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From time to time instances come to light emphasising the great disadvantage, we might almost say the folly, of relying upon one man for the discharge of offices connected with ringing matters. We have often pointed out how, sooner or later, ringing is bound to suffer in those towers where all the conducting is left in the hands of one man, either through the selfishness of the conductor or the indifference of the other members of the band, who, having no ambition, are content to leave matters to a single individual. After a time the inevitable happens. The conductor moves away to another district, or from some other cause, it may be illness or death, his connection with the tower ceases. Then comes the collapse of the band as a competent change-ringing unit, for it seldom happens that in such cases the need of the hour produces the man capable of carrying on from the point where his predecessor stopped.

When a similar state of affairs arises in connection with an association the position is much more serious. More than once of late a ringing organisation has found itself without an occupant for a secretaryship. The most recent instance is in the Salisbury Guild, where Mr. C. H. Jennings, who took a leading part in founding the Dorchester District twelve years ago, and has been its hon. secretary ever since, has found it necessary to resign office on account of his removal from the district, following upon a long illness arising out of his war experiences. For two years past, we are told, he has been asking his fellow-members to find a successor, but apathy or lack of interest all the while the secretary remained in office led to nothing being done. Now the district has come to the definite resignation of its chief official it is unable to find anyone willing to undertake the duties. The spade work which Mr. Jennings did before the war, and resumed for a time afterwards, has largely been lost during his enforced absence from the district, which goes to prove how quickly a retrograde movement can set in when the 'mainspring' is removed. It is hardly creditable to the Dorchester District that they should be unable to find a successor to the late secretary, for the work that lies before the branch should be surely an incentive to some member of the Guild to shoulder the task. At the same time there is a lesson to be learned by all who are responsible for the organisation of ringing associations. There ought always to be available an understudy for the essential offices of an association, and wherever there is a secretary there should be an assistant secretary who could take over the duties in any emergency, even if in normal times his position may be a sinecure. In our view, however, an assistant secretary might always find some useful work to do.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL OUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS... ..	Treble	*LEWIS W. GOODWIN... ..	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	ALFRED H. WINCH	8
ALBERT C. V. GASSON	3	FRANK SMITH	9
REGINALD BROUGH	4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	10
THOMAS NEWMAN	5	HARRY SEAR	11
*WALTER SEAR	6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal on twelve. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOK... ..	Treble	CLR-SERG. BENNETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	2	FRANK BELSEY	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK J. HAIRS	Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT	3	*PERCY SPICE	7
HERBERT AUDSLEY	4	T. GROOMBRIDGE SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HEWITT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in method as Conductor.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES WYBROW	Treble	GEORGE A. COOKE	5
OLAYTON PARNELL	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	6
WILLIAM E. BASON	3	ROBERT W. COOKE	7
EDWARD C. COOKE	4	*HARRY COOKE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. Mr. R. W. Cooke is father of the ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor, and it is the first peal they have rung together. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. C. T. Tutthill and the ringers of the treble and 7th, all of which were within a few days of this date. Mr. Wybrow is now in his 70th year.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST PALMER	Treble	HENRY W. WILDE... ..	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANGLES	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Hart who was on a visit to Cheshire.

**TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HENRY STAPLETON Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 5
HARRY GAYTON... .. 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 7
EDMOND HOBES... .. 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOPF. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First in the method, and one of the local band. The ringer of the 2nd from Harrold, 3rd from Olney, 4th from Ridgmont, 5th from Dunstable, 6th from Hammersmith, 7th and 8th from Bedford.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 5
*WILLIAM E. CHEATER 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE POLLINGER... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE GRANT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

**HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
MISS MAY CLAYTON... .. 2	JOHN SANDERSON... .. 6
†JAMES HARRISON 3	JOHN BROWN 7
*RICHARD HOUGHTON 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Richard Houghton, who sails for Canada on August 11th. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th belong to Houghton, 5th to Church Kirk, the remainder to Blackburn.

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY DYKE Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	THOMAS SHORT 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Arranged for Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester.

**CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

AMOS W. CLARK Treble	*DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 2	†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 6
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	JAMES E. COOPER... .. 7
†ROBERT A. FARDON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of Bob Major.

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**BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

A. HAGUE Treble	C. SHARPLES 5
R. F. ELKINGTON 2	*W. RATCLIFFE 6
†L. GREEN 3	†F. WHITESIDE 7
†F. GREENWOOD... .. 4	H. J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First away from treble. Messrs. Poole and Elkington are from Leicester, and were elected members previous to starting.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROUGHTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

*WILLIAM HOOPER Treble	SAMUEL JONES 5
JAMES H. PHILLIPS 2	PERCIVAL H. STAFFORD 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	ARTHUR LEWIS 7
GODFREY L. STAFFORD 4	WILLIAM A. GULLEY Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal. The band wishes to thank the Vicar for providing refreshments, who also complimented them on the excellent peal.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTTON Treble	*JAMES POWELL 5
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM A. PENFOLD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	HARRY M. BATERUP... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First bell with an inside bell. The above is the first time a lady has rung a peal at Bexhill.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

S. MOULE Treble	H. CROOK 4
E. HUNT 2	W. EAGLING... .. 5
H. MASON 3	F. A. SALTER Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of 4th, who hails from Richmond, and was elected a member before starting.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Bob Minor.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN LUNN... .. Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
JOSEPH LONDON... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. H. M. Day has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE POENELL Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 4
†ALFRED A. RACKHAM 2	ALAC. A. RACKHAM 5
JOHN H. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. First of Minor as conductor. First peal rung in the newly created Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Rung as a compliment to the Right Rev. Dr. E. L. Bevan, Bishop of Swansea, who has been appointed first Bishop of the See of Swansea and Brecon.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, August 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE, PERRY BARR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL.

*GEORGE T. MITCHINSON ... 1—2	MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 5—6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7—8

Conducted by M. J. MORRIS. Referee: F. C. RISHWORTH.

* First peal on handbells. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, Rev. C. Watts-Read, for invitations to use his study on this and previous occasions.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1—2	JAMES E. GROVES 7—8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3—4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9—10
ALBERT WALKER 5—5	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. WALKER,
8 Referees: Messrs. A. T. SCRIVENS and HERBERT SPENCER.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held in Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, when members attended from Chatteris, Wisbech, Fleet, Crowland, Alwalton, etc., with the local bands. Also amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs (London), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Mr. A. J. Trappitt (Beddington), and friends from Loughborough, Cambridge and Collingham.

The President (the Dean of Peterborough) presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon A. C. Neely, R.D.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the officers were re-elected, except the secretary (Mr. J. J. Jutson), who stated that he must retire owing to other duties.—Mr. J. Carman was elected to the office.

Canon A. C. Neely conducted the service, and gave an address. Miss K. A. Jutson presided at the organ.

The methods rung during the day included Superlative and Double Norwich Major and London and Cambridge Minor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Tending on Saturday, May 12th, when 24 ringers from nine towers attended, and ringing was kept up during the afternoon and evening. Choral service was held, conducted by Canon Tollington, and the ringers were entertained to tea through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—After the business meeting was over, Mr. Nevard (Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Colchester), and the parish warden responded.

THE EDITOR'S SWORD OF HONOUR.

IRENÆUS AS ARMOURER.

'Irenæus Pistor' has been at it again! Established as Armourer-in-Chief to the Exercise he has now presented the Editor with a new sword, a neatly fashioned instrument wherewith to let the blood of 'hot heads' among the Exercise. It hangs in the editorial sanctum, ready for duty.

It arrived in company with an 'address,' the latter duly sealed with tape and wax, and providing a further illustration of the humour of 'Irenæus.'

Greetings and Salutations to all at ye Goldsmith Kastle.

For ye worthy hands of my Lord of Woking.

These—

By ye honoured conveyance of ye King's Postal Service—

Whereas—

We have been informed by your Lordship's Master of Horse that at ye investiture of Sir Peppery, Your Lordship's worthy sword didst suffer greatly by ye laying ye same on ye 'Hot Stuff.' We regret to learn that ye sword is become soft, and that ye temper is drawn at ye spot where it came in contact with ye other NITE aforesaid.

Wherefore with hast—post haste—we didst comand ye King's Armourer to proceed without loss of tempus to fabricate, make, and manufacture ye enclosed weapon to replace ye damaged one.

Therefore, my Lord of Woking—your sword—we pray that your Lordship Haxcept ye same, trusting in ye fidelity of my Lord that ye same be used to preserve (ye piece) for many years. And further, it is our one will, wish and command that Your Lordship will not let ye trusty blade become tarnished, but with a vigour as of yore ye will let it go with a Whirr, Hum, Boom, Ring, Twang, Bang, Clang, Clink, Tingle, Jingle, and with a Rattle, Clatter, Chatter, Patter, on ye whole Hexersize.

Given at our Castraorum.

Under our hand and seal (ye Simpson Ring).

IRENÆUS WRECKS.

PERSEVERANCE NOT REWARDED.

I was one day visiting a member of our band of ringers, who was noted for his laxity in ringing matters, and who also kept a large quantity of fowls.

Noticing one hen very closely 'sitting,' I ventured to hold her up as an object lesson to illustrate how the desired accomplishment in change ringing could be attained by diligence and perseverance.

Look at that hen, I exclaimed, see how patiently she 'sits,' knowing full well she will be rewarded by a fine brood of young chicks at the end of her labours. That hen's patience, he exclaimed, will never be rewarded if she sits from now till doomsday; she is sitting on a Pitcher egg.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

TWO VARIATIONS OF CHAS. MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

By James S. Wilde, Dunedin, New Zealand.

5,056.									
23456	In	M	W	4ths	H	Contd.	M	W	H
42356						56234			
32654						26435			
25346						34562			
637452						56342			
56423						35642			
42563						63542			
54263						53246			
25463						42635			
45362						63425			
63254						46325			
25634						34525			
62534						34256	B		
						23456			

The three bobs at home bracketed must be omitted, otherwise the peal will run to 5,504.

5,376									
23456	In	M	W	4ths	H	Contd.	B	H	
42356						25463			
63254						25634			
427636						62534			
34562						56234			
257643						56342			
42635						35642			
567324									
25346						63542			
637452						83425			
56423						46325			
42635						34625			
54263						34256			
						23456			

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.' MUSINGS ON DIVERS TOPICS.

The period of the year upon which we are entering is known to many people as the 'silly season,' because it gives rise in the Press to discussions on a variety of subjects, some of them sensible and wise, many of them lame and ridiculous. All the rest of the year the newspapers rigidly exclude these controversies—they have not room for them, their columns are filled with something more interesting (perhaps!) if often as silly. Now that the judges and lawyers have gone for their long holiday, and Parliament is, or soon will be, 'up,' these two founts of material are temporarily dried up, and the opportunity is provided for the big gooseberry growers, the champion mangold wurzel merchants, and a multitude of cranks, to let themselves go in the newspapers. It is the one time in the year when their contributions are welcomed—well, perhaps not welcomed, but tolerated by editors in the effort to keep things alive.

Being one among the multitude above referred to and having noticed that the dog days and holidays have had a visible effect on the number of peals which usually fill so many of the columns of our own journal, it has occurred to me that the Editor might possibly 'tolerate,' if not welcome, the outcome of some further musings of an amateur penman.

One of the subjects which I have long been tempted to express my views upon is that much debated topic of peal points. Probably the Exercise doesn't want to know what my opinions are, and certainly will take little notice of them, but the Central Council has soon got to do one of two things, either make the peal points what they were originally intended to be—a competitive standard—or do away with them altogether. Personally I am for wiping them out, and mainly for two reasons. In the first place competition in peal ringing is out of place in connection with something which we like to associate with church work. The Council have to some extent eliminated the spirit of rivalry, which point scoring creates, by publishing the analysis in alphabetical form; why, therefore, bother about points at all? And after all the competition, such as it is, is really fictitious, and must be unless every ringer is to be compelled to confine his peal activities to one association and one only.

Some ringers in London, for instance, ring peals for five or six different societies in the course of a year. Where, then, is the competitive value of their performances? A footballer is not allowed to score goals for one team one week and for another team in the same competition the next week, and then revert to the first club or go on to a third in the following week. This would be absurd, but it would be no more absurd than the present practice of ringing peals for a number of different societies—if the peals are to be treated on a competitive basis; and what is the use of a scale of points if they are not?

My second objection to points for peals is that they do not, and, indeed, cannot represent the true value of a performance in the majority of cases. Eight points are allowed for a peal of Bob Major. Are these points intended to represent a peal of maximum quality or minimum quality in regard to the striking? I shall probably be told that they represent all qualities—but if I am, it is an argument in favour of my statement that points do not represent the true value of the majority of the peals rung, because, if points are to be of any value, they must represent a standard. I could multiply the illustrations of the futility of the present point system, if it were necessary to do so, such as the worth of a peal where all or a large proportion of the ringers are 'first pealers,' the question of the weight of the bells, or even of their good or bad 'go.'

There is, however, one other feature in which the allocation of points is unsatisfactory, and that is in the comparison which is made between one method and another. A method may not present anything like the same difficulty to one band that it does to another. Some people I know look upon Bristol Surprise Major as a method as terrible as London to ring. Having rung a good many peals of both, my opinion is that Bristol is more to be compared with Superlative than with London and to me it never presented any more difficulty. I just refer to this, to show that a peal of, say, Bristol, may be a much bigger task to one band than to another, although, in all round ability, the men may be practically equal. Moreover, points for peals on higher numbers seem to be allocated by rule of thumb. The committee have, I suppose, to adopt some method when confronted by a fresh performance, and rule of thumb is the easiest, but we have read from the opinions of those who know, because they have rung the method, that the number of points for Stedman Sextuples, compared with Cinques, is not commensurate with the increase in the value of the performance. Double Norwich Maximus is another method about which those who have rung it say there are by no means adequate points allowed.

Then there are the handbell peals. Can anyone of experience contend that a peal of Stedman Triples does not want more ringing than a peal of Stedman Caters? If Stedman Caters were all turning courses it would be different, but there are only two courses in an ordinary peal of Stedman Caters that are of any real difficulty to an accomplished hand. And again, ought not Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples rung non-conducted to count for more than Thurstans

composition with a conductor, or a short course peal of Stedman Cinques more than a peal in the titlums throughout? These and many other points illustrate how little real value there is in peal points, and bring me back to my first assertion, that the Central Council should make them represent what they are supposed to indicate—which, I contend, is practically impossible—or drop them altogether.

Let us continue to have the annual analysis by all means. It is a useful and valuable compilation, which is of more than passing interest, for it sets out in compact form what has been done during the year, and brings together under one comprehensive review all the doings of all the peal ringers. But the points—phut!

A paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' last week gave me cause to think. Court Ten-In was rung in Norwich in 1769, we were told. Now, where did this name come from? The prefix of Norwich we can understand, but whence came the designation 'Court,' and how and when did 'Ten-In' become Royal? I raised a similar question in a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago. And why 'Surprise'? One can guess how this may have crept into the ringing vocabulary, but 'Rob,' and 'Court,' and 'Royal,' whence came they? Many of these odd names have become such an integral part of our ringing language that we seldom stop to think of their origin. Cannot someone among the learned in our art tell us how we got these queer names for we must admit they are queer? They are just as quaint to outsiders as, for instance, such words as stymie and niblick in golf are to me. We are still adding to the outlandish and unsuitable terms which we are applying to our art, but when are we going to bring into common usage those terms which the Council many years ago adopted, in completing the series from Treble Bob and Delight, to Surprise—Passalatera and Passalatersera? I cannot pronounce them, and I am not sure that I have spelt them rightly, but some day, perhaps, we shall read of a peal of New Geranium Passalatersera Maximus. It is quite possible, but what a name!

Everyone must have been interested last week in the compliment paid to that brilliant young Leicester ringer, Harold Poole, by the publication of his photograph. His ringing record is one of great achievement, but had he been less fortunate in the company to which he is attached his genius would likely have been effectively quenched. There are many centres, even to-day, where only one Caesar is permitted to reign, where the recognised bob-caller sees to it that no other is given a chance to become a conductor. Such an attitude is more than short-sighted, and Leicester ringers will probably be enjoying the fruits of their policy long after many hands, with the 'one and only' on the box every time, have disappeared. It is necessary to have a leader, but the leader's duty is not only to lead, but to train others to the task. There are among the ringers of to-day many brilliant young men. Some, like Harold Poole, are given their opportunity, others are held in leading strings. Jealousy has no place in the belfry, but ability and ambition need to be encouraged.

CRITICUS.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL. BY C. CHARGE,

5000				5040			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	1	35426		2	
23645	2	2	1	23584	2	2	2
26435		1	2	32465	2		2
24365		1	2	64235		2	2
34825		2	1	45236	1		2
43528	2		2	32546		2	2
25346		2	2	23645	2		2
34258		1	1	63425		2	1
52436		2	2	54326	1		1
23456		2		23456		2	2
5000							
23456	M	W	H				
42358			1				
26354		1	2				
42563	2		1				
23564		1	2				
32465		2	2				
64235		2	2				
62345		1	2				
25346		1	2				
43528		2	2				
45236		1	2				
23456		1	1				

The last 5,000 contains all the combinations of 4, 5, 6, and was first rung at All Saints', Fulham, on February 12th, 1911. Conducted by the composer.

TORQUAY.—On April 30th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 52 mins.: W. Dilling 1, J. Olding 2, F. Plymsol 3, G. Browning 4, A. W. Bowers (conductor) 5, J. Mayne 6, J. Hawes 7, J. Mathews 8. J. Mathews belongs to the local band, the remainder to Cockington. Rung with 6, 7, 8 covering.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BURGHILL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 28th Burghill ringers, Herefordshire, had their first annual outing, the funds for which were collected by Mr. Ivor Probert and his handbell party last Christmas. The party included Mr. O. Edwards, the Guild Ringing Master, and tutor of the band, who had been invited to accompany them, and to make arrangements for towers and refreshments. The proceedings commenced with a practice at Burghill on the preceding evening when, with the help of the brothers Taysom, of Hampton Bishop, Stedman Triples were rung. Leaving Burghill at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Kington was the first stop, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, the local men having everything in readiness even at this early hour. The next call was at Old Radnor, for a pull on this fine peal of six (tenor 15 cwt., by Rudhall, which require no Simpson tuning). Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung at New Radnor, where there is a peal of five, with a tricky lot of guides (which are unnecessary) just above the ringers' heads. These caused some difficulty, but after several attempts two 120's were scrambled through. The party then proceeded to Rhayader, for lunch, and afterwards went on to see the Birmingham Waterworks, which are a marvellous sight, and a feat of great engineering skill. On the return journey a halt was made at Builth Wells for tea, and a pull on the six bells there, the local men having everything in readiness. A call was made at Glasbury for a pull on the eight, Grandsire Triples being rung, with Mr. J. P. Hyett, who had cycled over to meet the party. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a pleasant and successful outing.

THE VAGARIES OF 'LIZZY.'

On Saturday, July 21st, All Saints' Youths, Worcester, set out to Shakespeare's country, Warwick and Leamington, for their outing. A pleasant run of 25 miles brought them to Stratford-on-Avon. Here the party broke up for a short stroll round the town to view Shakespearean monuments, the poet's house, and the church, the only regret being that the visitors were not able to ring on the bells. Reassembling at 11.15, a start was made for Leamington. This proved a slow journey, 'Elizabeth' showing a strong objection to hustle. Arriving eventually, however, a ramble round the town, the public gardens, etc., was much enjoyed, as was the performance of the band of the K.O. Scottish Borderers. Dinner was nicely served at the Victoria Cafe, Regent Street, after which a visit was paid to All Saints' tower, where there is a very handy peal of eight. Touches of Bristol, Cambridge and Stedman were successfully rung, before proceeding to St. Mary's, Warwick. On the very fine peal of ten, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were indulged in, and a longing created to attempt a peal on them. After tea St. Nicholas' Church was visited, and London, Stedman and Double Norwich rung. A move was next made to Henley-in-Arden, the ride embracing many hills and beautiful views, and 'Elizabeth' was put on its metal taking nearly an hour to cover eight miles. The party were met and heartily welcomed by Mr. Colley. London and Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before a hurried call was made at Wooten Wawen. There are a strange medley of bells, two being cracked one flat, and three decent bells. A short touch of Cambridge Minor was all time allowed for, and the party then prepared to make tracks for home, but they had reckoned without 'Lizzy.' She had a voice in the matter, or rather she refused to give voice without a great deal of winding, much inspection, and many anxious looks. She did eventually break into song amidst much cheering and devoutly expressed wishes that she could afford to keep it up. But alas and alas, the effort seemed almost too much for her. Progress was mostly 'in the slow,' and at most of the hills she seemed to lose all sense of direction, the whole party having to dismount and show her the way up. Eventually home was reached in the small hours of Sunday, and wound up what will be a memorable outing by dispatching two of the party on their ten-mile cycle ride, and three others to the Malverns in another motor. The writer being due in Shrewsbury at 9 a.m. on the Sunday, was only able to have the proverbial 'forty winks.'

SOUTHGATE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of Christ Church Society, Southgate, took place on Saturday, July 21st, when a party of fourteen left by charabanc for Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. St. Nicholas' Church, Harpenden, the first tower on the programme, was reached, via Hatfield, at 3.15 p.m., and an hour's ringing took place. Mr. Jarman, of the local band, and two visitors, taking part. The journey was then resumed to St. Mary's Church, Luton. Here the party were met by Mr. A. King, local secretary, and an excellent meat tea was served at Plimmer's Restaurant. Afterwards ringing took place at the parish church, several of the local hand joining in the touches. The journey was then continued to the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable where a good hour's ringing ensued on these beautiful bells. During the day the

methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. The homeward journey was commenced at 9.15 p.m., via St. Albans, and Southgate was reached at 11 p.m., all having had a most enjoyable time.

The band desire to express their thanks to the respective local ringers, who so kindly met them or made the necessary arrangements, also to the incumbents of the three churches visited for granting permission to ring on their bells.

ST. ALBANS RINGERS IN ESSEX.

A most enjoyable and successful charabanc trip into Essex was undertaken by St. Albans Cathedral Society, on the occasion of their annual outing. The party, numbering 15, set out at 8.30 a.m. for Bishop's Stortford, which was reached about 10.30 after a pleasant journey through Hatfield, Hertford and Ware, the spot where the rain greeted them. At St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, the party were met by Messrs. H. J. Tucker and Springham, of the local hand, and touches of Stedman Caters and Triples and a course of Double Norwich were rung on the very fine bells. The party then left for Braintree, where they were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), but who was unable to stay with them owing to business claims. Lunch at the Nag's Head Hotel was followed by a visit to the church tower, where the handy ring of eight were set going to touches of Stedman and Double Norwich. Several of the local hand visited the belfry during ringing. At St. Mary's, Bocking, which was the next call, the party were met by Mr. L. W. Crow, of the local hand. The bells, a ring of eight do not go as well as some would like, and the visitors found a difficulty in settling down to good ringing, owing to the bells being rung anticlockwise. Not many of the party having experienced this before, courses of Stedman and Bob Major were all that were attempted before departing for Sible Hedingham. Here the party were met by Mr. L. Wiseman, and the good peal of eight were rung to Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, the visitors being assisted by members of the local company. After ringing, the party adjourned to the Chapel House for tea, hastily prepared and served by Mrs. Brett, a close friend of one of the party. After tea, handbells, kindly lent by Mr. L. Wiseman, were brought into use, and a short touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Grandsire Cinques were successfully brought round. A start was then made for Saffron Walden, which was reached, after a delightful run in the cool of the evening. Reaching Saffron Walden an hour and a half after the prearranged time, the visitors had been 'given up' by Mr. Pitstow, but this gentleman readily returned to the tower to welcome the party, when acquainted of their coming. The bells were soon raised and set going to Stedman Cinques, which, however, came to grief. With the help of Mr. Pitstow, Mr. Penning, and another member of the local company, another touch was attempted, but this too soon came to grief, as also did a course of Grandsire Cinques, but a short touch of Stedman Caters and a course of Double Norwich were successfully brought round. At 9 o'clock a start for home was made, and all went well until Bishop's Stortford was reached, when fog was met with, which considerably hampered the journey. St. Albans not being reached until about 12.30 a.m. One and all agreed that a good day had been well spent, and wish to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and those gentlemen who met the party and had their towers in readiness for use.

TAUNTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 7th, St. James' Guild, Taunton, had their annual outing, accompanied by a few friends. The party, numbering 22, left Taunton at 7 a.m. in a charabanc and motor-car, and a run was made to Yatton, where the eight bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples brought round. After an hour's stay, tracks were made for Portishead, where the genial Ringing Master, Mr. Gillingham, had everything ready. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were struck in admirable style on the handy eight bells, which are in a thorough going order. After lunch a visit was paid to Emmanuel Church, Clifton, to reach which the famous Suspension Bridge was crossed, and some splendid views of the surrounding neighbourhood were obtained. After a few touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, the journey was continued to Long Ashton, where the visitors were met by Mr. Yeo. The heavy ring of eight, with a 31 cwt. tenor, were raised in peal and several touches including Kent Treble Bob Major were excellently rung. Barrow Gurney was the next call, and here Mr. Clements met the ringers. Several touches were tapped off in first-class style, and after lowering the bells, the visitors inspected the pre-Reformation bell, which rests on the belfry floor. This bell was very much admired, as was also the most beautiful church. The last place on the programme for ringing was Wraxall, where there is a fine peal of eight bells, with a 25 cwt. tenor. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major having been brought round, the bells were lowered in peal. After tea, the homeward journey began, Taunton being reached at 10.30, after a thoroughly enjoyable campanological out-

ing. The ringers wish, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and all others who assisted in making the day such a splendid success.

A TRIP (THROUGH DORSET).

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, with their wives, had an enjoyable charabanc outing on Saturday, July 21st. Weymouth was their destination, but several belfries were visited en route. Leaving Castle Cary at 8 a.m., the party proceeded to Marston Magna, where the bells were raised, and a course of Grandsire Doubles rung. Yetminster was the next call, where, after a ring, the party were shown over the church and Memorial Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Morgan, who kindly supplied refreshments. Journeying through some of the most beautiful scenery in Dorset, the company arrived at Fordington St. George, where some of the local band received the visitors, and gave them a very pleasant time, both on the bells and conducting the party around the church. The last ringing place was Upwey, where there is a light peal of six and a very quaint old church. The short ring there was much appreciated alike by visitors and villagers, who nearly filled the church. Weymouth was reached at 3.30 p.m., and a busy time was spent till 6.30, when the return journey was begun, Cary being reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most interesting day.

AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS.

On Wednesday, July 4th, the ringers of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, had their annual outing by motor. Ringing took place on the peal of six bells at Finborough, the six at Monks Eleigh, and the six at Preston. At the latter place the visitors were met by Mr. A. Symonds, who had assisted with the arrangements. After dinner at Lavenham, and ringing on these famous bells, the party went on to Sudbury, but were unable to ring at All Saints' Church owing to illness. Touches were, however, rung on the peal of eight at St. Gregory's, before going on to Boxford and Hadleigh. After tea the journey was continued to Stowmarket, where further ringing was done. The methods rung on six bells were Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise, and on eight bells, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples, the touches being conducted by F. F. Poppy, G. Cattermole and J. Souter (Diss). The rest of the company included E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, J. Betts, H. Moss, G. Kemp, F. Hayward, G. Brown and B. Chilvers, together with the Rector of Thornham Magna (the Rev. E. F. Bingley).

MINOR WITH DOUBLE BOBS.

A further step in extending the interest of Minor ringing has been made by a peal, which we recorded in our columns a few weeks ago, in seven Treble Bob Methods, in each of which bobs are called with the treble behind as well as in front, sometimes with bobs in one place only; sometimes with them 'doubled,' that is to say, a bob behind followed in the next half lead with a bob in front. The composition is the result of the ingenuity of Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and it was rung, as will be remembered, by the band of Minor experts at Norbury, Cheshire.

Wragby 23456	Willesden 23456	London Scholar's 23456
B 54326	B—54263	—56423
—63542	—32546	B—63254
25463	53624	54326
B—64235	65432	—26354
52364	46253	54632
43652	B—52436	B 42635
—26435	45623	B 25634
B 34625	64352	34562
56234	36245	—62534
42356	B—42356	34256

Duke of Norfolk and Norbury 23456	Sandil and Kingston 23456
64523	B—46325
—23564	25634
45623	34562
36245	—62534
B 56234	B 54326
B 46253	—26354
—53246	54632
62453	32465
—53462	—65432
B—42356	B 42356

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On August 12th, 1776, a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and on August 17th, 1812, a 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Coventry upon the famous bells of St. Michael's Church—now, alas, no longer hanging in the steeple.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908, and the first peal of Double Norwich Major in Wales, at Rhyl on August 13th, 1883.

Strange conditions exist in some belfries. At Ellesmere, Salop, a paid band of call-change ringers, ring for Sunday services, but a young and enthusiastic band are permitted to practise change ringing for a short time each week. The latter have just rung their first quarter-peal.

Mr. F. S. Wilson's many friends in the ringing world will be pleased to hear that his wife, who had to undergo a very serious internal operation some six weeks ago, is now making good progress towards recovery. It is hoped that she will in the near future be able to leave the nursing home in Norwich and return home.

Chevalier Denyn, the great carillonneur of Malines, who has been in England for the opening of the Loughborough carillon, visited Catstock, Dorset, and gave a farewell recital on the carillon in the church tower. Several hundred people visited the small village to hear the bell music, which was rendered in the master's inimitable style.

There are still names in the Ringers' Roll of Honour about which the Central Council's Librarian is awaiting information. Will those who are able to help in this matter please do so at once?

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Bob Major at Willesden on July 24 was R. A. Fardon, not Farndon, as stated.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The interesting article on St. Andrew's bells in your issue of July 20th, led me one morning recently to pay a visit again to the deserted belfry—one of our numerous Norwich wrecks. I speak, of course, of the bells, and not of the church, which has had of late years much care lavished on it, and which is not only the second largest of our ancient parish churches of Norwich, but next in point of interest to St. Peter Mancroft.

In the early days of my acquaintance with our art, and shortly before the bells became derelict—some time in the 1890's—I recollected ringing on the ten bells. In those days a ringer usually went once to St. Andrew's, and once only. The story goes that the late Jasper W. Snowdon, on being taken to the belfry, exclaimed, 'Is this the place where they rang London Surprise? Well, let's be getting back to St. Peter's.' The bells are rather 'a wild lot,' and in this connection, it is not without significance that so long a period as 17 years elapsed after the opening in 1825, before a peal was accomplished on the ten.

But my object in going the other day to this half-forgotten belfry was to see what I might of those details, as to which your correspondent seeks information up to date.

First, as regards the order of the ropes. Alas, there are no longer any ropes, beyond those belonging to a chiming apparatus. Mr. C. E. Borrett, who has kindly looked up his records, assures me that the ropes did fall in the unusual order named, viz., 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8.

Then as to tablets. There are only three tablets on the belfry walls—one of stone recording (as stated in your article), the augmentation of the ring to ten in 1825; and two others of wood, of but indifferent workmanship. Of these latter, the one records a peal of 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob, Nov. 16, 1837, and the other, two peals—(a) 5,088 Treble Bob, Dec. 5th, 1823, and (b) 5,040 'Grandsire Tripples,' Feb. 23rd, 1824. There are no tablets in the belfry to the two peals on the ten bells—Treble Bob Royal, May 5th, 1842, and Stedman Caters, Sept. 15th, 1842—and I do not think there ever were tablets to these peals.

In the 'East Anglian,' an archaeological journal, the first number of which appeared in 1858, and which contains complete records of all the ancient 'steeple-boards' in the Norwich belfries, I find records of the St. Andrew's tablets in volume 1, No. 28, but only the two tablets to the 8-bell peals are there noted. It would be most interesting, therefore, to learn whence Mr. Jerram heard of those tablets to the ten-bell peals. By the way, it has always been reported that the composition of that peal of Stedman Caters in 1842 was false.—Yours very truly,

GEORGE P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 576 London Surprise Major: E. J. Harding, *senr.*, 1, Miss E. K. Parker 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, J. W. Parker 4, E. J. Harding, *junr.*, 5, F. W. Rogers 6, J. Parker (conductor) 7, G. Williams 8.

THE FIRST PEAL OF NORWICH ROYAL.

AUTHENTICATED BY OLD NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS.

Referring, last week, to the first peal of Court Ten-In, rung at St. Peter Mancroft in 1789, we said that there was no authentic record left to us of this early peal, except that it was referred to in the 'Clavis' and in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum. Mr. T. E. Slater, of Hunts Hill, Glensford, Suffolk, however, sends two extracts from 'The Norwich Mercury,' which should certainly set at rest any doubts upon the matter.

In his 'History of Double Norwich Court Bob,' the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon wrote with regard to Royal, that 'the first mention of a peal of Royal is the one said to have been rung on the old ring of ten bells at St. Peter's, Norwich. Although nothing beyond what has already been stated concerning this peal (summarised in 'Belfry Gossip' last week) is known to me, and I am informed by more than one old Norwich ringer that there is now no further knowledge in Norwich of its having been performed, I am unwilling not to let it have the benefit of the doubt and, therefore, give it a place

'Christ Church, Spitalfields. This drawing is in commemoration of an excellent peal rung in this church by a friendly society, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 1801, consisting of 5,040 changes of Court Bob Royal in 3 hrs. and 37 mins. This great performance (being the first in this intricate method) is highly esteemed for the correct striking and harmony it produced, and cannot be equalled but by the same exertion and perseverance, which must ever reflect honour and credit to the performers: Thomas Smith 1, James Purser 2, Joseph Ladley 3, William Beard 4, John Reeves 5, Anthony Cavalier 6, William Troup 7, Charles Barber 8, John Noonan 9, Edward Bartell 10. The above peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Noonan.'

The second peal referred to by Shipway was recorded on a tablet in Shoreditch belfry in the following terms:—

'Cumberland Youths. This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of a peal that was rung in this steeple, on Tuesday, 7th April, 1801, of 5,220 changes of Court Bob Royal in 3 hours 37 minutes, being the first ever rung



ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

In this famous tower many historic peals have been rung, among them the first of Norwich Court Bob Royal and Maximus referred to in the accompanying article.

in these records. I also wish to place it upon this list, so that by keeping it still before the eyes of the public, if any corroborative evidence of its accomplishment yet exists, it may be brought forward.'

'Shipway,' adds Mr. Snowdon, 'mentions two peals of Royal rung in his time.'

'This and the following peal of Royal were rung in 1801. The 5,040 at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by a band selected from the principal societies of ringers in the Metropolis, and on a tablet in that steeple it is stated to be the first peal ever rung in that intricate method. The 5,200 was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by a band of the Society of Cumberlands; consequently by that Statement, they are the first and only Society that has accomplished so arduous an undertaking.'

The tablet recording the peal at Spitalfields was destroyed in the fire of 1836, but a copy of it is preserved in the Osborne MSS. The board was surmounted by a drawing of the church, and the inscription was as follows:—

by any society in that intricate method. Composed and called by Mr. George Gross, senior, Mr. George Lassigned, junr., Master; Mr. William Thompson, Mr. John Baker, Churchwardens; Geo. Gross 1, Geo. Gross, junr., 2, James Nash 3, W. Shipway 4, J. Poulden 5, John Hints 6, M. Channon 7, T. Reeves 8, Samuel Bowling 9, W. Stephens 10.'

Mr. Slater now gives us the following extract from the 'Norwich Mercury,' which seems to have recorded pretty faithfully all the important doings of the Norwich ringers:—

'St. Peter Mancroft.—On Monday, April 17th, 1789, 5,040 changes of Porter's Peal of Court Bob upon Ten Bells was rung at St. Peter of Mancroft by the Ringers of that Parish, which they completed in 3 hours and 29 minutes.'

Unfortunately no names are given with the record. In the year 1816, the year in which Shipway published his 'Art of Ringing,' in which appeared the extract given above, another notice of the Norwich peal was inserted in the 'Norwich Mercury,' the Norwich Scholars, apparently, being annoyed when they found that Shipway

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had omitted all reference to their peal. Mr. Slater gives us the extract as follows:—

Notice.—Norwich, November, 1816.—In a recent publication on the intricate science and ingenious art of change ringing it states that Court Bob Royal a peal of 5,040 was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, London, by a band chosen from three of the London Societies in the year 1801. This musical and intricate peal was composed in this city by Mr. William Porter in the year 1751, and rung by the Norwich company on the old ring of ten bells at St. Peter Mancroft Church, a complete peal, 5,040 changes, on Monday, April 17th, 1769, and called Norwich Court Bob Royal, which performance continued 3 hours and 29 minutes.

This evidence, we think, will fully establish the peal of 1769 at Norwich as the first in the method, and provides the corroboration which Jasper Snowdon hoped might be forthcoming.

It is interesting to note that in addition to the first peal of Royal, the first peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus was also rung at St. Peter Mancroft; this was on January 20th, 1817. The tablet recording the peal is as follows:—

Monday, January 20th, 1817, were rung in this steeple 5,016 of that most ingenious and intricate peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus, in 4 hrs. and 2 mins., without the miss of a bell, or repetition of a single change. This peal very much resembles Norwich Court Royal on Ten; there being very short dodging on the bells before and behind, and tenth's place at the bob. The ingenuity of its composition, and the bold and regular striking reflect great credit on the company, and are allowed by judges to be a performance which, if ever equalled, can never be surpassed. It is the first peal ever accomplished in England in that intricate method on twelve bells; was conducted by Robert Chesnut and rung by the following persons: Robert Chesnut treble, Peckover Hill 2, John Giddens 3, Charles Gittings 4, Samuel Havers 5, Charles Kelf 6, George Hames 7, John Trowse 8, Joseph Lubbock 9, Thomas Hurry 10, Nathaniel Beales 11, Samuel Thurston and Matthew Smith tenor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting took place at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Members were present from Kington, Hatfield and Hitchin to meet the local band. At the meeting which followed tea at the Green Man, Mr. G. E. Croft was voted to the chair, and one new member (Mr. Lindsey) was elected. Owing to the Rev. Gallop being away on holiday, no service could be arranged for, but he returned home in time to greet the members in the tower before they dispersed.

The usual votes of thanks, together with more ringing in the Minor methods, well struck, ended a pleasant half-holiday with the bells.

The tower is considered a good example of the Perpendicular period, and was restored, together with the church, in 1884. One of the bells dates back to 1595. Some of the Norman windows remain in the apsidal chancel. The chancel arch and the south doorway are good Norman specimens. F. R. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. The bells which were recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches in methods from Grandsire Triples, to London Surprise Major being accomplished. Service was held at 5.30 p.m., the association form being used, and an interesting address was given by Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector).

The members then adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea, kindly provided by the churchwarden, and others, awaited them. Nearly fifty sat down, including the Rector, churchwarden and organist. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.

The election of Miss M. Nye, previous to a peal, was confirmed, and Lewisham was selected as the place of the next meeting.

A vote of condolence was passed by all standing in silence, with the widow and family of the late H. J. Blackwell, of Chelsfield, whose funeral took place the previous day, and the district secretary was asked to convey the same to Mrs. Blackwell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding; to Mr. Docker, F.R.A.M., for his services at the organ; to the churchwarden and others for the splendid tea they had provided, and the ladies who had waited at table.

The Rector, replying, said it had given him great pleasure. He had intended being away, but had put off going in order to be with them (applause).—Mr. Docker also said it had been a pleasure to him; he enjoyed the music of the bells, and it might interest them to know that he played the first tune on the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, previous to their being rung.

This concluded the business, and a course of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the handbells, before the tower was again visited.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT.

Mr. J. R. Jerram writes: There are six bells in the tower at St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall, but only the tenor is hung, and this 'dead' in the middle of the bell chamber, for the clock to strike upon. The other bells are lying useless on the floor, and two of them are cracked.

The original peal consisted of five pre-Reformation bells, with 'black-letter' inscriptions. In 1785 they were augmented to six, by recasting the second, which was cracked, and adding another bell between it and the treble, which was fully a note sharp with the old second. The following are the particulars and inscriptions, as taken by Mr. Dunkin in 1873.

Treble.—'Ordo Potestatum.' In black-letter with Lombardic capitals. Diameter 24-inch. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound.

Second.—'Come away, make no delay 1785.' In Roman capitals, with inverted Vs for As. Broken and lying on the floor. By Rudhall. Diameter 26½ inches.

Third.—'Charles and John Rudhall fecerunt.' In Roman capitals. Broken, and lying on the floor. Diameter 27½ inches.

Fourth (on the crown).—'Spiritus Sanctus est Deus' (round the shoulder). 'Gabriel Sancte Paule, Ora Pro Nobis' (on the waist. 'Ordo Virtutum—Maria'). In black-letter, with crowned Lombardic capitals. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound. Diameter 30 inches.

Fifth (on the crown).—'Filius est Deus' (round the shoulder). 'Raphael' 'Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis' (on the waist). 'Ordo Archangelorum.' All in black-letter, with crowned Lombardic capitals. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound. Diameter 33 inches.

Tenor.—'Soli : Deo : deuter : (sic for 'detur') Gloria : 1640 : O O O O (4 coins of Charles I.) I : P.' By John Pennington. In large Roman capitals. The G in 'gloria' is reversed. Diameter 35½ inches. Hung 'dead' for the clock to strike upon.

Evidently the original tenor was inscribed 'Pater est Deus,' and probably the name 'Michael.' From Dr. Borlase's MS. we find that the old second was inscribed: 'Sancte Nicholae Ora Pro Nobis'—'Ordo Precipituum.'

Not only are the disused bells lying on the floor, but the whole of the bell frame has been taken away. Can anything be more deplorable than the present disgraceful condition of these bells?

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS

By FRANK BENNETT.

5093.						Continued					
123456789	1	2	3	4	5	1	3	4	5		
35284578	—	—	—	—	—	34562879	—	—	—	—	—
45382	—	—	—	—	—	24355	—	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	—	53462	—	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—	—	—
34562	—	—	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	—	35462	—	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—	—	—
52463	—	—	—	—	—	24563	—	—	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	—	53264	—	—	—	—	—
24563	—	—	—	—	—	43562	—	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—	—	42365	—	—	—	—	—
35462	—	—	—	—	—	52463	—	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—	—	32564	—	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—	—	34265	—	—	—	—	—
43562	—	—	—	—	—						

5093.						Continued					
123456789	1	2	3	4	5	1	3	4	5		
35284578	—	—	—	—	—	53462879	—	—	—	—	—
235	—	—	—	—	—	453	—	—	—	—	—
523	—	—	—	—	—	345	—	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	—	—
453	—	—	—	—	—	235	—	—	—	—	—
345	—	—	—	—	—	523	—	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—	—	—
432	—	—	—	—	—	254	—	—	—	—	—
243	—	—	—	—	—	425	—	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—	—	—
245	—	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—	—	—
524	—	—	—	—	—	325	—	—	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—	—	—	532	—	—	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	—	54362	—	—	—	—	—
354	—	—	—	—	—	354	—	—	—	—	—
435	—	—	—	—	—	435	—	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—	—	42365	—	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—	—	34265	—	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—	—						

Each peal comes round at hand two leads before the last course end.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, August 5th, for the children's festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: F. Garner 1, Miss K. Jackson 2, G. Jackson 3, H. Arrand 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Beardmore 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revill 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. O. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tulett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Smith 1, E. Hancox (conductor) 2, P. Jones 3, Miss P. Moss 4, W. Honor 5, L. H. Chandler 6, R. Carter 7, J. H. Lucas (first quarter-peal) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, J. A. Howard 2, S. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, W. E. Oakley 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. G. Walker (first quarter-peal) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Booth 1, J. W. Sharp 2, A. Mansfield 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, G. Basford (conductor). The ringer of the tenor hails from Finedon, the remainder are regular service ringers. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5, and first attempt. Also 180 Double Court: W. Wilkinson (Great Addington) 1, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, G. Basford 5, J. M. Gray 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 29th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Thompson 1, R. Kynaston (first quarter) 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday July 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Robt. Fardon 3, Miss Phyllis Moss (conductor) 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway 6, G. H. Ross (Tottenham) 7, E. Easton 8. * First quarter-peal as conductor, and it was Holt's Original.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Chapman 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, W. Freeman 6, G. Billenies (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. First quarter-peal in the method by W. Freeman, of Lincoln; the rest local men.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. J. Gray 1, D. Dye 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, J. Ladley 5, G. Gray 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1 and 2.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. E. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, W. Spice 6, E. H. Spice 7, H. Brooks 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor hail from Milsted, Canterbury and Isleworth, respectively.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. W. Simons 1, G. T. White 2, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, C. B. Hurst 4, W. A. Cave (composer and conductor) 5, J. S. Squire 6, J. W. Benger 7, R. Hayward 8. Arranged for Messrs. W. A. Cave (Bristol) and C. H. Jennings.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Barton (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, L. Attwater (Wands. worth) 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr. 6, W. Upton 7, W. Johnson 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. E. Godfrey 1, C. H. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, P. Stuckey 4, K. G. Godfrey 5, H. P. Parsons 6, J. H. Godfrey (conductor) 7, P. W. Godfrey 8.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, July 29th, a memorial quarter-peal (1,280 Treble Bob Major), with the bells muffled for Mrs. E. T. Ingham, of Blatoe Hall: B. Robinson 1, W. Cullons 2, T. Crawshaw 3, A. North (conductor) 4, F. Hampshire 5, J. P. Laphs 6, W. Smith 7, A. Robinson 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, F. Edwards 4, H. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. Penchey (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, F. Peck 5, J. Howard 6, A. H. Took 7, J. Jolly 8.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Waite,' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Twickenham or Bishop's Cannings?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, A. H. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
SMITH, A.	Oxenhorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Maxey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Cannings	Salisbury

LIST B.

CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CHELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T. Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"

At Earl's Colne, on Tuesday, July 17th, 1,280 Superlative: S. Wane 1, J. Fleuty 2, J. Turner 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble 5, W. Arnold 6, J. French 7, W. Siltoe 8. First quarter in the method by all except the ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

The two following touches were rung with the bells muffled for the death of the Bishop of Chelmsford:—

At Coggeshall, on Thursday, July 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Howell 1, E. W. Beckwith 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, C. Norfolk 6, W. Elliott 7, A. Saunders 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Prolonged absence from the district through ill-health prevented the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from calling a meeting in the district until a temporary return enabled him to arrange a meeting at short notice on Saturday week in order to transact the annual business. The meeting was held at St. Peter's Institute, Dorchester, and was presided over by the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings). The towers represented were Dorchester St. Peter's, Fordington St. George, Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, Wool, Swanage, and Bridport, and there were also visiting ringers from Bridport (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant general secretary of the Guild) and Bristol (Mr. W. A. Cave).

The Rev. G. C. Niven, R.D. (Rector of St. Peter's), and his warden (Mr. F. G. Longman) were also present, and the last named extended a hearty welcome to the branch, but regretted that they were that day to receive the resignation of their hon. secretary. A number of apologies for non-attendance were received. Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) wrote that he should like to have been present to have thanked Mr. Jennings for the good work that he had done for the Guild, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary), in his letter, referred to the successful work of Mr. Jennings, whom he described as a standing model of the energetic type of secretary. Appreciative tributes to Mr. Jennings' services were also read from the Rev. E. S. Field (Buckland Newton), Rev. A. L. Helps (Puddletown), Rev. C. A. Phillips (Wimborne branch secretary), and Mr. Martin Stewart (late Master of the Guild). Apologies for absence were also announced from Messrs. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester), W. Bedford (Bere Regis), and Williams (West Lulworth).

The annual report was presented as follows: 'Unfortunately the secretary has been out of the district, in hospital since May last, and since his departure we have held no further meetings. Two quarterly meetings were held—the first at Wool, where some excellent practice in change ringing was obtained; the second at Hilton, but owing to inclement weather this meeting was not well attended. The secretary paid three visits to Bere Regis, during February and March, to give the local band an insight into the art of change ringing. Unemployment among our ringers has taken them to other districts, and particularly the tower of Wyke Regis has suffered heavily, and we have lost the assistance of Mr. Wiffen a most valuable change ringer, which is greatly regretted. We also regret that Mr. John Benger, owing to pressure of work, has resigned the deputy mastership. We are pleased to still retain his assistance, and we trust in the near future to see him at his old post again. We thank our honorary members for their continued support, also the Rev. H. A. Caryl and the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson and his Church Council for providing tea at the meetings and the great assistance they gave; also Major D'Aeth and our chairman who assisted in the absence of the secretary, and Mr. Bedford (Bere Regis), who has given great assistance to the Guild. Our sympathy is extended to one of our old and respected members, Mr. T. Page (Upwey), in his late illness. In conclusion, the secretary would like to thank all the members for their kindness in writing to him while he was away.'

The financial statement showed a balance in hand on the year's working of the branch of £4 17s. 3d., in addition to which savings certificates of the value of £27 are held.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. N. Dawes; Ringing Master, Mr. G. T. White; Deputy Master, Mr. Runyard (Wool).

The meeting next received with much regret the resignation of Mr. Jennings as hon. secretary, a position which he has filled with distinct credit for twelve years, and relinquished on account of his removal to Bristol.—The Chairman voiced the regret of the members at losing the services of Mr. Jennings, and he eulogised his valuable work for the branch, and also for bell ringing in general.—Mr. T. Hervey Beams also added his tribute to the work of Mr. Jennings.

Mr. W. A. Cave made a special appeal to the members to find a secretary, as he knew it was a great worry to Mr. Jennings that he should be left with the responsibility of the district while living away from it. It would be a load off his mind if someone would come forward and carry on the work.

Several of the members were invited to take over the duties of hon. secretary, but as no one would accept the office it was left in the hands of the chairman and Mr. Jennings to try to get someone to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Jennings, in expressing his thanks to the members for their kindly sentiments, mentioned that he was the means of forming the branch twelve years ago, and no one regretted more than he did that he had to leave the district. His great ambition was to see the bells in some of the lovely towers in Dorset augmented to eight in number. Heartily did he thank his brother ringers for the great kindness they had shown to him, and the splendid fellowship that had existed among them during the past twelve years would be one of his happiest memories and never be forgotten. If at any time he

could be of assistance to the Guild he should be only too pleased to do all he possibly could. Mr. Jennings having mentioned that his wife had carried on the secretarial work during the time that he was laid aside in hospital, the Rev. G. C. Niven said that she was deserving of a special vote of thanks (applause).

It was reported that at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the suggestion was brought forward from the Dean of Salisbury that the Guild should associate itself with the diocesan war memorial by providing oak panelling for the screen in the memorial chapel in the cathedral with an inscription commemorative of those ringers who gave their lives in the war. The branch unanimously decided to subscribe £2 2s. towards the fund, and also £1 ls. towards the expenses in connection with the reception of the Central Council at Salisbury last Whitsun.

In response to the kind invitation of the Rev. E. S. Field it was resolved to hold the next meeting of the branch at Buckland Newton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of St. Peter's for granting the use of the institute for the meeting, and to the chairman for presiding. Both before and after the meeting ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George.

AMONG THE FLOWERS.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY PEPYS DID NOT WRITE.

Monday.—Being somewhat dismay'd at the action of the Central Council towards the naming of the Minor Methods, did seriously think of writing to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' relative to the deplorable fiasco, which impels one to ask oneself the question, who is more fit to name the methods, those who have the practical ringing of them, or those who only bother with the theory? when the mayd brought in a note from that gaye batchelor: 'The Walrus,' stating 'that the tyme hade come to talke of many things.'

Like the 'tyke' he is, I knew he was again indignant with the Council, which had classed many of his favourite Yorkshire methods as unsuitable for the C.C.C., for failing to see eye to eye with the Methods Committee in the naming of certain Treble Boba methods after flowers. I found him more soberley inclin'd than was once his wont. He talk'd to me with deep feeling on the troubles of the Methods Committee, and complain'd bitterly of the ridicula metted out to the names of flowers, which are much nicer than the names of many places. Says he, 'the old Yorkshire methods which bear the names of flowers are still being rung in preference to the more modern ones, it is not the name of it which takes, but its work.' If a method bore a good name, but was of poore construction, it would never be rung. The critics to be taken notice of, were those who ringe the six-bell methods, and not those who deliberate round a table. The rope end is the place to criticise, and why is nothing sayd about a name like 'Superlative,' which, according to my dictionary, means 'Implying or expressing the highest degree.' This is neyther a flower nor a place, and as a method, is not in the highest degree.

After we had drunk our tay, he begg'd me to excuse him smocking a cigar, as he prefer'd a pipe, it was also, he sayd, more economic, and he bemoan'd the money he had wasted on idle luxury in the past. Knowing him so well, I ask'd him to shew me his latest methods and compositions, he having a specially fine taste in this matter, and much zeal in pursuing his hobbie, when—'Lord, Mr. Pepys,' says he a trifle pettishly, 'I have abandon'd such follies, and I hope to spend my tyme to more advantage and godliness.' 'How, for example?' asked I. 'Gardening is a very worthy and healthy pastime,' says he very gravely, 'and although I have never yet had a spade or a trowell in my hande, I contemplate growing flowers and other things, and so passing away my hours usefully when not ringeing.'

'Walrus,' says I, rising and giving him my hand in true sympathy, 'I understand all the signs and portents. They never vary. The reform'd rake gets rid of all the incriminating evidence. He takes to a pipe and cheap tobacco, and prattles about gardening . . . when is the wedding?'

'Next month,' says he with a sheepish smile. 'Right,' says I, 'we will ring a peal of flowers, and then have a jolly night together, smoking Coronas, and discussing the merits of "Dandelion" as compared with "Wigan." And so to bed.'

SAM PEPYS, HIS GHOST.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Markwell, senr., 1, L. G. Palmer 2, S. Smedley, senr., 3, A. E. Parsons 4, H. Stow 5, W. T. Palmer 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Allwood 8. This was also rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. F. E. Parsons, the local secretary, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part at the last moment. The ringers of 6th, 7th and tenor belong to the Chesterfield company.

HEMEL Hempstead.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday July 8th, 720 Bob Minor: N. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Gates 3, J. Floyd 4, W. Shephard 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6, E. Lee 7.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, August 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 1/- each, and meeting after, at The Bird in Hand.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 11th. Bell (8) available 3 p.m. Church service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Dist. Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Netheravon and Upavon in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Sutton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 in Schoolroom.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready early. Tea at Pack Horse Inn. Meeting in belfry, all ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Rd., Ealing, W.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 18th, when members and visitors will be welcomed. Tea arranged as usual, but send your names in good time.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Birch, on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells at liberty from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice.—A meeting will be held at Witham on August 18th.—Particulars next week.—W. H. Dyson, District Master, Braintree.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on Saturday, August 18th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 15th?—E. J. Harding, Hon. Dist. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, business meeting to follow. Please notify by August 14th.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guisborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by August 13th?—W. Bott, Dist. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6. Tea will be provided for *those only* who let me know not later than Tuesday, August 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 20th, 7.30 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Colston Bassett on August 25th. Will all those members wishing to travel by motor please send their names to local secretary by August 15th, to enable arrangements to be made? Other particulars later.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, August 22nd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

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The following ringing took place by arrangement kindly made by Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton, near Hull. On Tuesday, June 19th, a visit was made to Kirk Ella, where touches of Oxford and Kent were brought round. These are nice toned bells (tenor about 20 cwt.), but 5th and 6th require overhauling, as they go badly. From here the journey was continued in Mr. West's motor to Hessle, where there is a very handy ring of six, which go like 'tops.' Oxford, Kent, Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine were brought round. On Wednesday, June 20th, the motor was again brought into use, the destination being North Cave, with its splendid peal of six. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung here, followed by touches of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Minor, and Bob Doubles, the latter included so that the Vicar of North Cave could take a rope. While ringing the Cambridge a visitor appeared, in the person of Mr. Robbins, formerly of Wortley, Sheffield, who took part in the Oxford and Kent. On Friday, June 22nd, at Sutton, touches of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine were rung. The ringers who took part in the above were Messrs. H. Howell, G. P. Williams, Thos. Morton, G. T. Miller and J. Jackson, of Hull; A. E. West, J. Calvert, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, and another, of Sutton; and J. Heckingbottom, of Denton, Manchester. The thanks of the visitors is hereby extended to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells.



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