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PAID OFFICERS.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting to-morrow, will be recommended to make a new departure in regard to the general secretary, namely, that in future he be a paid officer. If this should be carried it will be, as far as recollection serves us, the first paid appointment of its kind among the leading associations, although there are a few instances in which each year an honorarium has been voted to the secretary. There is no doubt that the secretarial work of a large association like the Oxford Guild is very considerable, and, properly carried out, involves the sacrifice of a large amount of time. Associations have not always found it easy, when a vacancy has occurred, to find a man of sufficient ability, enthusiasm and knowledge, who has the requisite leisure to give to an office of this kind, but the Oxford Guild has been fortunate in the past, and the present occupant of the post has discharged his duties not only efficiently, but with a keenness that could be copied with advantage in some other areas.

As we have indicated, however, the principle of a paid officer is a novel step in ringing affairs, and we are not sure that it will appeal to every association. The provision of a salary for the secretary would be a considerable drain on the funds of many of the poorer associations, who already have a struggle to pay their way. The financial difficulty would be an effective deterrent in these cases, but there are other instances where such a proposal would not prove acceptable on the ground that members prefer that work of this kind should be purely honorary in nature. On the other hand, there are certain advantages which are obtained when a man is paid for the work he does. Schemes for improving the organisation of a society, for instance, can be launched without that feeling of hesitation which sometimes enters when it is realised that the proposals will put extra labour upon someone who is already giving up a good deal of his own time in the interests of others.

What is really essential, if the conversion of an honorary into a paid post is to justify itself, is that the official should be adequately remunerated for the work expected of him. Unless that is done, it is better that the limited recognition should be given by way of honorarium. We do not doubt that all these points have been taken into consideration by the Oxford Guild committee, and it will be interesting to see how the general body of members view the proposal. It is such an entirely new departure in ringing affairs that its adoption, if decided upon, may, in the future, be quoted as a precedent. This is not the first occasion upon which the Oxford Guild has led the way, and, if a paid secretary is now appointed, the experiment will doubtless be watched with interest by many outside the ranks of the Guild itself.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 in D flat.

YORK GREEN Treble	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 6
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 2	†T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
WILFRED C. IBBETT ... 3	†ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 8
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4	*WILBERN WELCH ... 9
JOHN TAYLOR 5	*PERCY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters, and first peal on ten bells as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths, the band all being members with the exception of Messrs. Austin and Ibbett.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 2	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... 8
*MRS. A. W. CLARK ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 5	†CHARLES E. READ ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. The conductor's 250th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble	ARTHUR HARDING ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED
SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN THORPE Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
ROBERT HARRISON ... 2	FRANCIS WARD ... 6
ARTHUR CRAVEN ... 3	CHARLES HAYNES ... 7
JAMES EVINSON ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Sam Thomas, who was interred at Intake on the Saturday week previously. He was a much valued member of the above societies; for many years was leader and conductor of the band at Ranmoor, and was for some time connected with the Cathedral company.

The composition is considered his best work. It contains the 6th the extent in 5th's place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 8th's place, in the minimum number of courses. It was the second peal to be discovered with these qualities.

Ringers of 1st, 3rd and 6th belong to Cathedral band; 2nd, 4th and 8th to St. Marie's, R.C.; 5th and 7th to Ranmoor.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 4	ALBERT MARSH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALBERT MARSH Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. This, and the preceding peal, was arranged for Fred M. Mitchell, Gravesend, Kent, who was on a visit to the Midlands.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

No. 48 in C.C.C. Rung in commemoration of the consecration of Liverpool Cathedral. * First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
JOSEPH W. PARKER 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH E. KERN 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
*MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	*ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	C.-S. M. J. BENNETT 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALEC MUNDAY Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 5
RONALD BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 7
HENRY J. TRIM 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

JOSEPH MELLOR ... Treble	ALBERT HOUGH 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ALBERT ADAMS 6
*GEORGE GORRINGE 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
JAMES ADAMS 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. James Adams, who was on a visit from Australia.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE POUND ... Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

A birthday peal for G. Kenward. Rung with the 'Singled In' B Block called at the 215th treble lead.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6624 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
†FRANK TRINER 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
*WILLIAM A. ALLMAN ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL I. INDOFF. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

† First peal of Major with a bob bell. * First peal of Major Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Wheeldon.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

ELLESMERE, SALOP. — On Wednesday, July 9th, in Trimpey Hall, Late's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on handbells, in 45 mins.: A. G. Goodfellow (first quarter and first attempt) 1, J. Sharp 2, T. R. Butler 3-4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. Butler, senr., 6, G. H. Edwards (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
ROY PILGRIM 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal on tower bells. For calling see C.C. Collection, Section III., No. 36.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	JOHN SMITH 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	JOSEPH DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE HILL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 changes each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
ARIHER LINTOTT 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
THOMAS W. GILMOIR 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, and the consecration of the completed portion of Liverpool's new cathedral.

STOKE-UPON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, July 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob, 720 changes of Plain Bob, and 480 changes of Little Bob Minor.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM CLAY Treble	WALTER N. ASHBY 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the restoration and augmentation of the bells. It was the first peal on the bells, and the first of Minor by the 3rd ringer, and the first of Minor away from the treble by the 4th ringer. The band wish through this paper, to tender their thanks to the Rector and his wife for so kindly entertaining the band before and after the peal.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Crocker 1, E. Smith 2, S. Quinton 3, P. C. Lovelock 4, F. Snook 5, A. T. Lovejoy 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Ringers of 5 and 6 are from St. Lawrence tower, Reading. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DOWNHAM MARKET.—At the Church of St. Edmund, for morning service, on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Bullock 1, W. Curstan 2, T. Greenacre 3, J. H. Roper 4, W. J. Eldred (conductor) 5, R. Newson 6, F. Rose 7, W. Rose 8. First quarter for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th. All above are Lynn ringers.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 12th, the St. Albans Cathedral ringers had their annual outing. The clerk of the weather considerably switched on an extra amount of sunshine, but tempered it with a nice breeze. The party included the Cathedral ringers (one unfortunately prevented from appearing by a family bereavement), and representatives from St. Peter's and St. Stephen's, together with one whose ringing address is the real artilleryman's motto, 'Ubique.'

A pleasant ride through delightful country brought the party to Knobworth (a last minute change owing to illness at Hitchin, the original first part of call). The energetic ones trudged it across the park, the lazy ones commandeered the charabanc to take them nearer the church. Arrived here, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich filled the programme on a fine peal of bells, famous in ringing history as the place of the 12,000 of Bristol Surprise Major. The journey was then continued to Bedford, where an excellent lunch was partaken of at the Silver Grill Restaurant. Hunger appeased and thirst quenched, the party rambled round this delightful town, the riverside claiming most of them. Four very energetic souls indulged in boating exercise, and left the Ouse with regrets 'to ooze' in St. Paul's bellry at 1.45. Having tested the strength of two Kodaks, the party (having been welcomed by Mr. Harlow tackled Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. The former failed to come round, and the latter would not go at all. So Bob Royal was rung. A course of Double Norwich completed the ringing on this fine peal.

At Woburn, the next stop, Messrs. Herbert were awaiting the visitors. Many were the comments passed on this fine structure, but time pressed, and the fine peal called. The splendid ringing chamber, perfect circle, etc., at once met with approval, and after a touch of Stedman, loud was the praise of this delightful ring. Superlative and Double Norwich followed, one of the visitors expressing his determination to pay another visit at an early date to enjoy—he hopes—three hours of music. A course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells completed the ringing here. All were loath to leave this beautiful spot, but Leighton Buzzard called another pleasing ride, crossing Watling Street en route, and brought the party to the border town an hour behind scheduled time. Ten was partaken of at the 'Ewe and Lamb,' and then the church was visited, where Mr. J. Nicholls had been patiently waiting for 1½ hours. Feeling hungry and thirsty he left Mr. F. Vickers, of Linslade, to welcome the excursionists. As time was short only Grandsire Caters and Hob Major were attempted. Loading up once more, a move was made towards Dunstable, which was reached at three minutes to eight. There, Mr. A. Sharman and two of his confreres were waiting. Visitors and locals rolled off Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major, and the contented party then made tracks for home. When Harpenden Common was reached the bus was pulled up, as some had a desire to search for 'wild raspberries,' and to take a little nourishment. A course of Bob Royal and a titum course of Grandsire Caters on handbells finished up the ringing, and eventually St. Albans was reached, after a very enjoyable day. Two poor souls had now five miles to cycle home, in opposite directions. One was 'fortunate' enough to get a puncture, but it was near home, so 'All's well, etc.,' and the other returned quite safely.

The conducting of the day was shared between Messrs. H. Goodenough, W. H. L. Buckingham (the veteran, and chairman of the party), and the terror of tenors, W. Ayre.

The very grateful thanks of all who undertook the journey are tendered to the incumbents of the respective churches visited, the local ringers for their welcome, the caterers for their ample preparations and attentions, and last, but not least, to Mr. W. Little, the secretary, who made all arrangements.

ALDEBURGH RINGERS' 120-MILE TRIP.

A journey of 120 miles, covering about a fourth of the area of Suffolk, was made when the ringing company of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, had their annual outing on June 28th. A start was made shortly after 7 a.m., and the day proved ideal for such a trip. Framlingham, the first stop, was soon reached, and after a few good touches, Harry Hall, a local ringer got 'aboard,' and remained one of the party throughout the day. Nice touches, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major, were rung at Framsden, Debenham and Stowmarket. Canon Goldsmith, Vicar of the Cathedral Church, and late Vicar of Aldeburgh, met the company at Bury St. Edmunds, where he had arranged an excellent lunch at the Three Kings. After a substantial meal, the towers of St. James' and St. Mary's were visited. Several local ringers met the party, and these grand old peals were rung to some good touches. A. R. Moore, from the St. James' Society, then accompanied the visitors to Lavenham, where they were met by the Brothers Poulson, who had everything in readiness, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were rung. A course of Bob Royal was also brought round on handbells before mounting

the charabanc for Hadleigh. Here tea was the first thought, after which several methods were rung, including London Surprise. St. Margaret's, Ipswich, was reached about 7.30 p.m., and from thence the party journeyed to Helmingham, the last halt of the day. Good touches of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples brought the enjoyable day to a fitting conclusion, and home was reached soon after 11 p.m. The very best thanks of all are due to the incumbents and ringers of the various parishes for helping to make the day such a grand success.

MANGOTSFIELD GUILD.

The annual outing of the Mangotsfield Guild was held on Saturday, July 5th, when an enjoyable trip into Somerset was much enjoyed. The party, numbering 28, made their first stop at Banwell, where the peal of six were set going to Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob. Winscombe was the next call, where the party were met by Mr. Hancock, the steepickeeper. The eight bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were successfully brought round. Lunch followed, and the journey was then resumed to Bridgwater, where Mr. W. Hancock was waiting at St. Mary's with everything in readiness. The fine peal of eight was raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major rung. The party went on to Burnham-on-Sea for tea, and then, met at the church by Mr. Chamberlain, rang touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The conducting during the day was done by Mr. J. Jefferies and Mr. H. Howell. Mangotsfield was reached shortly before midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

The Guild wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells; also those who had everything ready and helped to make a very pleasant day.

A HUNDRED-MILE TRIP.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Taunton, covered about 100 miles, and rang at nine towers in three counties on the occasion of their annual outing on June 28th. In addition to a charabanc load, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) placed his car at the party's disposal, driving himself with three more, the whole party numbering 21. The towers visited during the day were South Petherton, Crewkerne, West Coker, East Coker, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey, Dorchester, Bridport, and Axminster, embracing Somerset, Dorset, and Devon. All the above towers possess peals of eight bells, excepting Yeovil, which has a fine peal of ten, the tenor weighing 43 cwt. Sherborne Abbey claims the heaviest peal of eight bells hung for ringing in the British Isles, the tenor being 48 cwt., and forming a grand ring, which told a noble tale in the good course of Bob Major. Some excellent ringing was accomplished during the day, including Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters at Yeovil, and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and rounds for the younger members of the party. Dinner was partaken of at Sherborne, and tea at Bridport. The ringers wish to express their gratitude to the respective incumbents for granting permission to ring, to the tower keepers for having everything in readiness, and to the various ringers who met them during the day. Most excellent arrangements were made by Mr. W. Cording (secretary) and Mr. W. J. Tarr (treasurer), whose efforts were much appreciated for creating a real red-letter day in ringers' outings. Taunton was safely reached at 10.45 p.m.

BANBURY RINGERS' PROGRESS.

The Banbury ringers held their second annual outing on June 24th, and enjoyed perfect weather. They motored to Oxford, thence to Dorchester-on-Thames, where they arrived at 10 a.m. Short touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman were brought round on the bells, and then they proceeded to Wallingford. The party were here met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. H. P. Bowen). Grandsire was again rung, and a touch of 336 brought round, Mr. Fred Naish, of the local band, standing in. The party then left for Blewbury, where an excellent dinner was served at the Red Lion Hotel, and afterwards at the tower a quarter-peal was attempted, conducted by R. Rice, but unfortunately came to grief in the last course. The next tower was East Hagbourne, and following this Abingdon was reached about 5 p.m., where the company sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Hathaway. They were afterwards met at the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, and several of the local company, all of whom added much to the pleasure of the visitors by assisting them with their first course of Caters. Appleton was the next call, where Mr. R. White and other members of Appleton band were awaiting them. Here Grandsire was again the method, and with the assistance of the local men a touch of three courses was successfully brought round. This concluded the ringing, and the visitors left for Kidlington, where they were due at 9.30 for supper, during which Mr. Tandy proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. R. R. Lewis for the trouble he had taken in arranging the outing.—Mr. Lewis having responded, a start was made for Banbury, which was safely reached about 11 p.m.

In concluding this report of a very successful trip, it is interesting

to note that until two years ago change ringing was unknown at Banbury, and that at the present time there is a very enthusiastic band who have mastered the Grandsire method. Nearly all have rung peals of Grandsire Triples; four of the band have rung their first quarter of Stedman, and during the above outing six of them their first course of Caters. This has been achieved by the persistent efforts of Mr. M. Smith, to whom much credit is due.

The Banbury ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking those of the local companies who so kindly attended at the different towers, and, by so doing, added much to the pleasure and success of the day.

VISIT TO CROYDON FOUNDRY.

The St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 12th, when they visited Croydon, and were shown over Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's bell foundry. The inspection proved to be most interesting, and among the features of special note was the new carillon for New York. After ringing at St. Peter's, the party had tea, and then proceeded to Leatherhead, where ringing took place. The company wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a success, especially Mr. C. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), and the Vicars of St. Peter's, Croydon, and SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead, for the use of their respective bells.

ST. MARY'S, ACTON, SOCIETY.

Meeting at Ealing, Broadway, fourteen members and friends of St. Mary's (Acton) Guild, visited West Wycombe to enjoy a ring on the new eight hung in an oak frame. To reach this church, which stands on a high eminence, a little mountaineering has to be done. Services are only held during the summer; in the winter they are held in a church called 'The Church Loft,' down in the village. After enjoying some Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, a visit was made to the 'Ball,' perched on a pedestal. The steps up to the ball from the top of the tower form part of the pedestal, and it is a somewhat exciting experience to go up those steps and enter. The ball holds twelve people, sitting round a table. This is a most unusual feature for a church.

Afterwards a move was made to High Wycombe, where an excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed, the weather being very hot. Afterwards a stroll through the beautiful Hughenden Park took the party to the church where Messrs. Goodchild and Boreham met and welcomed the visitors, and took part in some Stedman Triples and Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major. The best thanks of the company are tendered to the Vicars of West Wycombe and Hughenden, and to all those who helped to make the visit so successful.

A DERBY DAY.

The ringers of St. Thomas's, South Wigston, spent a most enjoyable day on Saturday, June 30th, when they had their annual outing. The first part of the programme comprised a visit to Loughborough, and the famous bell foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The inspection of the works proved most interesting, and afterwards ringing on the foundry bells was enjoyed. After refreshing the inner man, the journey was continued to Derby, where the visitors tried the bells both at All Saints' and St. Alkmund's, and were joined by several Derby ringers. After tea touches were rung on the bells at St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, and a social hour followed. It was nearly Sunday morning before the party arrived again, safe and sound, at South Wigston. The ringers wish to express their great thanks to those who helped to make the outing a complete success.

THORNHAM EXCURSION.

The Thornham Magna company of ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 28th. The party numbering 14 started at 7 a.m., Debenham being the first call, then on to Framdsen, Helmingham, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, and Saxmundham, where an old friend, Mr. F. Watling, had arranged for dinner. The party then went on to Leiston, Kelsale, Wenhamston and Halesworth, where Mr. F. Lambert had provided tea and made the visitors very welcome. After tea a ring on the bells with some of the local company and C. F. Bailey, from Leiston, took place, and on leaving all thanked Mr. Lambert for his kindness. Cratfield with a fine peal of six bells was next visited, the last call being at Laxfield, where there is a good peal of six bells. The methods rung on the eight bells were Bob Major, Kent Oxford, and Double Norwich Major, and on the six bells Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The conductors were E. F. Poppy and G. Cattermole, and the party consisted of E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, P. Steggalls, F. Hayward, B. Chilvers, D. Whiting, J. Betts, H. Moss, G. Kemp and G. Blaxall. The ringers wish to thank all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, and for meeting them and giving them a warm welcome; they also desire to thank all who made the outing so enjoyable.

BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK.

The members of the St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 12th. Favoured with glorious summer weather, and accompanied by their wives, the party, 14 strong, motored first to Long Melford, Suffolk, via Halstead and Sudbury, where some time was spent examining this grand East Anglian church. Unfortunately, however, the bells were under repair, and no ringing could be done. The visitors then made for Lavenham, and after ringing a few touches upon this renowned ring of bells, went on to Stowmarket, and after trying the fine ring there for about an hour, adjourned to the Fox Hotel for lunch, at the close of which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association (who was one of the party), for the care and trouble he had taken in arranging this enjoyable outing.

The excursionists then continued the journey through delightful East Suffolk lanes to Coddensham, where they found the bells ready for them, a handy little ring of eight, with the circle of ropes so close together that the ringers almost touched each other when ringing. Several touches were rung, and then the party made for Ipswich to ring on the fine bells of St. Margaret's. Here they found a band ready to start for a peal, but they gave way to the visitors to try the bells, and various touches concluded the ringing for the day, the methods having included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. After tea the party dispersed to view the town; others to repose in the park to listen to the peal of Double Norwich then well on its way, and to admire the splendid striking of the bells. The journey home was made via Colchester, through the beautiful Constable scenery, and all were pleased with the events of the day. Thanks are accorded to the various clergy and those in charge of the different towers for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and having everything in readiness for the ringing.

A SOUTH WALES' OUTING.

St. Martin's Guild, Caerphilly, held their annual outing on June 28th, when they visited Burnham-on-Sea, four ringers from Bedwas, Mon., joining the company. The journey was made via Cardiff and Weston-super-Mare, a call being made at East Brent, where Mr. Cook awaited the visitors, and the peal of six bells was set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and also a touch of Plain Bob and Kent Minor. The ride was then continued to Burnham, where they were met by Mr. Chamberlain. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and after dinner there was further ringing with three of the local men, several touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and one touch each of Plain Bob and Kent Major being brought round. A start was then made for home, which was reached about 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing. The best thanks are due to incumbents for the use of their respective bells, and also Mr. Cooke and Mr. Chamberlain for having everything in readiness.

TRIP INTO SUFFOLK.

The Maldon ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 21st, when, accompanied by their wives, they travelled by charabanc via Braintree, Halstead and Sudbury, to Bury St. Edmunds, halting at Long Melford, to visit the beautiful old church, which was much admired. No ringing could be done here, however, as the bells are in the hands of the bell hangers. Bury was reached just after 11 o'clock, and ringing was soon started at the Norman tower, also at St. Mary's Church, the visitors being assisted by some of the local ringers. After a look round the churches and town a start was made for Lavenham, where the annual ringing festival was in progress. The next call was at Sudbury, where they enjoyed about an hour's ringing at All Saints' Church, and home was reached at 10.30, after an enjoyable day, which included a run of about 90 miles. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for meeting them and getting the bells ready.

STANDISH RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Standish Parish Church ringers, who were accompanied by their wives, took place on Whit Monday, when they travelled by charabanc to Blackpool. After a pleasant run to Penwortham a halt was made, and, wending their way to the church, the ringers indulged in touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Plain Bob Minor on the bells. Then followed a good run to Lytham, where an hour's ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major. The party then adjourned to the Commercial Cafe, and sat down to a splendid luncheon. Afterwards, another short run brought them to St. Anne's, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Blackpool, with all its attractions, was soon afterwards reached, and some pleasant hours spent. The homeward journey was made via Kirkham, and Standish was reached at 12.15, after a most enjoyable day. The band take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers who met and made the party welcome to their towers; also to the incumbents of the three churches visited for kindly granting permission to ring on their respective bells.

CRITICS CRITICISED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the meeting of the wise ones which you have published in your most recent issues. I have often heard of 'bulls'—papal and otherwise, but I never realised what the real old Irish perpetration 'o' that ilk 'was till I read the account of their most recent deliberation: to wit—when one hon. member for somewhere did opine that you, Sir, had not treated the committee quite rightly (meaning, of course, as they thought they ought to be treated), and that you owed a certain debt to the Exercise in setting an example. Now, Sir, I maintain, whether you like it or not, that you have always striven to show us examples galore. It is the Exercise who do not rise to the occasion. Your leaders have been only the truth and to the point every time. They have been more than fair.

What is the use of you deciding on a day's fishing every Friday: going out week by week ground baiting the pitch, if the fickle trout won't rise?

In my very short memory I have read leading article after leading article which has been fairness personified. You have told nothing but the truth, and barely that. Had you hit straight and full from the shoulder those who think you had not been fair, etc., would have been gasping for breath without the legs to stand on to tell you you were not fair.

This meeting has shown that the Council have a wish to 'put up the goods,' and a special committee has been appointed to deal with names of six-bell methods (I don't see the names of any six-bell ringers on it, by the way). Now—that committee has got about the toughest job they ever struck in their lives. What's in a name?—they'll soon know. Leek to Leek people is the equivalent of heaven.

Pudsey, to those who dwell there, is but another rendering of 'Home, sweet home.' Piddletrenthide (five bells, Diocese of Salisbury) has a perfect right to bestow its name on a method as good as Geranium (which is the more euphonious?) Ye gods, what a job to be appointed to! I am obliged to agree with Hon. Member Pritchett. Like him I am left somewhat cold. No good (only further schism) will come by enforcing nomenclature. 'Tis not the name of the method we fling far and wide from our sleepies, 'tis the good striking that counts to a benign (?) public. When the great B.P. heard some ringing broadcast from St. Martin's famous steeple, did they trouble about the euphonistics of the very meaningless (to them) words 'Stedman Cinques'? No, 'twas the cadence of the striking—and that's that!

Ringers are in an unfortunate position as regards their music: we cannot call it by its first line, like a song or hymn, or So-and-So's seventh Sonata, though a lot I have heard was ragtime.

Mr. Trollope is a man I am inclined to agree with on many points: no man has a right to ownership of facts. A man has the honour of being the first to point out to his confreres that So-and-So is a fact; he has benefited posterity by pointing these things out, and has added another step to the ladder of progress: that's all. What many ringers object to is not the altering of names by two committees. It is the altering of old names and their subsequent duplication and confusion; and what is more—they object to the waste of time on names when much else of import is shelved (or ignored). That register of compositions and the 'Historianship' does not take shape, as yet, Mr. Editor. Keep on with those good leading articles, they'll at least do good, as an alarm clock. They provoke criticism, which is good. The more criticism the Council provoke the more work they will know they have done.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 12th. The branch was fairly well represented, though holidays and hay making kept several members away. The Vicar conducted a shortened service, taken from the association's form, at which he spoke a few homely and encouraging words, which were very appropriate, as several young ringers were present.

After a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Longland, which was partaken of under a shady tree on the Vicarage lawn, the business meeting was held, at which the Mayor of Droitwich attended, and he and the Vicar became hon. members.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. Peter's, with Mr. G. Green, one of the local ringers, as conductor.

The Rector of Madresfield invited the branch to hold the next meeting at Madresfield, and this was accepted.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's, also to all who had helped to make the visitors comfortable. The Ringing Master kept the bells going, all taking a part, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London and York Surprise.

The church contains a very good peal of six, which go well, and it is pleasing to be able to say that there is an enthusiastic band of ringers with a helpful Vicar, which is a healthy sign of success.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Stone (Isle of Oxney) on Saturday last. The attendance was not very numerous, but made up in quality what was lacking in quantity, and some good touches were brought round in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Plain and Oxford Bob Minor. Tea was served at the Crown Inn, at the invitation of Mr. C. W. Player, leader of the local ringers, about 15 sitting down.

At the business meeting held after, Mr. Irvine, of Rye, was elected a non-resident life member, and a meeting was arranged for the practice of Double Norwich at Appledore on August 16th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. W. Player for his generous hospitality in providing the tea, and for presiding at both tea and meeting.—This was carried with musical honours.

The towers represented were Ashford, Appledore, New Romney, Idon, Canterbury, Mersham, Tenterden, and the local band.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 12th. About 30 members attended from Crofton, Darfield, Horbury Sandal, Royston, Wath, Pontefract, Horbury, Rotherham, and the local company. The bells were freely rung from early in the afternoon until 8.30, in a variety of methods, and good striking was well maintained.

After tea a short business meeting was held, when sympathy was expressed to the secretary, who was unable to be present owing to severe illness, and hopes were expressed for a speedy recovery.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his personal interest in the gathering, also the local company for all arrangements so well and truly made, was accorded.—The Vicar replied in very happy terms of welcome and appreciation of the association, and with a further invitation for another visit in the near future.

Seven members of the local company were made members of the association, and Royston was decided upon for the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday, August 9th.

CINQUES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

On April 26th, for practice, at Exeter Cathedral, a touch of 1,055 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the following members of the Cathedral band: J. Oke 1, F. J. Davey (cond.) 2, T. Laver 3, T. Bartlett 4, A. Searle 5, W. Lethbridge 6, J. Sandover 7, F. Gardner 8, F. Murphy 9, C. Class 10, G. Betts 11, A. Mitchell and J. Harris 12 (72 cwt.).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday meeting was held at Consett in most favourable weather conditions.

At the committee meeting it transpired that the date fixed for the summer meeting at Barnard Castle on July 26th was the date of the Darlington show. By a curious coincidence the last meeting at Barnard Castle fell on the same date as the Darlington show, and suffered in consequence. It was, therefore, decided to alter the date of the Barnard Castle meeting to August 9th. It was also decided to hold a special or extra meeting at Wylam on Saturday, September 20th, 1924, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Dinner was served at the Railway Hotel at 1 o'clock, when 21 sat down, the president, Mr. C. Todd, presiding, and being supported by the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden, Vicar of Consett (the other Vicars were prevented from attending through weddings, funerals, school treats, etc.), Messrs. E. Ferry, secretary, A. M. Hall, treasurer, and others.—The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches for kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the members.—The Vicar of Consett responded, and said he was very pleased to have the bells rung, and would be pleased to grant the use of them on any other occasion.

All the bells in the neighbourhood were at the disposal of the ringers by the kind permission of the respective Vicars, viz., two peals of eight and two peals of six. They were kept going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Minor and Major. The journey home by train was most enjoyable, only twenty-two in a compartment, and, it being a nice warm night, no travelling rugs were required. The president and vice-president for the Southern district missed this treat by travelling by motor-cycle and side-car.

DARLINGTON RINGERS AT HEIGHINGTON.

On Friday evening, July 18th, a party of ringers, representing Holy Trinity, Darlington, accompanied by Messrs. F. Johnson and W. Lister, of St. John's, Darlington, and Mr. W. H. Porter, visited Heighington, a pretty little village five miles distant. The old Norman tower contains six nice-toned bells (tenor 15½ cwt.), of which three date back to the days prior to the Reformation. Ringing is performed on the ground floor, the ropes falling round the font, the belfry door opening direct into the churchyard. Fine weather prevailing, an enjoyable evening was spent, touches of Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge Minor, and Stedman Doubles being successfully brought round, and the bells were finally lowered at 9.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the Rowley Regis Parish Church Magazine there is a 'Bell Ringers' Corner,' in which the doings of the local band are chronicled. This is an example which might be copied in other places, so that the parishioners might learn something of what the ringers are doing.

A peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832, conducted by Samuel Thurston.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

William Shipway arrived in London on July 29th, 1785, and joined the Junior Society of Cumberlands.

This event, in itself, is perhaps of no special significance, but it probably had an influence on the future of ringing, for it is unlikely that Shipway would have done so much to further the art of ringing, by researches and the publication of his 'Campanologia' had he remained in his native city of Bath, where, he writes, there was 'a respectable and able band of ringers, yet the art did not improve so rapidly as he wished.'

Had the late Mr. James W. Washbrook lived until Sunday next he would have been 60 years of age.

'W. H. C.' should write direct to the bell founders concerned.

Home from Australia on a visit, Mr. James Adams took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society on Saturday.

The peal rung at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on July 8th, should have been credited in our report to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and not to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as published.

Ringers friends of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, chairman of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild, will be pleased to know that the steady improvement in his health has been maintained during the past week.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE TAUNTON PEAL TABLET SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I say a word or two with reference to the paragraph headed 'No Peal Board,' which appeared in the report of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in your last issue. Owing to my unavoidable absence from the meeting, I asked Mr. J. Burge to put forward the suggestion that the association be asked to erect a tablet in St. Mary's ringing chamber, Taunton, recording the first peal on twelve bells (Stedman Cinques), rung there by the association, May 26th, 1923. I would like to remind the various speakers that this peal was not only rung for, but by men who have been members of the association for some years, and who, at the request of the local authorities, were privileged to open these bells when they were dedicated as twelve. The fact that eleven out of the twelve who rang the peal live practically in Somerset viz., Bristol, and the 12th man (myself) was a resident in the diocese for some years, is now a frequent visitor, and has been a member of the association for nearly thirty years (having commenced his ringing career at Taunton in 1898) entitles this first peal to be considered representative of the Bath and Wells Association, and not, as some speakers suggest, rung by an outside band. This and previous years' annual reports will show the usefulness of these members to the Bath and Wells Association, as witness the report for the year ending December, 1923, when only 26 peals were rung. These included, but evidently not worthy of mention in the Master's report, Stedman Cinques (the first peal on twelve bells for the association) at Taunton, May, 1923; Stedman Triples at Corston, Bath, May, 1923; Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral, August, 1923; and Stedman Triples at Edmonton, November, 1923, which is clear indication of the interest these so-called outside members take in the association, and who claim to have its interests and welfare, independent of peal ringing, just as much at heart as those who live in the diocese.—Yours truly,

Birmingham, July 21st, 1924.

ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A happy meeting was held by the Southern District of the above Society at St. Margaret's, Lee, Lewisham, on Saturday last. The tower was opened at four o'clock, and ringing commenced soon after with a few touches of Stedman, etc. At 5.30 a move was made to the small Kingswood Hall, close by, where the company sat down to a glorious tea supplied at a small cost by the Rector. A meeting followed, at which routine business was transacted, and the ringers expressed their sincere thanks for the use of the bells, and also for the sumptuous tea.—The curate replied on behalf of the Rector and the ringers, and said they were pleased to make the association welcome, and should be glad to see them again.

After tea the ringers returned to the tower, when the touches included Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

After tower bell ringing had concluded, a few members of the company made use of the fine peal of handbells that are in the belfry, and this brought to a close a fine meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ACTIVITY IN SOUTH WALES.

A quarterly meeting was held at Machen on Saturday last, and was exceedingly well attended. The Rector (the Rev. A. G. A. Picton) was at the tower early in the afternoon to welcome the visitors on arrival, and remained with the ringers until all had dispersed in the evening. The bells, a good going ring of eight, were kept employed during the afternoon. A committee meeting was held at 4 o'clock, and was followed by a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector.

Immediately after the service tea was partaken of in the Church Room, very kindly provided by one of the very best friends of the ringers and church, namely, Mrs. Newton Wade, whose husband did so much several years ago to bring about the rehanging of the bells, and the completion of the octave.

Tea over, the business meeting was held. Mention was made of rehangers and augmentations, but there was nothing definite to propose since the last meeting. In one case it was resolved that the hon. secretary should try personally to interview the incumbent, where there is a good deal of the money in hand, and endeavour to find out the cause of the scheme not being proceeded with.

The representatives to the Central Council gave their report of the proceedings, for which they were thanked.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Mathern, the next Glamorgan meeting being already fixed at Bonvilston.

Application was made by one of the Skenfrith ringers to the association to try and give some instruction or introduce change ringing there. It was pointed out that as Skenfrith was several miles away from any railway station without any bus service, or any means of getting there—being in the remote northern end of the county—it is almost impossible for instruction to be given. It was eventually decided, after a few had volunteered, that at least half a dozen ringers should specially visit the tower on the first Saturday in September with a view to doing all that is possible to introduce change ringing.

The Rector then announced that he was reorganising his band of ringers as, of late, some of the older members had got slack. Young blood was now being introduced, and a little later on he would be glad of the association's help in instruction.

Many new members were made, and after the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12th, a dozen members of the Northern Division met at Great Wymondley from Tring, Hitchin, Letchworth, Welwyn, Kimpton, together with the local band. Service, with an address, was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Thomas, and was followed by tea and meeting at the Green Man.

Mr. G. T. Croft was unanimously voted to the chair, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Royston in September as usual.

The customary votes of thanks were returned to the clergy, organist and chairman.—A return was then made to the tower for more ringing. During the afternoon and evening Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise were brought home.

Wymondley is looked upon as a centre for six bell ringing in the district, and some of the county ringers and conductors (including Mr. G. T. Croft, the chairman), first handled a bell in this tower.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The July meeting of the Western district was held at Apsley End, but another meeting in an adjacent district somewhat spoiled the attendance. Members were present from Tring, Borkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, and the local tower, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, and Kent Treble Bob. Unfortunately, the Vicar was unable to be present, so no service was held.

At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. H. Cutler (Apsley) was elected to the chair. One ringing member (King's Langley) and two probationers (Apsley) were duly elected.—Tring was chosen for the next meeting—on September 20th (adjacent towers and secretaries please note)—and it is hoped a large number will be present.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the local members for having everything in readiness, and the chairman for his services, both before and during the meeting, concluded the business. Further ringing then took place until 8 p.m.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 48 mins.: T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 1, A. Allen 2 T. R. Butler 3, P. Cross 4, G. H. Edwards 5, F. Evans 6, R. T. Evans 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD. ENTERTAINED AT BRISTOL.

The annual general meeting of the Guild, held at Bristol on July 12th, was without doubt the most successful which has yet been held. This was due to the efforts of the Bristol United Guilds, who did all that was possible to make the visiting members enjoy their stay.

Members who were able to get to Bristol in the morning were met at St. Thomas's Church by representatives of the Bristol United Guilds, and were taken by charabanc round some of the beauty spots of Bristol, including Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Avon Gorge. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas's Churches. The service was held at the latter church, and was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a most helpful address.

The Guild members and their friends were the guests of the Bristol United Guilds at tea, to which about 50 sat down, including the Vicar, churchwarden and organist. The arrangements had been carried out admirably, and the Bristol ringers excelled themselves as waiters.

Before the business meeting commenced, Mr. Leaker, chairman of the United Guilds, welcomed the Guild to Bristol, and took the opportunity of congratulating the members who had taken part in the first peal of Stedman Triples. He also spoke of the pleasure felt by Bristol ringers that one of their number should have been elected president of the Ladies' Guild, and on behalf of the United Guilds, he asked Mrs. Wilkins to accept a small token to mark the occasion.

This took the form of a bell brooch, suitably inscribed. The presentation came as a great surprise to the president, and the secretary of the Guild replied on her behalf, and thanked Mr. Leaker and his fellow members for their kind thought. She also thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, the churchwardens, organist, and choirboys, for their assistance; and last, but by no means least, she expressed the Guild's grateful thanks to the members of the United Guilds for their wonderful welcome and tea.

Mrs. Groves, of Birmingham, seconded the votes of thanks.

Mr. Guise, secretary of the United Guilds, also welcomed the members, and spoke of the unity existing amongst ringers at Bristol.—The Vicar also responded.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins. Two honorary members were elected. Mrs. A. Pulling, of Guildford, was elected president for the year, and Reading was chosen for the next annual meeting.—The hon. secretary was re-elected.

The accounts were submitted subject to audit, and accepted, showing a small deficit on the year's working.

It was decided to alter the subscription year to bring it in line with the accounts, by making subscriptions due on July 1st instead of October 1st. This means subscriptions ordinarily becoming due next October are now due. In view of the expense, it was decided that no reports should be issued this year.

Ringing afterwards took place at St. Stephen's Church. Several of the visitors who were unable to take part in the charabanc trip on Saturday were given the pleasure of a motor drive on Sunday, over the same ground, accompanied by Messrs. Cave, Knight and Wilkins, and they wish to tender their best thanks to these gentlemen.

A SUNDAY MEETING.

On Sunday afternoon, July 13th, a party of ringers, numbering about 14, and representing Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Hodnet and Stanton, met at Moreton Corbet tower, Salop, and rang touches in various methods on the beautiful peal of six bells. Short touches were the order of the day, to let everyone have a pull, including the local ringers, who turned up in full force to welcome the visitors. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles; also Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Some of the party also rang at Stanton for the evening service.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a Gainsborough district meeting, held at Broughton on Saturday, July 5th, there was a good attendance of members from Gainsborough, Scotter, Bigby, Brigg, Burton Stather, in addition to the local company.

The peal of five bells at St. Mary's were available and kept going to the standard methods in the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held, followed by tea.

At the business meeting, the following new members from Broughton were elected: The Rev. H. A. Herbert, Vicar of Broughton; Mr. H. Nixon, churchwarden, as honorary members; Messrs. W. Brumpton, F. Laming, E. Wass, R. Bell and R. Brumpton, as ringing members.

Afterwards some members went to Appleby to ring on the peal of six.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The annual gathering of members and friends of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, was held at Lichfield on July 5th, and proved to be a great success. Permission to use the bells at the Cathedral had been obtained, and this, no doubt, was responsible in a great measure for the additional numbers present over last year. Evensong at the Cathedral was well attended. Tea was provided at Lloyd's Restaurant, and was followed by the general meeting.

Mr. Alderman Pritchett was unanimously voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. Solly (West Bromwich), Mr. W. Evans (auditor), and Mr. Wm. Rock Small. The chairman was able to inform the meeting that Mr. Small's health had improved, and that he was able to get out for short walks (applause).

The report and statement of accounts were read and approved, the latter showing an increased balance in hand. The list of peals rung during the year is as follows: Grandsire Doubles (on handbells), 1; on tower bells, 2; Triples, 9; Caters, 1; Stedman Doubles (on handbells), 1; Triples, 12; Caters, 1; Cinques, 5; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Major, 3; Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 2; total, 42.

The officers were re-elected en bloc.

Places chosen for the coming meetings are Penkridge in September; Tettenhall in January; Shenstone in April; and Lichfield (annual) in June. By a happy coincidence, the Ladies' Guild (Midland branch) were holding their meeting at St. Michael's on the same day, and the two parties were thus able to join forces, both in the towers and at the tea tables—the total numbering over a hundred.

MEMORIAL BELL AT GAMSTON. DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL.

The Bishop of Southwell visited Gamston on Saturday, June 7th, for the purpose of dedicating the memorial bell, and the unveiling of the tablet placed in St. Peter's Church in memory of the seven men of the village who lost their lives in the great war. The bell is inscribed, 'Lest we forget, 1914-1918.' The following are the inscriptions on four of the bells:—

1. Thomas Hollis, Duke of Newcastle.
2. William Ibberson, William Perkin, W.C., 1721.
3. Do as you would be done by.
4. Daniel Hedderley cast us all in 1721.

There is no inscription on the fifth bell.

For many years the 'go' of the peal of five bells had been very bad, owing to the swaying of the old timbers which supported them; and the bells did not come up to the ideas of modern tuning. Sufficient money not being forthcoming to have the whole recast, early this year the tower was cleared, a new steel frame put in, and all the five bells retuned, and a new treble added to make a ring of six. The cost incurred amounted to £393, and with the laying of a new floor and making a ringing chamber, the alterations brought the total to £470. The whole work of rehanging and adding the new treble was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The retuning and the easy 'go' of the bells leave nothing to be desired. During the afternoon, when the bells were opened, a Gamston lady rang one of the bells with perfect ease; the work reflects the highest credit on the well-known arm of bell-hangers.

In the absence, through illness, of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Postlewaite), the Rural Dean, the Rev. C. Bailey, of East Retford, conducted the dedication service, and the clergy present included the Rev. J. S. G. Bailey (Sturton) and the Rev. W. G. Roach (Elkesly), who read the lessons; A. Ball, Askham; and W. V. Tunks, curate of Ordsall. After the second lesson, the Bishop and clergy, together with the churchwardens, proceeded to the vestry in the tower, where the Bishop unveiled the memorial tablet, which bears the following inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in honoured memory of the following men of Gamston who laid down their lives in the great war, 1914-1918, a treble bell has been hung in this tower. H. Borwick, H. Orwin, J. Carnall, J. Slater, S. Holand, H. W. Steads, A. Swannack. "Greater love hath no man than this."'

The 'Last Post' was sounded in church by Ex-Scoutmaster W. H. Briggs and Scoutmaster H. Cooke, 6th Retford Troop, and the reveille in the church porch.

Then followed the dedication of the new bell, and after prayers by the Bishop, a short touch was rung by a band, selected by the hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, from Retford, Ordsall, Treeton, Anston, Gainsborough and Worksop.

The Bishop devoted his address to the subject of 'witness-bearing.' Mrs. Postlewaite was at the organ, and played at the close of the service, 'O rest in the Lord.'

The bells were rung in the following methods until 7 p.m., when they were lowered in peal: Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent and Oxford. The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his hospitality, which included the use of a motor-car in conveying the ringers to and from Gamston.

LIVERPOOL'S NEW CATHEDRAL.

The dedication of the completed portion of the new Cathedral at Liverpool was carried out on Saturday with great ceremony and reverence, in the presence of the King and Queen.

The bells of St. Nicholas Church, the Municipal Buildings and Walton-on-the-Hill were rung during the day in celebration of the event. In addition to the local ringers, Messrs. H. Chapman, of Manchester, and Butler, of Ellesmere, took part in the ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden on July 5th, members being present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Burnley, Heptonstall, Mytholmroyd and Todmorden. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. Double Norwich was also attempted.

The business meeting was presided over by Miss R. A. Bell.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Hamer on Saturday, August 2nd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, was then passed, after which a vote of thanks to Miss Bell for the able manner in which she had presided, brought the meeting to a close.

This was the first Rochdale branch meeting at which a lady ringer has occupied the chair.

CHESHIRE RINGERS IN WALES.

What is hoped will be the forerunner of many similar jaunts took place on Saturday, July 5th, when a party of Wirral (Cheshire) ringers made an excursion into 'Wild Wales.' Just prior to starting from Birkenhead in the early morning we were approached by a damsel in distress, who had just missed her party (bound for the same destination as ourselves), and who invoked our good offices to try and overtake them. Bursting with generosity and chivalry we invited her to 'jump in and we'll do our best!' A run was made to Capenhurst, where we were joined by the hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Mr. E. W. Elwell). After a snapshot had been taken the ride started in real earnest, and after a delightful run through some splendid scenery, Rhyl was reached shortly after 11 o'clock, and the above-mentioned damsel was restored to her friends. A move was at once made to St. Thomas' Church, where the beautiful ring of eight were soon set going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the visitors were joined by Mr. A. J. Hughes (President of the North Wales Association). An adjournment was then made for lunch, and after the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, some of the more agile (?) members of the party sampled the thrills of the better-skelter, etc. By the way, one member of the party must have remarkable powers of attraction, as he tendered a 10s. note for an article and received 18s. change! Of course, he rectified the error!!

The beautiful marble church at Bodelwyddan was the next objective. This is a really wonderful church, marble of various kinds being extensively used in its interior construction, whilst the exterior is of limestone, and the gracefully slender spire stands out as a prominent landmark for miles around. Here again, coats were soon off, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor were brought round, whilst a course of Double Norwich was attempted, but not with the best results. Perhaps it was the fault of the bells—perhaps not! The clerk of the weather, who, up to now, had been extremely kind to the band of adventurers, now decided to show what he could do if he tried, and sent down some 'delightfully refreshing' showers. Tea at Ruthin was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church. Here we came across a delightful example of local 'repairs.' After ringing the bells up the ringer of the fourth could not set his bell at 'hand,' whilst at 'back' she went almost over. Oh, Francis! what have you been doing? On going to investigate, however, it was found that a new stay had been put on the wrong way about! Whilst this was being remedied the handbells were got out, and afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Cambridge Minor on the back six was next attempted, but the tenor was found to 'go' so badly that Oxford, Kent and Woodbine on the front six were decided upon. The striking was certainly an improvement, but the less said about the 'musical' effect the better! From Ruthin a start was made for home, with just a couple of stops to replenish the 'engine' with oil, and thus ended a most enjoyable day. Special thanks are due to the various Vicars for the use of the bells; to Mr. A. J. Hughes for his kindness in making arrangements for the ringing; and last, but by no means least, to Mr. T. A. Rogers, of Wallasey, for his generous duties in organising and carrying out all the arrangements for the outing.

W. J. B.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY GUILD.

The members of the Westminster Abbey Guild, after consulting maps, ways and means, etc., decided this year to spend their annual week-end outing in Gloucestershire, or rather a part of that beautiful county. With the kind assistance of Mr. W. T. Pates, the well-known Cheltenham conductor (of whom more hereafter), the Belle Vue Hotel, Cheltenham, was settled as headquarters, and the party, correctly fathered by Messrs. Oxborough and Newton, left Paddington at 7.30 on Saturday morning, July 12th. Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates welcomed the band at the Parish Church tower, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, conducted by Mr. H. R. Pasmore. After lunch, a motor bus was chartered for Tewkesbury. Unfortunately the Vicar was confined to his bed, and although he readily gave permission for ringing, it was impossible to find the keys in time, so the beauties of the famous Abbey and town were enjoyed. After tea, the bells at Cheltenham Parish Church were again utilised until 8.30, after which a social evening was spent at the Belle Vue, the party including Messrs. Phillott and Pates, Messrs. J. Austin and Harris, of Gloucester, and Davis, of Lydney.

After supper, the three latter friends were elected members of that 'honourable and ancient' order, the 'Tom-Tits,' the election being performed by the Grand Primo of the Order, Mr. John W. Golding, arrayed in his robes of office, supported by Deputy Primo Hughes, and Western representative, W. T. Pates. The new members were strictly enjoined to preserve inviolate the secrets of the order, and were greatly affected by the impressiveness of the ceremony. The election was followed by the Grand Primo conferring on the Western representative, the order of the Yellow Hat, in recognition of his services.

Further orders of merit are under consideration, and mighty fine did Master Golding look in his robes. However, 'sufficient for the day is the evil thereof' (vide Shakespeare or Robbie Burns, I know not which), and so to bed for early rising on Sunday. Rumours were current at breakfast of mysterious happenings and rites in the G.P.'s room, but Rumour being a fictitious jade, we pass it by.

The glorious morning was somewhat marred by a sad occurrence, to wit, the arrest of the Western representative by order of the G.P., the duty being mournfully but manfully carried out by Sergt. Clark and Brother Macdonald. The prisoner being released on probation, the tower was ascended, and three courses of Stedman Cinques were very nicely tapped. The bells are certainly a very fine peal of twelve for the weight (tenor 22 cwt.), and every bell is heard beautifully.

At 12.30, preceding lunch, the merits of the local waters were discussed, and after lunch a trip was made to Painswick, where, as is well known, hangs a remarkably fine peal of twelve (tenor 26 cwt., the back ten by Rudhall, and the trebles by Mears). These bells are not tuned on modern scientific lines, but it would be hard to imagine a finer peal for the weight.

The drive from Cheltenham to Painswick is a most beautiful one, and the range of views really wonderful.

After tea, at headquarters, came the sad clearing up, and bidding farewell to our genial friend and guide, Mr. Pates, Y.H. The journey home was quiet, for were we not rather tired with our exertions, but our irrepressible G.P. with great brain power, invented a new mechanical device, which may one day become famous. So was spent one of the most enjoyable and successful outings of the Guild.

AJAX.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Cople on Saturday last. A few earnest members were present (including Miss K. Willars, of Trumpington, Cambs), but it is hoped that more members will try and attend these meetings to make them a real success. One prominent figure was missed on this occasion, in the person of Mr. P. Inskip, who unfortunately met with an accident rather more than a week ago, and now lies in Bedford County Hospital with a fractured thigh. All the members wish him a speedy recovery.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Stapleton being in the chair, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kimbolton and Keysoe at the end of August. The date and time will be announced in 'The Ringing World.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS BANCROFT.

On Tuesday, July 8th, the funeral took place at the Keighley Cemetery of Mr. Thomas Bancroft. Four of the Parish Church ringers acted as bearers, and after the committal a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by J. Edmondson, R. W. Jennison, H. Thorpe and A. Jackson. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, with deeply muffled clappers.

The news of the death of Mr. Bancroft came as a shock to his friends in Keighley, who were expecting him on his holidays, but instead received a telegram to say he had died suddenly.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL IN NATAL.

On Monday, July 1st, in honour of the Natal centenary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 6-8 covering, was rung in 49 minutes at St. Mary's Church, Greyville, Durban: Miss Daisy Clarkson 1, W. H. Royston (late Milton-next-Gravesend) 2, John Prickett (late Chepstow, Mon.), conductor, 3, Harold Howard 4, Thomas Nash 5, T. Ewart Prickett (late Chepstow, Mon.) 6, Chas. Clarkson 8. This is the first quarter-peal in Natal, the first on the bells, and the first by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

FIFTY-THREE YEARS A RINGER.

An interesting presentation took place at the Rectory at Winterbourne, Glos., last week, when the Rev. E. J. Burroughs, on behalf of the ringers, handed to Mr. S. C. Blisp, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, a silver-mounted walking stick, inscribed 'S. C. Blisp, from the fellow-ringers, July 15th, 1924.'—The Rector wished Mr. Blisp good health for many years to come.

The bells at the Parish Church were rung during the evening, Mr. S. C. Blisp taking part in the ringing. Mr. Blisp has been a ringer for 53 years.

FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to offer my sincere regret to the band of worthy brother strings who took part with me in ringing a false peal at Rochester Cathedral in September, 1923. The composition was compiled in 1906, and luckily has not been rung before or since. The Rochester Sunday band can now claim their recent peal of Stedman Caters as the first on the bells. I further wish to apologise to the reverend hon. secretary of the K.C.A. for publishing a false peal in his report.—Yours truly,

F. A. HOLDEN.

Cranwell, July 14th, 1924.

5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

COMPOSED BY THE LATE SAM THOMAS.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	—	—	1	2
54263	1	—	2	2
23645	2	—	2	2
52436	2	—	1	2
54326	1	—	2	2
46325	2	—	1	2
35264	2	—	2	2
53462	—	1	2	2
32465	1	—	—	2
53624	—	—	2	2
56234	1	—	2	2
64235	1	—	—	2
25346	1	—	1	2
23456	—	—	1	2

This peal was first rung at All Saints', Sheffield, December 6th, 1900, conducted by its author, and was rung again as a memorial peal at Rammoor on July 8th. The figures have not been published previously.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Preston, Suffolk, on Wednesday evening, June 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Symonds 1, H. D. Lister 2, W. R. J. Poulton 3, K. Whittell 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Hollocks (conductor) 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. A. Hollocks, the oldest ringer in Preston, who was unable to be present, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

AFTER 28 YEARS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Sunday, 20th July, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Wells 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, W. C. Hasted (London) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Prior 8. This is the first touch in any method by W. C. Hasted for 28 years past.

EASTBOURNE RINGER'S DEATH.

On June 16th, at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. G. Waymark 1, A. H. Gower 2, J. Sharp, senr., 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. Sharp, junr., 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to an old and much-valued member of St. Saviour's Guild, Mr. Ernest Marchant, who was interred on the above date.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hunt 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmer 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, W. C. Stacey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, for morning service, in 45 mins., Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. B. Evans 1, W. E. Evans 2, L. Parton 3, T. W. Cattell 4, A. E. Clarke 5, C. Winwood (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Hopson 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of the day and Sunday Schools. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the Parish Church.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. H. Hayward 4, H. Gassor 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. G. Cook 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), for evening: Miss Elsie E. Chapman 1, D. Wright 2, Miss Ellen E. Hardcastle 3, Miss Freda E. Orr 4, T. G. Bannister 5, W. S. Smith (conductor) 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. W. Holdaway 8, C. Austin 9, G. Burt 10. The ladies are from Streatham; the ringer of the 7th from Kensington, and the conductor hails from Mitcham; the rest are of the local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by M. J. Morris, in 41 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston (first quarter inside) 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.—For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, for practice, on Thursday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Dyas 1, G. W. Frayne 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. W. Roberts 4, P. E. Clark 5, C. Winney 6, W. E. Judd 7, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Haigh (York) 1, H. Ferguson 2, A. Horner (York) 3, J. R. Barton 4, L. Drake (Leeds) 5, S. Steel (York) 6, H. Walker (Doncaster, conductor) 7, H. Gibson 8. The quarter-peal was rung to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of the church, also as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss D. Ferguson, youngest daughter of the 2nd ringer. Mr. H. Ferguson is the father of change ringing in Scarborough. In honour of the same events an attempt was made for Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, on the following evening. Unfortunately, after two hours' ringing, it was thought advisable to let the bells run home at the end of the eighth part, owing to the excessive heat and the very heavy 'go' of the tenor and one or two other bells. The band stood as follows: E. Humphreys 1, H. Ferguson 2, A. E. Earnshaw (York) 3, H. Gibson 4, L. Drake (Leeds) 5, J. R. Barton 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, F. Davison 8.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 13th, before afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jones 1, A. E. Richards 2, W. Clarke 3, W. Thomas 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 6, S. Jones, junr., 7, R. Ince 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival, Rushbearing Sunday.

SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor: H. F. Clulow 1, A. J. Chamberlain 2, T. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (first as conductor) 6, G. W. Kirk 7, W. D. Shorthose 8 (7-8 covering). Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. J. Richardson, who was Rector of Southwell 1900-1910, also Archdeacon of Nottingham.

GODSTONE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: K. Hoare 1, Miss G. Pulley 2, Miss P. Hoare 3, R. Hoare 4, L. Trigg 5, W. Beeson, senr. (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 39 mins.: Miss P. Hoare 1, Miss G. Pulley 2, K. Hoare 3, R. Hoare 4, L. Trigg 5, W. Beeson, senr. (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Riley 1, W. Stevens 2, F. Smith 3, F. Alleyway 4, W. Glover 5, J. Warnken 6, I. Attwater (conductor) 7, S. Wapshere 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Gotch (first quarter-peal) 1, W. R. Parker (conductor) 2, E. Sibley 3, G. W. Wehb 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, at Tynemouth Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Robertson 1, J. George 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, J. E. Scott 5, E. Fern 6, Geo. Dix (conductor) 7, R. A. Sheock 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd bells, and the longest touch for the ringer of the 8th and treble, and first quarter-peal called by the conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Martin 1, A. W. Garraway 2, G. Martin 3, J. Marr (first quarter) 4, E. W. Eldridge (first quarter) 5, T. Goodchild (first quarter) 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTER.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Martin 1, H. Martin 2, J. Eades 3, T. Allbut 4, T. Wilson 5, W. E. Wilson 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, A. Barrett 8. Arranged for Messrs. W. E. and T. Wilson, who were on a visit from Blackburn, Lancs.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Turfroy 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, W. Clayton 4, C. Westmacott 5, D. Hills 6, J. C. Acock (conductor) 7, R. Hayward 8. First quarter by the tenorman, who was a local ringer previous to joining the army.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, for choral celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): S. White 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, A. Wooff 4, G. Stone 5, W. Shave (first quarter-peal) 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, F. Sparshott 8, W. Fowler 9, B. Kerley 10.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church of St. George, on Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Lloyd 4, F. Newsome 5, H. Walker 6, R. Henson 7, H. Baldwin 8.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Abbey, for evening service, 952 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: E. Cole 1, F. Harris 2, W. Yeend 3, T. Harris 4, A. Hannis 5, F. Smith 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, G. Watts 8.

ERITH.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Cullum 1, W. Axtell 2, F. Axtell 3, F. J. Cullum 4, E. Nott (conductor) 5, G. Cullum 6, H. Holden 7, V. Robinson 8.

WRAXALL.—At the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of Portishead belfry, in 50 mins.: Miss Broad 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Willott 4, Messrs. Goldstone 5, Nisbett 6, Gillingham 7, Rowbotham 8.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, for morning service at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. J. Huxall (Heavitree, Exeter), 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Brookland 3, C. Edwards 4, P. E. Clarke 5, E. Harris 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, A. R. Macdonald 8.

HOLBORN.—St. Andrew's Guild.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Harman 1, C. Choet 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, T. Lee 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. C. Russell 7, J. Hawkins 8. First quarter as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Peddle 1, E. Wightman 2, P. Jones 3, H. Folkard 4, J. Corks 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, J. Lucas 8.—On Wednesday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: J. Lucas (first quarter away from the tenor) 1, G. Gutteridge 2, Miss P. M. Moss (conductor) 3, P. Jones 4, J. Corks 5, E. Hancox 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys (first quarter-peal) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, S. Ward 2, A. W. Bowers 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, L. Payne 8. Longest touch for ringers of 2nd and tenor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court Minor: S. Copling (first 720) 1, A. C. Corbyn 2, R. A. Warman 3, H. Dennison 4, W. H. Barrett 5, F. A. Finch (conductor) 6.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, April 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with bells muffled, in 50 mins., as a mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. Alon A. Watts, who was a Vicar for about 25 years, up to 1917, when he exchanged livings with the Rev. Felix Asher, of Brighton (now deceased): L. Middleton 1, A. Pearson 2, S. Wapstaff 3, D. Hill 4, F. Johnson (conductor) 5, F. Holehouse 6, J. Tuke 7, H. Middleton 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 300 Stedman Triples: D. Coombs 1, A. Newman 2, W. Gibbs 3, E. Large 4, W. Large 5, J. Jarvis 6, F. Barlow (conductor) 7, F. Candy 8. And for C.F.M.S. afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with D. Coombs as conductor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Saturday, July 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Hawksford 1, Miss F. Hawksford 2, S. J. Peck 3, L. J. Flint 4, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 5, G. R. Newton 6. The first five ringers are from St. Neots, and the sixth from Liverpool.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on July 2nd, 420 Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, *R. Baird 2, *Wal. Dobbins 3, *A. Sluiman 4, Harold Willis 5, *William Dobbins 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, C. Willis 8. * Longest touch in Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. Will. Dobbins.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Saturday, June 28th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, consisting of ten six-scores each called differently, and a plain course: T. R. Butler (conductor) 1, S. J. Lewis (first quarter-peal, and is a local ringer) 2, W. S. Higginson 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6.

LEWISHAM.—On June 6th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Preston, M.A., to the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, senr. (conductor), 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett 5, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—In honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, on June 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. J. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves (first 720 of Oxford) 2, Christopher Woolley 3, Fred Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Dring 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: Christopher Woolley 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. J. Ginn 3, C. Robinson 4, A. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—For the King's birthday, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in the morning: S. Goodwin 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, W. W. Fox 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. — In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, H. Warnett 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8; and a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor), 5, H. Warnett 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: E. C. Shepherd 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. A. Jones 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, A. Coppock 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Blewitt 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, G. Warner 4, T. Perry 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Prior 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Thursday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Chivers 1, C. Hazelden 2, E. Raddon 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, W. Louder 5, G. Petter 6, G. J. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. This was the first quarter of Stedman Caters for the ringers of the 1st, 6th, 7th and 10th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, S. Hoare 2, G. Seaman 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. Henry Edwards as Vicar of Watford.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday evening, April 10th, at Great St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Welch 1, W. C. Ibbett 2, J. Taylor 3, A. T. Chenery 4, T. R. Dennis 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 7, P. Taylor 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Ely (the Rev. J. L. White-Thomson), who held a Confirmation service in the afternoon at St. Mary's. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent, and Double Court Minor, for service, were also rung, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Messrs. J. B. Woolley, W. H. J. Hooton, H. J. Hazell, P. Taylor and W. Welch, taking part.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, March 27th, at the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine, upon the occasion of the induction of the Rev. C. T. Powell to the vicarage of this parish, 720 Plain Bob: W. Thomas 1, J. J. Jeffries 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, W. Edgington 6. — Also for evening service, on Sunday, March 30th, a 720 of Oxford Bob by the same band, conducted by W. Lewis.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, Bulkington, on Thursday, March 27th, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Thorpe 1, S. Sewell 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Thorpe 4, J. Beale (conductor) 5, R. Furberough 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, which have just been augmented to six.

NOTICES.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 26th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's Church at 11.30. Preacher: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Dinner at Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 12.30. Business meeting immediately after. Dinner tickets: members, 2/6; non-members, 3/- each. The tower of St. Lawrence will be open half an hour before Service and one hour after meeting; St. Mary's until 6 p.m., St. John's, Caversham, Tilehurst, Shiplake, Sonning, All Saints and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and Mapledurham in afternoon and evening.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (5) ready at 2.30, Great Barford 6 o'clock. Tea at 5 at Roxton. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eye on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 p.m.—A. Talbot, Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Youghreave (8 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. A charabanc will leave Bakewell at 3 p.m. for Youghreave, returning to Bakewell at 7 p.m., fare 1/6 return. Tea 1/6 each, at the Bull's Head, Youghreave. Bakewell bells available from 7.30 p.m.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale St., Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, July 26th (bells 6). Business meeting 4.30 p.m. Diseworth bells will also be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 26th.—The bells at Kirkby Mallory will be available from 3 p.m.; those of Peckleton after 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Orston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open 2 o'clock. Tea free to all who advise Rev. C. Jt Sturton, Orston Vicarage, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. Train leaves Nottingham 2.18, return fare 1/7. Will those requiring tickets please let me know by first post Friday, July 25th? Meet at Victoria Station 2 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Loc. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1s. will be made. Members and friends welcome. Bells recently rehung.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, to follow in the Village Hall. Will all who intend being present notify me by Wednesday, July 23rd, the latest? Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Foy on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—John Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—A Ringers' meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, tomorrow, Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HANDBELL RINGING.—A Fortnightly meeting for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, commencing Friday, August 1st. All those interested in handbell ringing are cordially invited to attend.—E. J. Brown, 31, Arlington Road, St. Anne's Park, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, August 2nd. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Fred Althorp, Hon. Sec., Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please write not later than July 29th?—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late St. James' Society.)—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday (3rd) at 10 a.m., and Monday (18th) at 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday (25th) at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The bells of this Church having been rehung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, at Macclesfield. Service 10.50. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George and Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting. Tickets 2/6 per head. Luncheon will be provided for those members who notify the Secretary on or before Monday, July 28th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, at Ecclesfield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). I would remind all those intending to be present, that, shops being closed, tea can ONLY be provided for those sending word to Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, not later than Thursday, July 31st.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. Bells of All Saints' available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gala day and sports, etc., cricket match in morning, proceeds in aid of new bells. A splendid programme of sports has been arranged commencing at 2 p.m. in field near church. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided on ground at 4 p.m., 1/- per adult and 6d. for children. A special meat tea for ringers in church hall at 1/6 per head for all those who notify Mrs. Bartley, The Vicarage, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than July 31st. Cheap tickets at single fares for return journey will be issued to Crow Park or Carlton stations from Doncaster, Grantham or Sheffield and intermediate stations, available by any train due to arrive before 3.30 p.m. The express due to pass Crow Park will stop specially at this station at 8.30 p.m. to take up passengers for Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations.—H. Haigh, H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Chalfont St. Peter (6) 10 a.m.; Chalfont St. Giles (6) 11.30 a.m.; Amersham (6) 2 p.m.; Beaconsfield (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must be sent to me by July 31st as a definite number has to be stated.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual Summer meeting will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, August 4th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe, the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and their friends during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec. Guildford District, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. Parish Church bells (8). Also by kind permission of the Rector of Romalldkirk Cotherstone, Cotherstone bells (6) are available. Tea at the Royal Restaurant at Galgade, Barnard Castle, at 5 p.m., 1/- per head to those who notify me on Tuesday, August 5th.—E. Sherry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

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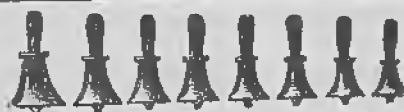
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