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THE CARE OF CHURCH BELLS.

The Central Council is undertaking a work of considerable value in their effort to place in the towers of this country a carefully drawn up card of instructions on the care of church bells. This is not the first time they have turned their attention to the subject, for there has been for years, among their publications, a brochure dealing with the preservation of bells. Useful as the latter is, however, it is probable that the card which has now been printed, may be of even greater utility, for, whereas this should find a permanent place in the belfry, a leaflet is likely to be torn or lost. A matter of importance in putting these cards to the most effective use is that of distribution. They will be valuable in any belfry, but they will be of greatest value if they can be got into the neglected belfries and the authorities brought to realise the importance of the instructions being acted on. Here is where the difficulty arises, because where the bells are neglected there is seldom anyone to be found who would trouble to act upon the advice. The Council were well advised to take steps to bring the cards to the notice of the Rural Deans, as the most likely means of giving effect to their desires, but they will probably find it necessary to go a step further if they are to make the most of the opportunity they are creating.

The present position with regard to the oversight of bells, as with other church property, is that it is the duty of Rural Deans to inspect belfries periodically and report to the Bishop. This report, in some dioceses at any rate, is gone through by the Archdeacon, and recommendations with regard to repairs, etc., are made to those responsible for the upkeep of the church. There is, however, no power to enforce these recommendations, and it lies with the Incumbent, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council to accept or reject the advice as they think fit. We have no doubt that when recommendations come from higher quarters to the church authorities, every effort is made, as far as funds permit, to carry them out; but the trouble in the case of bells and belfries is that very few Rural Deans bother about them—were it otherwise there would not be so many instances of dilapidated bells and dirty belfries. Indeed, so little do some Rural Deans know about bells that they could hardly be expected to be able to report upon their efficient maintenance, even if they climbed into the tower.

This particular matter is exercising certain members of the Chester Guild, and it is likely that the Central Council may be asked at their next meeting to discuss a suggestion that, through diocesan or other channels, Rural Deans be asked, where they have no personal tech-

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nical knowledge of bells, to appoint as their deputy for the purposes of inspection, some person with the requisite qualifications. If this suggestion could be carried out, we believe it would prove a most useful one, and there should be no practical difficulties if the Rural Deans would fall in with the scheme. Indeed, it would not be surprising if, in the long run, many churches would find that it would mean a saving of money—on the proverbial 'stitch in time' principle.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND RINGING WEEK.

The North of England Ringing Week resulted in the successful accomplishment of ten peals, as recorded below. Nine visitors and nine local men, who took part in them, desire to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the kindness and co-operation of the respective clergy and towerkeepers at the churches visited during the week, June 20th to 27th. Thirteen peals were attempted in all, at twelve different towers in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, three of which were lost through mistakes on the part of the band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in E flat.

ISAAC G. SHADE	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER...	7
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ...	2	HARRY PARKES	8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M....	9
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	4	ERNEST E. FERRY	10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5	EDWARD JENKINS... ..	11
RICHARD THOMPSON ...	6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
Rung on the anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

NORTH SHIELDS, TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ...	2	EDWARD JENKINS... ..	7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT ...	3	HARRY PARKES	8
WILLIAM NEVARD ...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	9
THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ...	2	JOHN G. HALL	7
ISAAC G. SHADE ...	3	THOMAS METCALF	8
THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	4	HARRY PARKES	9
WILLIAM NEVARD ...	5	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M....	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Organised 1877.)

On Saturday, June 20 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 28 lb. in E.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD	5
C.S.M. JAS. BENNETT, R.M.	2	HARRY PARKES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE ...	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER... ..	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

C.S.M. J. BENNETT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM NEVARD Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
C.S.M. J. BENNETT 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD 5
JOSEPH W. PARKER 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

STRANTON, HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 6
WILLIAM FUSSELL 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MEMORIAL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*RICHARD GRANT Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 8
†W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9
KOWLAND BARROW 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled during the time of the dedication and unveiling of Leicestershire's War Memorial Arch. The tenor bell was recast 1921 to the memory of one of the fallen heroes, Corpl. W. Quinton-Lander.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
FLT.-SGT. F. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality before the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	WALTER BARRETT 6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
CHARLES ROOPE 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the sixth bell.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT GILBERT Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
WILFRID C. IBBITT 3	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS 7
*WILLIAM A. TACK 4	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Marshall, M.A., who was inducted on June 29th, 1925, by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Marshall for his kind hospitality after the peal. The 2nd ringer hails from Great Shelford; 3rd and 5th, Cambridge; 4th and 6th, Barley, Herts; 7th and tenor, local.

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(ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY, NORTH STONEHAM.)

On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Dunedin, N.Z.
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first time the composition has been rung, the figures of which arrived in a letter to the conductor, from Mr. Wilde, dated Dunedin, N.Z., April 10th, 1925.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of our general secretary, Mr. George Pullinger to Miss Christina Butler, of Malden, Surrey. Also Mr. W. T. Tucker's 200th peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
JOHN BURLES 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... 6
* EDWARD J. BEER 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	JOHN AVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in any method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble	WM. BARRETT 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	FRANK COPEMAN ... 6
† CHAS. BAKER 3	FREDK. SMITH ... 7
* WILLIAM CLOVER 4	GEO. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

† 200th peal. * 100th peal.

SHILDON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RAILWAY CENTENARY PEAL.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM NEWTON Treble	THOMAS CLARK 5
ALFRED COATES 2	JAMES W. NEWTON ... 6
WILLIAM D. LISTER 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7
GEORGE W. PARK 4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

Rung for the centenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. All the above ringers are employed by the L.N.E. Railway, and work on the route served by the old S. and D. Railway.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Six and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

SAM GREENHALGH Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	JOHN WILKINSON ... 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. T. WILDE (No. 5). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 79th anniversary of the dedication of the church's 6th year of Rector's ministry, and a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. William E. Ryder, who has been a ringer in this tower for 65 years.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST POWELL ... 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by the late SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	ARTHUR CROSS 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
CHARLES J. TRICKER 3	JOSEPH MILNER ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BORTON.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. A. Beckensale, one of the local band. After the peal the band were invited to a substantial repast at the residence of Mr. Beckensale, when an enjoyable evening was spent, everyone wishing the happy couple continued health and prosperity.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

* THOMAS JONES Treble	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	† ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by the late T. THURSTAN.

Conducted by A. J. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First in the method as conductor. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. O. Rees, Rector of Bagillt, Flint, to Miss Evelyn Poulkes, of Ark Holme, Bagillt, which took place at Bagillt on July 4th, 1925.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	* CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 5
MISS EVA LEWIS 2	WALTER MARTIN ... 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3	JOHN E. MORETON ... 7
MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Beamish on the eve of his 21st birthday.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

JOHN BROWN Treble	TOM CHAMBERS 5
ALFRED BLOGG 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED RIGBY 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON
First peal in the method for ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent.

ERNEST WAKELING Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten ways. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALBERT COOMBS Treble	EDGAR BOURTON... .. 4
*WILLIAM SHERBORNE ... 2	HARRY PROUT 5
FRANK BOUCHER 3	ALBERT SHERBORNE Tenor

Conducted by H. PROUT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	WALTER KERRISON 4
FREDERICK PECK... .. 2	JAMES HOWARD 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK... .. 3	HERBERT G. PRATT Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH & CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman, Grandsire, April Day, Morning Star, Canterbury, Old, and Bob Doubles. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	FREDERICK PECK... .. 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK 5
HERBERT G. PRATT 3	JERETHAN JOLLY Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for Mr. H. G. Pratt, of Croydon.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	JOHN MALYAN 4
*FRANCIS KIRK 2	CHARLES JEFFS 5
THOMAS J. HOLL 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor, and elected a member. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hunt.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Royston Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

HENRY CROSSLAND Treble	*GEORGE LORD 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSE Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung on the eve of H. Crossland's birthday, who was 80 years of age on the following day, Sunday, July 5th, to whom great credit is due for the way he rang all through the peal. He has been a ringer at Cawthorne 62 years. The remainder of the band belong to the Wath company.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Winchester on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by some 90 members from many towers of the diocese.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews was in the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Williams, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Stone, Mr. E. Raddon, Mr. J. Hessey, Mr. W. Tucker, and other officers. All the retiring officers were re-elected.

It was agreed that a donation of £5 5s. be made to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and Messrs. Williams and Pulling spoke of the great work of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Portsmouth in 1926, and at Guildford in 1927, on the first Saturday in July in each case.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the Chairman spoke of the apathy of many of the clergy towards change ringing and the Guild. Mention was also made of the great loss sustained by the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on July 25th, in connection with the restored tomb of William Rayner, the service to be held at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited to attend.

The Secretary announced that the augmented ring of six at Woolton Hill would be dedicated on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers would be welcome, and tea provided for those who notified Mr. Balaam, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks, early.

After a long discussion, the motion to provide free certificates was referred for further consideration.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Bishop of Southampton, who was lying seriously ill in a London hospital.

A vote of congratulation was passed to the hon. secretary on his recent marriage.

The service was held in the Cathedral, and the Guild form of service was used. The Dean of Winchester gave a very interesting and helpful address, and said that he understood that this was the first time that a dean had taken a service of the Guild.

Tea was served to nearly 100 in St. Maurice Hall, where the Rev. C. E. Matthews presided, supported by the Rev. S. M. Watson.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter, the Rector of St. Maurice, and the Vicar of Twyford for the use of their respective bells.—The Rev. S. M. Watson suitably replied.

During the afternoon and evening the bells at the Cathedral, St. Maurice (Winchester) and Twyford were available for ringing, and various methods practised, ranging from Stedman Cinques and Bristol Major to Grandsire Doubles.

It was with deep regret that the members learned of the ill-health of the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' and wishes for his speedy recovery were expressed.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, July 4th, a meeting was held at Harlington, when over 40 members and friends attended.

Ringing lasted from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Wilson), accompanied by the organist and choir.

An excellent address was given by the Rector, who gave the association a most cordial welcome.—After the service, tea was served to all present.

The business meeting followed, and votes of thanks to the Rector, choir, and others who had helped to make it such a success, was carried. The tower was again visited, and some handbell ringing was given by Messrs. Herbert, Roberts, Kippin, Goodfellow, and others, and much enjoyed by all.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The custom of the Central Council is never to go a second time to any place where it has once met. But I fancy the year is not far distant when this will have to be altered. The number of towns really suitable for the meeting is not too large, and is becoming used up. The place you want is a small town, with a Cathedral that can offer its Chapter House, or such like, for the actual meeting, a good peal of bells or two, plenty of historical and architectural buildings, the whole set in beautiful country, and last, but by no means least, good railway facilities. A big order, you say, but Salisbury supplied it with something added; and Chester equalled, if it could not surpass, Salisbury's record. What can Ipswich do next year? You can be pretty sure that so far as warmth of hospitality goes the East will not lag behind the West or the South. The country round Ipswich is fairly interesting, but there is no New Forest and no Eaton Park. And the town is well enough in its way, but there is no Cathedral, or even a parish church of first rank. The biggest church, St. Mary-le-Tower, is a modern affair, and rather uninteresting at that. One thing Ipswich has, and that is a most historical ring of twelve bells. There is no other twelve-bell tower that has anything like the record that Ipswich has. Peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise on eight, ten and twelve. Peals of Grandsire and Stedman on seven, nine and eleven; besides Superlative and London Major. And the reputation for good striking has always been as high as anywhere in the country. They used to say that all the peals at Ipswich had to be good ones, because if there was a muddle nobody could put the bells right. It was a case of a good peal or none at all. There is something to be said for that.

It must be ten years or more ago when we first began to think about going to Ipswich. Anyway, we are much overdue, and the pity is that Jimmy Motts, first-class ringer, and best of fellows, is no longer alive to meet us.

But for one thing, what a glorious place for a C.C. meeting Wells would be! There is everything you want. A beautiful Cathedral—Chester is not to be mentioned along side it—one of the heaviest and finest rings of bells in England, a quaint old city, set in most beautiful country. Then there is St. Cuthbert's Church, with its noble tower and heavy peal of bells—that by itself is worth a visit. While for the fortunate ones who manage to begin on the Saturday and end on the Wednesday or Thursday, there are Glastonbury and Cheddar, and Bath and Bristol quite handy. Really we must think of going to Wells one of these days. Only would that the railway facilities were better.

Big towns are not much good. I suppose we must not altogether neglect them. There is Nottingham and Liverpool and Southampton. Their turn will no doubt come, but the small towns are the thing. Even the London meeting might sometimes be held with advantage in a small town. Which is not so Irish as it looks. Why not hold it one year at St. Albans or Guildford?

Alderman Pritchard's motion to discourage making eight-bell rings into ten was treated naturally enough as a huge joke, the crowning touch of comedy being supplied when the only one who voted for it was Mr. Pryce Taylor. But don't you think there is something to be said in its favour from the point of view of change ringing? Just see what happens often enough. You have an eight-bell tower and a good band. They ring Stedman Triples, Kent and Double Norwich, and perhaps two or three of the Surprise Methods. Plain Bob and Grandsire they could ring, but probably don't. Then, says one: How much better to have ten bells! And they agitate, and with a little luck the money comes, and they get their ten bells. And then? Well, instead of ringing five or six methods, henceforth and for evermore they ring Stedman Caters, and nothing else but Stedman Caters. Now, Stedman Caters may be a very fine method, but I submit you can have too much of a good thing—even of Stedman Caters. But, say you, you can ring Major methods in an eight-bell tower if you want to, can't you? Yes, you can; but the point is that you don't. At least not unless you meet short.

Of course, tastes differ. There are men who are content to ring nothing but Stedman Cinques from year's end to year's end.

Talking of Stedman Caters, why does not some brave conductor call a peal with the big bells in the natural round at back position? It is pretty nearly as good as the luttums position, and a lot better than the handstroke position. But no. It's not done. We are a lot of sheep. We all go the same way as the others.

Mr. Young has given notice of a resolution practically condemning what is called Simpson tuning. You may be sure we shall have a heated debate. The partisans on one side and the other will rally to the call. The trouble with so many of us is that we really don't know anything definite about the matter. We know what we like, and we know what we dislike. And we say what we think pretty often, and without sparing of words. But the experts have us at their mercy. You can't argue with an expert, for he knows and you do not. He may be wrong in the long conclusion; and you may be right. But what he knows he does know; while you don't know anything. In the

interests of sportsmanship and fair play let us hope we may have experts on both sides. Then we can enjoy the battle. And perhaps (who knows?) learn something worth knowing about the matter.

And surely the Coventry people ought to think twice and thrice before they put their famous ring of ten into the melting-pot. When we were young—how many years ago, alas!—the old uns used to say that the three best peals of ten in England were Coventry, Rotherham and Stepney. I think they were the three. Anyway, Coventry was one. Rotherham have been recast; Stepney are somewhat fallen from their high estate; and now Coventry are to go. I dare say a good deal of their reputation was due to the tower they hung in. I dare say that what made a good ringing peal will not necessarily make good carillon bells. But if they are anything like as good as people said, it would be a pity to recast.

NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As is self-evident, a slip has occurred in setting up the type of sub-section III. of the proposed new names, in the paragraph of 'Recommendations,' as printed in your issue of June 26th, page 410. The fourth and fifth items in the 'Old Names' column—'Duke of Norfolk' and 'Grandsire Treble Bob,' which are one and the same method, should have been bracketed, and the new name proposed is, of course, Grimsby for both of them.

And, as a further result of this slip, the whole of the column of 'Proposed New Names' from 'Grimsby' downwards, is one line too high, as far down as 'Vale Royal,' which should be in line with Shaftesbury, the new name 'Woodbridge' appearing twice in error. This misprint is unfortunate, as there is a possibility of these Recommendations of our Committee, being in consequence, misunderstood.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON,

Convener of the Nomenclature Committee.

30th June, 1925.

In order to make clear the names proposed to be substituted, we reprint the list of Section III. as it should originally have appeared: (III.) Unsuitable and inconvenient. (1st instalment.)

Old Name.	Proposed New Name.
British Scholars' Pleasure (12)	Britford
College Bob 4th (21)	Becking
Duke of Clarence (24)	Clarence
Duke of Norfolk (3)	
Grandsire Treble Bob	Grimsby
Evening Star (25) (26?)	Eccleston
Francis Genius (39)	Tamworth
Kent Delight (13) (14)	Kenley
Kentish Delight (7)	Kenilworth
Loch Lomond (18)	Lomond
London Scholars' Pleasure (7)	Fulham
London Victory (27)	Lambeth
Lytham Pleasure (14)	Lytham
Morning Star (6)	Mornington
Norton-le-Moors (29)	Norton
Old Oxford Modernised (17)	Dorchester
Princess Mary (Royal)	Goldsbrough
Queen Victoria (36)	Victoria
Ringers' (Surprise) (38)	Preston
St. James' Youths' Exercise (8)	St. James.
Trinity Sunday (15)	Trenton
Vale Royal (9)	Shaftesbury
Woodcock's Victory (11)	Woodbridge
Wooler (10)	Ripon

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon writes pointing out that there was an obvious error in the list as originally published, and calls attention to the fact that the name Tamworth appears in the proposed new names both in Sections I. and III. He adds: I think, frankly, that the Central Council are on the right track to get a uniformity of names for methods, which has been lacking for many years, and sincerely hope at their next meeting they will be able to make out a complete list, and be able to publish them in book form.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Midsummer day, 1904, the bells of Southover Church, Lewes, were rung to celebrate the birth of a son-and-heir to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking. On June 24th last the same bells celebrated the coming-of-age of this young man, who, though not a ringer himself, has found ringing affairs very much commingled with his family life. It had been intended to attempt a peal—his father had called a peal on these bells on his own twenty-first birthday—but a service intervened, and only a touch could be substituted. This was 798 Grandsire Triples by G. T. W. Ward 1, R. W. E. Dawe 2, R. J. Dawe 3, R. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, D. White 6, A. J. Turner 7, J. F. Steadman 8. Afterwards, 'the health of Mr. J. H. Goldsmith' was toasted at a hostelry known to most ringers who have visited the county town of Sussex.

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST (LEYTONSTONE) OUTING.

June 20th and 21st were the days chosen for the above, and on Saturday, June 20th, ten members joined the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington to Chippenham, to try some of the rings of bells in the Devizes district of Wiltshire. Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, and one of the local ringers, met the party at Chippenham. After breakfast, a start was made on the ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, where Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. The next place of call was St. Nicholas', Bromham, a peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). Here 720 Beverley Surprise was rung, the bells not going too well, as the bell hanger had not finished with them. St. Matthew's, Rowde, was next visited (6 bells, tenor 13½ cwt.). Lincoln Surprise was lost when two leads from home, owing, no doubt, to the very long draught of rope. Lunch over, a drive through lovely scenery brought us to St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, where 720 York Surprise was rung on the grand ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.), and the 'go' was excellent. Then on to the grand old church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, where 720 London Surprise was rung, non-conducted, on this good peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). The next stop was at Trowbridge to try a pull on the first peal of ten in Wills, where Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung in fine style. Hilpertons was soon reached, where, on the light peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.), 720 Southwell and Norwich were soon tapped off. The last place for Saturday was the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend, where on the sweet-toned and well-going ring of six (tenor 14½ cwt.), a 720 each of Ipswich and Lincoln Surprise was rung.

At the hotel, where the party stayed the night, a pleasant hour was spent with touches on the handbells, etc. Sunday saw the party at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, where a 720 London Surprise was called on the grand peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). Also a 720 Norwich Surprise by Mr. Prior. St. James' Church was next visited, where Mr. S. Hillier conducted 720 Plain Bob, after which a 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung, conducted by Mr. T. Faulkner, and then on to St. John's Church, where, on the splendid peal of eight, Stedman Triples and a good touch of Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

After lunch, the organiser had the party on the move again, this time by charabanc to his native village of Bishops Cannings. Permission was soon obtained from the Rector to ring on this grand old ring of eight. Stedman Triples and a good touch of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, conducted by Mr. T. Faulkner.

After an early tea, a pull on St. Paul's, Chippenham, was arranged, where the local ringers had everything in readiness, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round. Various touches of

Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung at all the places visited. The members wish to express sincere thanks to the clergy who so readily granted permission to ring; to all the local ringers who had the bells ready; and to Mr. Hillier, of Devizes, who assisted in making the outing a great success.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Battle, on Saturday, June 27th, members attending from the following towers: Eastbourne, St. Saviour's; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; Christ Church, Blacklands; Rye, Southover, Lewes, Salehurst, Shoreham, Pevensey, together with members of the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel bell foundry, was also present.

Ringings commenced at 2.30 p.m. The usual service was attended by the members, and the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard, M.A.) gave an excellent address, which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone present.

Between 30 and 40 members sat down to a splendid tea, which had been provided in the Parish Room, through the kindness of the Dean, who presided.

At the business meeting, the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard) occupied the chair prior to reading the minutes.—The Hon. Secretary made a touching reference to the passing of Mr. S. Deadman, of All Saints', Eastbourne, and an old association member, and on being put to the meeting by the chairman, the whole company stood in silence for a moment.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following new members were elected: Canon C. R. C. Frewer, of the Little Rectory, Brede, and the Rev. Roger de Goeij-Hampson, of Christ Church, Blacklands, as hon. life members.

Following a discussion, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Waldron, in September.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, his address at the service, and also for his great kindness in entertaining the members to tea.

The Dean, in responding, stated that it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers. He was glad that there was an enthusiastic band of ringers at Battle, and he hoped that association would do all they could to encourage young ringers.—This terminated the meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A garden party (by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cawley Roberts) is to be held in the grounds of the Manor House, Torkington, on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the Norbury (Cheshire) Church Bells Restoration Fund.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of New Zealand, which was published on Friday, was rung for the first time on the preceding day at North Stoneham, Hants.

What a link with the past is Mr. Ted Horrex, 'father' of the College Youths! We knew he took part in the 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1868, and now we learn, from his pertinent letter last week, that he was one of a band that rang at Coventry in 1864—sixty-one years ago!

It was pleasant to meet in the belfry at Lichfield, on Saturday, Mr. W. W. Worthington, whose business claims have prevented him from taking part in any ringing for more than two years past. Mr. Worthington began ringing in his Undergraduate days at Oxford, but was some years before he came acquainted with a change ringing band. When he did so, his enthusiasm quickened apace, and his interest is still maintained, despite his restricted opportunities of taking part in a favourite hobby.

Mr. Worthington's home is the beautiful place, Maple Hayes, just outside Lichfield, and overlooks some of the most charming scenery to be found in the county of Stafford.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

On July 15th, 1830, a peal of 5,000 new Treble Bob Royal was rung at Leeds. What in those days was known as 'New,' is now the Kent Variation.

An interesting notice concerning Yeovil bells, appeared in the 'Western Flying Post' of July 14th, 1760: 'There is lately Hung to Sally and set going by John Bush, Bell Hanger, of Chew Stoke, near Bristol, in the County of Somerset, a large Peal of Six Bells in the Town of Yeovil, in the said County.

'The Tenor consisting of near 50 cwt., they are allowed to be the largest Peal of Six that is in the Country, and required, before new Hung, 22 or 23 Men to ring the Six Bells; but since they are hung by the said Bush, the same has been rung for several Hours by 7 Men only, and 50 3 or 4 different Peals of Changes, consisting of 128 Grand-sire Changes in each Peal.

'N.B.—The said Bush has work'd in the Business for upwards of 30 years, and is thought to be a very experienced Man, and will be ready to serve any Parish if required.'

There are now ten bells at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Yeovil, the tenor being 42 cwt. This bell and the present 9th were recast by Bilbie in 1728.

ANOTHER BROADCAST OF BIRMINGHAM BELLS.

The jubilee of the restoration of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, is to be celebrated from July 18th to 25th. A special service is to be broadcast on Sunday, the 19th, and the bells will be heard over the wireless from the Birmingham station for a quarter of an hour beforehand, commencing approximately at 7.45 p.m. Ringers who have receiving sets should hear some good Stedman Cinques, and the public will hear the 'real thing,' as contrasted with what the Rev. C. D. P. Davies recently described to the Central Council as the 'footling' imitation, which commonly precedes the services broadcast elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that at one of the special services at St. Martin's, the new Rector's son is to be baptized. He will be named Martin Hartley Guy—the first name being after the church of which his father, Canon Guy Rogers, is the head.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Thorne, on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by some 30 members and visitors representing many towers, and the local company. Ringing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening, the various standard methods being rung on the recently recast peal of eight, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

A short service was held in the interesting old church of St. Nicholas, where an instructive address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Littlewood.

Tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives.

The business meeting followed, six new members being elected: S. Coates, of Hull; Messrs. W. N. Hains, J. Crossland, C. E. Long, J. R. Long, and A. H. Howeroft, of Eastrington.

An invitation, which was unanimously accepted, was received from Escrick for the September meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, and the local company for their services, were carried, to which the Vicar suitably replied.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 426.)

Alderman Pritchett said he put the motion on the agenda at the invitation of the hon. secretary, who said he did not think there would be enough to talk about (laughter), but somebody else came forward, and on that ground he claimed the Council's sympathy (laughter). He did not expect that anybody would agree with anything that he had said, but he did not expect, he must confess, that he would be made fun of (laughter). He apologised to the Council, and thought he had better withdraw (laughter and 'No').

Amid further laughter, the motion was then put, and declared lost by a large majority. Except for the mover and seconder, only two hands were held up in favour, and these were two of the bell founders, with a keen sense of humour.

A CHANGE OF RULE.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved a resolution, of which he had given notice: 'That on Page 13 of the Rules and Decisions in the paragraphs headed (a) "on nine and eleven bells, (b) on eight, ten and twelve bells," the words, "in any one method," be omitted.' He pointed out that this alteration was necessary in view of the development of ringing, and the fact that peals on these higher numbers would in the future be rung in more than one method, the rule as it stood limiting peals on numbers higher than six bells to one method only.

Mr. Beams suggested that 'seven bells' should also be included, but this, it was pointed out, would involve a separate resolution.

The motion was carried without discussion.

NAMES WANTED!

The Rev. E. S. Powell proposed 'that it be an instruction to the honorary secretary to add the names of the proposer and seconder of a motion, when the same is printed in the agenda.' He said they had had that day an illustration of one good reason, although not his real reason, for recommending the course he proposed. Had they had the name of the proposer of a certain motion on the agenda it might have conduced to more peace in St. Martin's Guild, if the Guild could have known beforehand what their respected Master was going to do (laughter). A resolution ought to show what lay behind it, and it ought to have the names of the proposer and seconder. If, for instance, they saw the name of Mr. James to a motion they would expect, when they came to the meeting to hear something about Bob methods, and perhaps Canterbury Pleasure. On the other hand, if a motion bore the names of members of the Chester Guild, they could, by way of preparation to deal with the matter faithfully, turn out their books on botany and study them (laughter). In two different persons' hands the same resolution meant two totally different things. The real thing at the back of his mind, however, was, that there was getting to be a great congestion of business at the Central Council meeting. To have the names of the proposer and seconder would be a guide as to the probable importance of what was behind a resolution, and so help to strengthen the hands of the president in regard to the earlier part of the business.

Mr. G. P. Burton seconded the motion, but Alderman Pritchett opposed it. He did so, first of all, on general grounds, as he did not see it could serve any useful purpose if it were carried. He also opposed it on the special ground, that if he had had to put the names to his motion that day he might have had to hunt in vain for a seconder. There would then have been no discussion, for the Council would not have had the great amusement that had been afforded it (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James supported the resolution.

The President pointed out that no subject could be proposed for discussion unless it was sent in one month before and signed by two members.

The motion was carried nem. con.

COUNCIL TO VISIT IPSWICH.

The President said the Standing Committee had had under consideration the question of the place of next meeting. Following the regular cycle which they had adopted for more than 30 years, their first meeting of a session was always in London; the meeting this year was in the north-west of England, and consequently next year it should be in the south-east. Two places were suggested to the committee, viz., Canterbury and Ipswich. They had met at Canterbury in the past, and although they were agreed it would be a good place to go to, they felt that they ought to recommend Ipswich in preference to any other place. The Council had never been there; it was very 'get-at-able,' and they thought it would be the best place for the Council to meet next year. On behalf of the Standing Committee he therefore proposed Ipswich.

The Rev. H. Drake, on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, gave the Council a hearty invitation to Ipswich. They had not got quite as interesting a place as Chester, but they would do their best with the interesting things they had, and they would give the Council a hearty welcome.

Mr. C. Ince supported the invitation, and said the Suffolk Guild would try to give the Council the time of their lives.

The motion was carried unanimously.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenhyn said the Council at the last meeting entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of putting up a memorial to James William Washbrook, in Oxford, and it also called upon all Associations and Guilds to support the Oxford Guild in doing so, in order that it might be a national one. The treasurer had informed him that he had actually in hand £115 15s. They wanted £160, or, it might be, £170, although he thought £160 might be sufficient. Out of that £115, the Oxford Guild, by means of private subscriptions, and from towers and branches, had contributed £90 9s.; so that he thought they might say the Oxford Guild was doing its part (hear, hear). He also thought that those Guilds and Associations throughout England, who had sent anything at all, had responded very well indeed. He asked those associations who had not yet subscribed kindly to let the treasurer know what support they could give, so that he would be able to announce, when the Oxford Guild met in July, that the money was in hand.

The promise of a number of subscriptions from associations was made by various representatives.

CHALLENGE TO SIMPSON TUNING.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would move: 'That the time has now arrived when the Council should consider whether the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise' (hear, hear, and laughter).

Alderman Pritchett moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Chester, the Dean and the Cathedral authorities for the kindness extended to the Council, and the facilities they had afforded for the holding of a successful meeting. This was unanimously carried, as was also a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and a vote of thanks to the committee and secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, proposed by Mr. W. H. Hillier.

This terminated the business, and the Council then rose.

Many of the members and their friends afterwards went into the Cathedral for the evening service, the singing being chiefly remarkable for the clear enunciation of the words. Then, following a procession to the cloisters, where they joined in a short service, at which two memorial lights were dedicated.

By this time the lower part of the Refectory was transformed into its original use, as a dining hall, and, as the guests of the Chester Diocesan Guild, about 120 sat down to tea. This number was about 50 per cent. in excess of those who had accepted, but those in charge of the catering rose nobly to the occasion, so that none went empty away. The chair was taken by Mr. H. A. Heywood, who was for some years hon. secretary of the Chester Guild.

During the meal the Dean gave a brief, breezy, but nevertheless informative, address on the history of the building, especially mentioning those things most worthy of a visit. He also placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers till 7.30 p.m.

In the handsome ball room of the Grosvenor Hotel a party of about 150 afterwards foregathered under the capable chairmanship of the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. A. Clements). There another treat was in store, for the musical portion of the evening was rendered by the Cathedral Quartette, whose part singing was of a most pleasing and well-balanced character.

Canon Coleridge also delighted his listeners by one of his 'Devonshire Stories.'

During an interval he presented Mr. H. W. Wyldé with a handsome pair of silver candlesticks, as a slight recognition of all he had done, especially in getting the house and grounds of Eaton Hall open to the Council and their friends on the previous day.—Mr. Wyldé, taken by surprise, feelingly responded.

Thanks to the Diocesan Guild for the arrangements made was followed by Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

THIRTY YEARS A RINGER.

Thirty years a ringer in the belfry of the Lang Kirk of Craven. Mr. C. Brown is leaving Kildwick for Blackpool. On Sunday evening last there was a farewell ring, in which members of the local belfry were formed by ringers from Skipton Parish Church. The members of the band were G. Bottomley 1, T. Rogers 2, C. Brown 3, J. Garlick 4, W. Hillary 5, H. Roe 6, W. Billows 7, C. Law 8. They rang 576 Trelile Bob Major, a touch of Violet and a touch of Oxford. Mr. Brown carries with him the good wishes of many Yorkshire ringers, with whom he has come in contact during his long period of service in the historic old church at Kildwick.

RINGER'S RECOVERY.

Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, is now lying in the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, having undergone a successful operation on Thursday last. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is making favourable progress.

READING.—On Sunday, July 5th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Saunders (first quarter) 1, A. W. Osborne 2, L. Osborne 3, A. Evans 4, A. Bailey 5, E. Humphrey (conductor) 6, H. Osborne 7, R. Sawyer 8.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. RESTRICTIONS AT LICHFIELD.

Lichfield Cathedral is one of the nation's most beautiful possessions, an ornate and stately pile, whose central spire rises nearly three hundred feet, and is the dominating feature of the country for miles around. In one of the smaller but none the less imposing western towers hangs a fine peal of ten bells, now, alas! heard all too little, on account of the restrictions which are placed on the ringing of them. The bells themselves are in excellent order—they were rung a few years ago by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham—but the local band, of which the veteran, Mr. Cape, has been an active member for more than half a century, receive scant encouragement, and there are few, if any, opportunities for outsiders to ring. Even the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which operates in the area of which Lichfield is the centre, and which has shown its loyalty to the mother church of the diocese by returning to it practically every year for its annual festival, is finding that its visits to the Cathedral are not altogether welcome. This is really very deplorable, and in these days—when almost everywhere ringers are receiving acknowledgment as valued helpers in the Church's work—difficult to understand. Year after year in the past the society has turned to the Cathedral for its annual gathering, to be met this year with a consent to ring the bells for an hour and a half on condition that no application is made for the use of the bells next year.

When the society met on Saturday last this condition was much commented on and regretted. Over eighty members attended, and made the best use of the bells during the limited time at their disposal. The ring of eight at St. Mary's were also open, but here, unfortunately, illness near the church put an early end to the ringing, leaving only the six-bell tower of St. Michael's for use in the evening.

The tea and business meeting were held at Lloyd's Restaurant, Mr. J. E. Groves presiding, and being supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. H. Knight (lay secretary).

The business was largely formal, and included the re-election, en bloc, of the officers.

The committee, in their report, stated: 'We are able to record another year of progress. The number of peals rung during the year was 26, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 15, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 3. The members of the Central Council must have been gratified at the warmth and sincerity of the welcome extended to them at Chester. The Dean of Chester, in the course of his remarks, said he hoped "we should recover presently the notion in England that the Cathedrals did not belong to a group of old gentlemen, but really were the mother church of each diocese, the Bishop being the head of it, the Dean and Chapter trustees, and the Cathedral belonging to everybody. That Cathedral was the one great building in the county that really belonged to everybody." "We should like," added the committee, "to be able to feel that about our own beautiful Cathedral at Lichfield. Our brothers in the Diocese of Chester will sympathise with us when they know that we are allowed to ring the bells of our Cathedral for 1½ hours this year on condition that we do not ask to do the same next year." The report concluded with an expression of deep regret at the death of four members, Messrs. Wm. Benton (Cannock), W. Rock Small (Tipton), J. Bradney (Wolverhampton) and A. Everitt (Tamworth).

The balance sheet showed that there was a balance in hand at the end of the year of £30 15s. 9d., a decrease of £3 2s. 2d., compared with the preceding year. Of the receipts, £22 18s. was from subscriptions, including those of 221 ringing members, whose numbers showed an increase.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. H. Knight stated that contributions amounting to £2 7s. had been received towards the Washbrook Memorial, and he asked those who had not already sent donations to do so as quickly as possible.

The three quarterly meetings, recommended by the committee, were confirmed, viz.: Kingswinford, in July; Wednesbury, in January; and Stafford, in April. The committee suggested Wolverhampton or Lichfield for the annual meeting.

The Rev. C. H. Barker said when they came to Lichfield two years ago, and did not have the Cathedral bells, the attendance fell off to almost exactly a half of what it had been the year before. This year they had got the bells on condition that they did not ask for them next year.

Mr. Brindley urged the members to stick to Lichfield. The experiment of moving away was once the downfall of their society. Perhaps if they tried they might get the Cathedral bells next year.

The Rev. C. H. Barker said he did not see how they could ask for them, in view of the condition made this year.

Eventually Lichfield was selected by a considerable majority, eighteen hands being held up for Wolverhampton.

Mr. H. Knight, for the committee, suggested that an effort should be made to revive the cycle runs to outlying towers, and it was decided to try them and see what success attended the effort.

It was resolved to print the annual report this year, there being sufficient funds in hand for the purpose.

Five new members were elected from Erdington (2), Penkridge (2) and Nuneaton (1).

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers for their services, and to the chairman for presiding.

THE LICHFIELD BELLS.

According to an article by Mr. J. R. Jerram which appeared in 'The Ringing World' some years ago, an old record has it that the ori-



ginal bell tower and bells at Lichfield were destroyed by fire in 1315. No more is heard of the bells till the 15th century, when the 'Jesus Bell,' a gift of Dean Heywood, was installed. This bell was destroyed during the Commonwealth. It is recorded in an MS. in the Bodleian Library that 'one Pickens, a pewterer, on July 26th, 1653, knokt in pieces the fair bell called Jesus at Lichfield; he being the chief officer appointed for demolishing the Cathedral.'

In 1670, Bishop Hacket contracted for 'six bells becoming a Cathedral,' three of which were cast before his death, but the tenor only was hung. The peal was completed by his son and executor, Sir Andrew Hacket.

In 1687, the Hacket bells having become 'bad and useless,' a subscription was raised to replace them by a peal of ten. But the bell founder, Henry Bagley, used up all the metal provided, in casting the back eight, and £80 more was required to complete the peal of ten. The money was raised in some way, and many persons gave trees for the timber of the frame.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *J. Mac-Milton 1, C. Willis 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. Williams (conductor) 6, A. Sluman 7, *J. Hanson 8. * First quarter. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dobbins, the local captain.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB EXTENSION

By GEORGE BAKER.

In the 'Ringing World' of 29th July, 1921, I gave the figures of what I had then for at least seven years believed to be the correct extensions of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to Royal and Maximus. I also pointed out that the Royal was only a three-part touch, and here I might add that Royal of any description having either of the following lead-heads will never be more than a three-part touch, a fact which can be easily proved by transposition, i.e.:-

1234567890	1234567890
1860492735	1795038264
1795038264	1860492735
1234567890	1234567890

These are not isolated instances, of lead-heads producing touches only, but this subject has little to do with the present article.

I am now able to prove by the round blocks and transpositions that the figures given in these columns on the date above mentioned are undoubtedly the correct extensions of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to ten and twelve bells, and as a consequence the only possible Minor is 'Double Court,' e.g., see half-leads, round blocks, etc., which follow:-

MINOR.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
123456 x 156342	= 156342	156342
214365 x 513624	= 624513	253416
241356 x 531642	= 543621	143652
423165 x 356124	= 365421	325641
243615 x 536214	= 634152	156342
426351 x 352641	= 452136	345612
462531 x 325461	= 534126	156342

MAJOR.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
12345678 x 18674523	= 18674523	18674523
21436587 x 81765432	= 72856341	28345671
24135678 x 87164523	= 87362514	17368524
42316587 x 78615432	= 87546132	42865137
24361578 x 87651423	= 87465212	73615248
42635187 x 78564132	= 87531642	84567213
24365817 x 87654312	= 68452371	23674518
42638571 x 78563421	= 75634128	14567238
46283751 x 75836241	= 67452318	23674518

To economise space as much as possible I have given only the half-leads of Minor and Major, and I propose doing the same with the Royal and Maximus.

ROYAL.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234567890 x 1860492735	= 1860492735	1860492735
2143658709 x 8108947253	= 7295038164	2834567190
2413567890 x 8016492735	= 8036291745	1036892745
4231658709 x 0881947253	= 9754018263	4286517093
2436157880 x 8069142735	= 8049521736	0369524781
4263518709 x 0896417253	= 9703168254	8416027359
2436581790 x 8069471235	= 6049287135	2965437810
4263857109 x 0896742153	= 9503712864	1406729835
2436587019 x 8069472513	= 6840271593	2865491730
4263850791 x 0896745231	= 7593816240	1436729850
4628305971 x 0987654321	= 6849271530	2865491730

MAXIMUS.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234567890et x 1860412e3957	= 1860412e3957	1860412e3957
2143658709te x 810614e29375	= 7295e3e10486	2834567190et
2413567890et x 8016412e3957	= 80362e1e4957	1036812e4957
4231658709te x 086114e29375	= 9754e1e20386	4286517093et
2436157890et x 806114e29375	= 804521e3967	0361524e8917
4263518709te x 081641e29375	= 97e316e20485	841602739te5
2436581790et x 80614e123957	= 60412e713958	28654e781903
4263857109te x 0816e4219375	= 95e311280476	14063218957e
2436587019et x 80614e291357	= 68412e109357	286e4715903t
4263850791et x 0816e4923175	= 75e3t1924086	1436t298e057
2136587091et x 80614e293715	= 68402t1937e5	2860471e395t
426385071et x 0816e4927351	= 7593e102846t	14365298e07t
462830597et x 0816e4927351	= 68402e19375t	2860471e395t

Following are the half-way transposition rows grouped for clearer comparison. It will be seen that the progression is equivalent to 231 from Minor to Maximus inclusive, and it will be the same to infinity, but when the number of working bells, from and including Royal are an odd multiple of three, viz., 9, 15, 21, etc., the figures then will represent touches only.

PROGRESSION.

345612
14567238
1436729850
14365298e07t

I can find no mathematical relationship whatever between Double Norwich Court Bob Major and the methods given in 'Shipway' as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, and the following fact should be obvious to everyone, i.e., the progressive cannot be the same unless the place-making occurs in similar positions on all numbers.

For comparison, I give the half-way transposition rows, and I think the mathematicians will agree there is no progression between the Major and Royal, neither is there any near relationship between Shipway's Royal and Maximus.

PROGRESSIONS.

Double Court Minor	345612
Double N.C. Bob Major	14567238
Shipway's Royal	7540398612
Shipway's Maximus	et4739125806

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.**REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS.**

The dedication service of the six bells of the above church was held on Sunday, June 28th. Nos. 1 and 3 of the six bells were recast in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen, on the occasion of their visit to the Croydon foundry on May 12th. The bells bear the following inscriptions: 'Thos. Rudhall Founders Gloster 1775 I was recast to the glory of God and the memory of Lionel Muirhead 1925'; 'Honour the King 1641'; 'Thomas Plater and Roger Hurst C.W. Will and Rob Cor. Recast as a thankoffering to God by E. J. Lovell 1925'; 'Fare God 1641'; 'Love God 1641'; 'I to the Church the Living call and to the Grave do summon all 1774.' Several members of the South Oxon branch of the Oxford Guild had the pleasure of ringing the opening touches of Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon and for evening service. A good 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung by C. Tyler, Warborough; H. Cooper, Milton, Berks; H. Stockwell, Haseley; H. Hurst, C. Woodward and F. W. Woodward (conductor), Chalgrove. Other ringers taking part during the afternoon were W. Hutton, Dorchester; J. Smith, Pangbourne; J. Allen, Great Milton and Mr C. F. Johnson, of the Croydon bell foundry, whose firm have carried out the above restoration very satisfactorily. An excellent tea was provided for all ringers who attended, and was greatly enjoyed. Many thanks are tendered from the visiting ringers to the Vicar and local ringers, and to Mr. C. F. Johnson for their respective courtesy and kindness. Disappointment was felt in meeting one short for Minor, but it is hoped to have a good band for same at an early date.

FARNHAM (SURREY) OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the ringers of the Farnham Parish Church, some accompanied by their wives and children, together with a number of friends, making altogether a party of 32, held their annual outing, which took the form of a trip by road to Bournemouth. Leaving Farnham early, by road, the party proceeded through Alton and Winchester to Lyndhurst, in the New Forest. Here a halt was made for half an hour whilst the company partook of light refreshments. The journey was then continued through the lovely scenery of the forest as far as Ringwood, where the ringers were met and welcomed by Mr. Cheater, of the local band. A visit to the belfry of the fine old church was made, and touches of Grandsire Triples were enjoyed. After two short touches on the bells, the journey was resumed, and Bournemouth was reached at 12.30.

The return journey was commenced at 6.15 p.m., the route being through Boscombe and Christchurch to Lyndhurst, where a short stop was made, after which the party proceeded to Winchester and Alresford. Leaving Alresford at 10 p.m., Farnham was again reached at 11.40 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Max Binney, of Ringwood, for giving permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. Cheater for having everything in readiness.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Burrows 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown (conductor) 5, W. H. Dennison 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson 3, G. Jackson 4, W. H. Dennison (conductor) 5, T. Metcalfe 6, T. R. Jackson (cover) 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, H. Wacey 2, P. C. Springham 3, C. Beeson 4, F. Bird 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter-peal 'inside,' by H. Wacey.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 720 Double Court: W. S. Butler (conductor) 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorking 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: V. Glass 1, W. S. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5, H. Dorking 6. First 720 as conductor by W. S. Butler. Also his first 720 of Cambridge on an inside bell.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, 1,241 Grandsire Caters, in 45 mins.: G. F. Williams (conductor) 1, A. B. Cook 2, J. McKeag 3, J. Chamberlain 4, J. Clark 5, G. Dowling 6, J. Hodges 7, G. T. Miller 8, H. Howell 9, J. H. Howell 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. White 1, W. A. Breckon (conductor) 2, A. E. Oxley 3, Mr. Gledstone (Sheffield) 4, A. V. Coates 5, Mr. Cuttsforth (Bolton) 6, G. H. Corner 7, J. Waters 8.

OLD LEAKE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Lakin 1, P. Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, senr., 3, J. W. Lakin, junr. (conductor) 4, G. W. Houghton 5, W. Small 6. Also 120 Plain Bob, with Miss Elsie Lakin treble, the others as before.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Sunday, July 5th, for the 711th dedication festival of the church, 1,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Mackrill 1, T. H. Taffender 2, H. Dyas 3, W. C. Stacey 4, A. Cutmor 5, H. Rivers 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On June 28th, for evening service, at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (704 changes): F. Sheraton 1, Miss A. Dennison 2, W. F. Pattison 3, J. Crawford 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6, G. Liddle 7, C. T. P. Brice 8. Conducted by Mr. Brice, of Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk.

WEYBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 28th, for Magna Carta Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Burley 1, J. B. Hessey 2, H. Worsfold 3, A. Cross 4, E. Butler 5, E. Gosling 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, E. Hain 8.

BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Doubles, being 300 of Stedman, 240 each of St. Simond's, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles and Grandsire, in 45 mins.: W. Myall 1, E. Self 2, J. Ford 3, F. Ford 4, J. Larter (conductor) 5. Also rung as a farewell to J. Ford, who is leaving shortly for Australia.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, at the Parish Church, two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Arnold 1, H. Meeteens 2, H. Tutlitt 3, G. Norris 4, W. Hillman 5, A. Gatland 6, C. V. Ebberson (Willesden Green) 7, E. H. Lindup 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. V. Ebberson.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 41 mins.: E. Croft (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Markwell 2, W. Collison 3, Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar 4, R. B. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, W. Latter 7, F. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. Bung in honour of the baptism of the infant son of Mr. S. H. Green.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.—On Sunday, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples, from Parker's Six-Part: J. Butterfield 1, F. Hutton 2, C. Ellison 3, H. Pearce 4, A. Pickles 5, T. Senior 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, C. Drake 8. Longest length in method for all except the conductor.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Banning 1, B. Phillips 2, E. Parden 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, F. E. Davis 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

23456	1	4	6
34256			
64235	S	S	—
32465	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—

This is the calling of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th parts.

23564	1	4	6
35264			
62435	—	S	—
24635	—	—	—
46235	—	—	—
32645	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—

The above is the calling of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Contains all the combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, the 3rd never in 6th's, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

Rung at Ranmore Common, Surrey, on 16th May, 1925.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the above ringers and friends, to the number of 32, held their annual outing. Travelling by bus via St. Neots, Cambridge, to Saffron Walden, the party arrived at 10 o'clock to the sound of ringing bells, it being 'Great Ringing Day.' A house of 'Eight Bells' was first sought out, being welcomed by Messrs. Pit-slow, of the local band, and other members of the Essex Association, who kindly handed over the bells. A course of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major was brought round on the back eight (and a good eight, too). The party moved on to Sawbridgeworth, being welcomed by the Rev. A. Rust (assistant priest, and sometime secretary of the Beds Association), and other members of the local band, who soon had the bells raised. The 'go' was not all that could be desired, but the party managed to get through courses of various methods. After lowering the bells in peal a move was made to headquarters (Harlow Common), being met by Mr. G. Dent (churchwarden), also a member of the local band, and some of his fellow-ringers. Thanks to their great kindness, an excellent luncheon was in readiness. After lunch, the beautiful musical peal of eight in the tower close by were soon going to various methods. Touches in most of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, including a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major, this being the first course of Bristol on the bells. The local ringers and their wives, not content with what had already been done for the party, prepared tea. Mr. Perkins then made a pleasing announcement, stating that the party were the guests of Mr. Dent and the local ringers, and proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dent, the local ringers, and their wives.—Mr. Barber, in seconding, said he was sure he should be expressing the views of all when he said how deeply they appreciated the great kindness and generosity of Mr. Dent, his fellow-ringers and their wives, and should they ever see fit to visit Northamptonshire they would be only too pleased to return the compliment.—Mr. Dent, in replying, said that as soon as they knew of the visit to Harlow they set to work with a will to make things as pleasant as they could, and it was plainly evident they had succeeded. He went on to say that he had very pleasant recollections of Irtlingborough, having rung peals there 28 or 29 years ago, and hoped they would have a pleasant time on the remainder of their journey. The journey was continued to Ware, and seeking out Mr. G. Barker, of the local band, were soon busy again with this fine peal of eight, and various methods were brought round. After lowering the bells in peal, which was a rare occurrence, the party made their way to the last tower of the day, at Hitchin, being met by Mr. Foster, of the local band, where they were soon busy with another fine peal of eight. Though time was short, various methods were brought round, and a course of London was attempted, but after going well, came to grief in the last treble lead or two. Touches and selections on the handbells were given in the hostelry, as a fitting finish to a splendid day. Through the 'Ringing World,' all the members of the party beg to tender their warmest thanks to all those who in any way helped to make the outing such a great success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

By kind permission of the Rev. J. L. Kyle, an enjoyable meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th.

The meeting was very well attended, and good use was made of the beautiful peal of eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held in the church, after which tea was provided.

A business meeting followed tea, the Rev. J. L. Kyle presiding, in the absence of the vice-president (the Rev. E. Drage).

The ringers much regretted the resignation of their Ringing Master (Mr. H. Ferguson), and after deciding that the Northern Division of the Association should go back to its original organisation, Mr. Barker, a member of the Thornaby band, was unanimously elected Ringing Master.

Mr. Gibson, of Scarborough, and Miss I. Simpson, of Pickering, were elected members of the district committee, and Mr. Gibson was also re-elected a member of the general committee.

The next meeting is to be held at Thirsk, in September, the exact date to be published later.

The annual general meeting next January is due to be held in the Northern Division, and the Thornaby ringers have extended a hearty invitation to the association to hold this meeting in their tower at Thornaby.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Kyle for all his efforts on behalf of the ringers, and for the most enjoyable day's outing he had afforded them, concluded the meeting.

TOTTENHAM (All Hallows').—On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, G. G. Nash 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty on Saturday, 11th July. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 bells). St. Mary's, Swansea (8 bells), and St. Catherine's, Gorseinon (8 bells), also available. Service 3 p.m., preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at 4.30 p.m. by kind invitation of Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart. Meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, July 11th. Buses leave Royston at 1 o'clock and 3.20 p.m., returning at 5 o'clock and 7.55 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 8. Meeting after tea. The foundry bells will also be available after 7 o'clock onwards. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Cranford on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, July 11th, bells available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service at 4.15, tea afterwards. All ringers cordially welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbitt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton, on July 11th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Intending visitors should notify me, in order that adequate tea arrangements can be made.—J. T. Dyke, Branch Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton, on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45; short meeting follows tea. The following bells will be available on that date: Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), from 3 till 4.30; Enford (6), Upavon (6), from 6 till 8; Marden (5) Chirton (5), from 8 till 9.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Midsummer meeting will be held at Laxton, Saturday, July 11th (Tuxford or Dukeries Junction Stations). Bells (6) will be ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Dove Court Inn at 5 p.m.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1537).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; St. Magnus the 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral the 14th; Southwark the 21st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 18th (not 11th) as intended. Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Prittlewell (10 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet, on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hadley (8) will probably be available during the evening.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2/6 members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant cheap tickets from any station in the Diocese. The G.W.R. will grant return tickets for single fare from any station in the Diocese on application for same 'to attend Bell Ringers' Festival.'—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting in the Infants' School at 3 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Will visitors who wish to ring early let Mr. G. Aitkins, 125, Cher, Minehead, know the time they wish to ring.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 14th.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on July 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow.—J. A. Fenton, General Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements. Tea 5 o'clock, provided by the Rector. Members must advise me by Tuesday, July 14th, that require tea.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, July 18th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to all those who notify Mr. F. Willford, 149, Ashburnham Rd., Northampton, on or before Tuesday, the 15th. Meeting to follow, when it is hoped a new branch of the Guild will be formed. All ringers cordially invited.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by July 14th?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bromfield on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than July 15th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and meeting to follow. One shilling will be charged for tea, and I shall be glad to know by the 22nd how many require same. Harrow Weald bells also open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham, Sevenoaks, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale at Saturday, July 25th. Tea at the Golden Lion Hotel (1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members) at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present at tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 22nd.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Secretary, Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, Somerset.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. P. J. Johnson is now 306, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OUTING.

The first annual outing of the above society took place last Saturday, the venue being Loughborough, where the party numbered 32. A start was made from Waterdale. Proceeding via the Dukeries and Nottingham, Loughborough was reached at 12.30.

The chief attraction at Loughborough was the world-famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Here the visitors were conducted round the foundry and workshops. After lunch, the bell foundry campanile was visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The tit-bit of the ringing was a perfectly struck course of Bob Minor, which was rung on the six smallest bells, the heaviest of which is 2½ cwt.

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