which were replaced by the present 8. The touches were also a compliment to Mr. H. Perry, who has been a faithful ringer at the church for this period, and is now 75 years of age, but was unable to stand for a peal.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: *C. Edwards 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. Belcher 3, *P. E. Clark 4, F. M. Mitchell 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. A. Folkard 8. *First quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—At All Saints' Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: E. Barker 1, H. Porter 2, J. Porter 3, R. Watson 4, R. H. Bowen 5, T. Price (conductor) 6.

MARGATE.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Enderby 1, W. Trusler 2, H. E. Parker (Barking) (conductor) 3, L. Attwater (Streatham) 4, G. White (High Wickham) 5, G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 6, A. H. Saxby 7, F. Gadsen 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Enderby 1, W. Trusler 2, A. H. Saxby 3, H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, L. Attwater 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, G. White 7, E. L. Burgess 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, July 31st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by C. Charge: A. Outmore 1, H. Belcher 2, F. Skevington 3, A. Harding 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. H. Wood 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, C. F. Edwards 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbott, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,283 changes) of Stedman Caters: C. W. Roberts 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. Dyas 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, Frank Bennett (Brighton) 5, E. Brett 6, P. E. Clark 7, F. Hairs 8, W. Garrard 9, G. Hewson 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—Ely Association.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Hazell 1, Miss Nora Shorter 2, Miss Violet Shorter 3, York Green 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, A. Holmes 7, R. T. Dennis 8. Arranged for Mr. A. Holmes and Miss Nora Shorter on her 21st birthday, both on a visit to Cambridge.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, for morning service, 380 Stedman Caters: Douro T. Potter 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, G. Sparks 3, F. J. Howchin 4, J. Rampley 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6, F. H. Knights 7, F. R. Copeman 8, G. H. Cross 9, C. E. Borrett 10. For evening service, 522 Stedman Caters: C. E. Borrett 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, G. Sparks 3, F. Howchin 4, G. Mayers 5, Douro Potter 6, A. D. Barker 7, J. E. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, G. P. Burton 10. Also 272 in the same method, with J. Rampley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On July 10th, for morning and evening service, at St. Mary's Church, by the St. Mary's Guild, two 504's of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Harry Kilby.—On Sunday evening, July 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, R. Foskett 2, W. G. Matthews 3, E. Lankester 4, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 5, G. M. Kilby 6, R. Kilby 7, P. Naunton 8.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, the last 742 of Holt's Original: A. French 1, A. Tennant 2, W. G. Matthews 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, Miss Annie E. Adcock 5, F. H. Crook 6, Harry Kilby (conductor) 7, P. Naunton 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,280 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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J. Hunt.

720 TREBLE BOB MINOR.

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1,264 BOB MAJOR.

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J. B. Hessey.

461 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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723654	2
357246	3
463725	2
574263	1
635427	2
526374	3
675243	3
546732	3
275346	1
542763	3
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**PLEASANT MEETING AT HADLEY.**

A meeting in such pleasant surroundings as at Hadley is sure to be an attraction, and that held by the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on August Bank Holiday was no exception to the general rule. A large number of members, several with their wives, visited the church during the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in various methods almost continuously from 2 o'clock until 5.30, at which hour Divine Service was held.

The Rector of Hadley (the Rev. E. H. North) officiated, and also preached a very eloquent sermon on the duties and responsibilities of ringers, basing his remarks on Numbers x., 2: 'Make thee two trumpets of silver, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.'

Tea was served in the Church House, presided over by Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., whom everybody was glad to see looking exceedingly well. Unfortunately, the president was unable to stay to the business meeting owing to the somewhat early departure of his return train to Stevenage. An excellent substitute was, however, present, the chair being taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., vice-president. Two new members were elected, and several hearty votes of thanks unanimously passed.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) produced a supply of Central Council publications, and did good business in disposing of several of those very valuable booklets.

Touces of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, both before and after the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening, the splendid peal of eight bells at Barnet were at the disposal of the members, who were cordially welcomed by Messrs. J. Sumpter and R. Roffey, and several touches were rung. The bells at Hadley, where Messrs. W. Tarling and W. Daniel were in constant attendance, were also made good use of, amongst the methods rung being Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

The two new trebles recently given to the church by Mr. F. A. Milne, in memory of his parents and his son, Capt. A. Milne, who was killed in France, are two very fine bells, and Messrs. Mears and Stanbank are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work.

SIR EDWARD CLARKE'S WELCOME AT STAINES.

A meeting differing somewhat from the usual type was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 6th, when the members of the South and West District, who assembled there, were personally entertained by Sir Edward Clarke.—The District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) thanked the host for his kind hospitality, and this was seconded by Mr. W. H. Fussell.

Sir Edward said that owing to indisposition, Lady Clarke was unable to meet the company, but she had expressed a hope that everyone would 'have a good time.' He added that it gave him great pleasure to assist in all things connected with the church, and it was with delight he heard the sound of the bells which he saw cast at the Whitechapel foundry. Further, he was always ready to back up ringers in their good old English art (applause).

After tea everyone viewed the beautiful stained glass windows which have been placed in the church by Sir Edward, and executed from designs by the well-known architect, Mr. Edward Prynne. Especial mention should be made of the 'Nativity' window, and the western 'Rose' window; but the crowning masterpiece is in the south aisle, the subjects for which are taken from the 'Benedicite,' verses 23, 20 and 24:—

'O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters.'

'All ye Green Things upon the Earth.'

'All ye Fowls of the Air.'

'Bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever.'

During the course of business, eight new members were enrolled. Thirty-six members and friends attended from: Acton, Chertsey, Chiswick, Clapham, Ealing, Fulham, Guildford, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kensington, Kilburn, Old Windsor, Slough (St. Peter's and St. Mary's), Staines, Stoke Poges, Windsor, Willesden and West Ealing.

W. L.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Presteign and Leominster District was held at Lyonsall on Saturday, July 30th, about 30 members being present from the following: Kington, Eardisland, Weobley, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Almeley and Clifford. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cullwick), who gave an excellent address, and a meat tea was kindly provided in the Parish Room by Captain Green.

The Vicar presided at the short business meeting which followed, when six of the local band were elected members of the Guild. A vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Green for his kindness in providing the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address.

NOTICES.

'The Ringing World' can be sent direct by post from the Editorial Office for 4/- per quarter.

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., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, Saturday next, August 13th. Ringing 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30. Business 6.30. Tea obtainable near Tower. Everybody welcome, ladies especially.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Upholland (6 bells) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready 3.30; meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will friends kindly note that the above notice will be the only intimation concerning the meeting?—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havering-atte-Bower on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Thursday, August 18th. Ringing from 6.20 p.m. Also one at Hampton on September 10th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, Aug. 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head. Will members and friends requiring same kindly notify me by August 15th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellringing, by the Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street; 1/- per head will be allowed by the Association to members who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 17th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, August 20th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkby Mallory, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St., North Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea for those who send me their names by the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available at 2.30.—J. Hemming, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph,

on Saturday, Aug. 20th, 1921. Please notify me on or before Aug. 15th, how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Hale on August 20th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea 5.45. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12 bells). Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C.). Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by August 15th the latest?—Fred Colcough, Hon. Sec., Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Oldfield, Town Hall, Whittlesey, by August 18th.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Pepherton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells (8) available early.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North St., Martock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-East Division will be held at Great Bentley, on Saturday, August 27th. Members intending being present please notify the Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Dist. Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Sandgate School, at 5 p.m., price 1/3 each. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting a presentation will be made to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. Will all wishing to partake of tea kindly send in their names on or before Wednesday, August 24th, to Mr. R. Hartley, 35, Prestwich Street, Burnley? All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

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On Saturday, July 23rd, the ringers of the SS. Peter and Paul Church, Tring, their wives and friends, had a motor tour in Bucks and Beds. The first stop was made at Linslade, where they were welcomed by Mr. F. Vickers and other members of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major having been rung, a move was made to Dunstable, Mr. Vickers and Mr. Jeffs accompanying the party. At Dunstable they were welcomed by Mr. A. E. Sharman, the secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mr. G. W. Heley, the steeplekeeper. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung. After about an hour's ringing tea was partaken of, and at 6.15 they journeyed on to Luton, being met there by Mr. A. King, the secretary of the Luton tower, and Mr. F. Hunt. Further touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, one of the members ringing his first touch. The weather throughout the day was glorious, and the party arrived home about 11 o'clock, after having spent an enjoyable day.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

This Guild held a meeting on June 18th, at Edgmond, where it is hoped change ringing will be started once more at St. Peter's Church. The ringers there are fortunate in having in the Rev. Talbot a Vicar who takes an interest in change ringing, and he will not be satisfied until he can get a band to ring some other method than call changes. The Vicar took several members round his grounds, and pointed out the splendid views that are to be seen, which the visitors quite enjoyed, whilst in the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was being rung by others. Several members took advantage of the practice that was afforded in different methods. Tea was provided at the Forresters' Hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed, especially by those who had had a long cycle run.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Clive, in August, as a quarterly meeting is being held at Coalbrookdale in July. Members were well pleased with the meeting, and thanked the Vicar for his kindness.

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