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## NOMENCLATURE REPORT JETTISONED

The efforts of the Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council to give effect to the task for which they were appointed were brought to naught at the Ipswich meeting. Two years ago the Committee was set up 'to review existing method nomenclature and suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future.' True, it was a closely divided Council that appointed them, but when the results of their labours, carried out at the direction of the Council, were finally put before the general body, the report was unceremoniously thrown overboard, and instead, a pious expression of opinion, embodied in an amendment, was carried. For the moment, therefore, nomenclature reform is as far off as ever. Perhaps the result was partly due to the fact that, in the view of many members of the Council, the report went too far, and was too drastic in its proposed changes, while a further influence, we are inclined to think, was to be found in the fact that, in endeavouring to get away from the floral names while retaining the same initial letter for the title (a matter in which we could see no necessity or even convenience), the Committee did not always succeed in finding any more euphonious titles. But the chief obstacle to the report was its own comprehensiveness—the Council did not seem able to swallow so much at one gulp. Let it be remembered, however, the Committee were only carrying out their terms of reference, and in throwing over the report the Council have only emphasised what has all along been apparent in this matter, that they are not certain of their own mind. Even in the amendment which they carried they showed a double change of front, for not only did they decline to revise the names of methods which they had previously indicated, by the appointment of the Nomenclature Committee, they desired to have changed, but they upheld the principle that bands and individuals have the right to name new methods, when they ring them, after having directed the Analysis Committee to carry out a wholesale naming of methods of which they were not the authors and which they had not rung. This vacillation on the part of the Council leaves the ordinary ringer somewhat bewildered.

There is still need for reform, however, and probably in time some of the more urgently required changes will be brought about. No one really wants to get rid of titles which are in themselves indicative of history; what is wanted is to rid the Exercise of the unsuitable names, which, while pleasing to the ears of certain sentimentalists, are entirely out of harmony with a mathematical science. Despite what our correspondent in 'Notes by the Way' says this week, the good taste

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and sense of the Exercise has not always prevented freakish names in the past, and all the while the Council deliberately admits the right of individuals to confer upon methods whatever names they choose they cannot complain if here and there some title is applied which offends against the said good taste and sense.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6148 CHANGES;**

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

*RICHARD GRANT... .. Treble	*GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	*WALTER J. TANSER ... .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 9
*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... 4	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 10
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11
*ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 6	*JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. (June 3rd), and also as a birthday compliment to Alfred Ballard (June 6th).

### TEN BELL PEAL.

EVERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
FLY-SERGEANT F. A. HOLDEN 2	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 8
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 6
ERNEST A. BOLLOCK ... .. 3	WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 7
WALTER J. CURSTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 260). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Marsden, the conductor's mother.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN TOTTERDELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE BETTS ... .. 5
*ARTHUR GOOPING ... .. 2	WILLIAM SELDON ... .. 6
*ARTHUR TAPLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM REEKS ... .. 7
JAMES DUNSTER... .. 4	*GEORGE GODFREY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. REEKS.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells rung entirely by the local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers. \* First peal. The greatest credit is due to George Betts, who is also a member of the Exeter Cathedral Company, for his perseverance in the tuition of the local band to attain this object.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.	
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	GEORGE DOWLING ... 5
A. BERNARD COOK ... 2	HERBERT HOWELL ... 6
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN W. HOBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours &amp; Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 5
MISS N. M. BIBBY ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
*ROBERT SPERRING ... 3	†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*HARRY TOMPKINS ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... 2	THOMAS ABBOTT ... 6
JOHN KING ... 3	*HARRY RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE CLAPHAM ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. STONE ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
HARRY BOYCE ... 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... 6
ALFRED TALBOT ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

## SPALDING, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES S. H. STILES ... Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... 5
JOHN T. BROWN ... 2	RICHARD MACKMAN ... 6
STEVEN MADDISON ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
GEORGE WM. TIMPSON ... 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor

Composed by WM. HARRISON.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, who celebrated his 90th birthday that day. The whole of the band are regular service ringers. First peal on the bells since they have been recast and rehung in new steel frame by Taylor and Co., and the tower thoroughly restored, at a cost of £2,200.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This peal has 22 courses in 4, 6, 8 position, and 6th the extent home.

## LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with 6-8 covering.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*L. COGZELL ... Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
*GEO. SMITH ... 2	*GEO. ROBERTS ... 6
CHAS. WM. COOPER ... 3	*ALFRED BOXLEY ... 7
RALPH MOORS ... 4	*V. BEASLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor for the conductor, and believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

## SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN ... Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY ... 5
ALFRED WYATT ... 2	*RONALD G. BECK ... 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
PERCY MERSON ... 4	REGINALD F. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* 50th peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Pearce, of Chilcompton, who was married on that day to Miss Evelyn Bastable, of South Petherton.

## BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES BILBY ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
*WILLIAM LOUD ... 2	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
*JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 7
*RONALD G. BECK ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MISS FRED A. ORR ... Treble	*STANLEY KING ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
FRANK JENNINGS ... 3	JOHN F. GALYER ... 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	DANIEL COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

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ROLVENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH  
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On Thursday, June 3, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES.**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
MRS. H. BAKER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... ..	5
CHARLES TRIBE ... ..	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... ..	6
HARRY BAKER ... ..	3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... ..	7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... ..	4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, June 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... ..	Treble	JOHN SNELLING ... ..	5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... ..	2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..	6
ERNEST WHITING ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
CHARLES CUTTING ... ..	4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

H. L. WILLIAMSON ... ..	Treble	H. BYFIELD ... ..	5
E. C. WILLIAMSON ... ..	2	J. C. HOBBS ... ..	6
G. SMITH ... ..	3	H. BUSH ... ..	7
T. STORER ... ..	4	T. WHIAT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. E. HOBBS.

G. Smith was proposed a member of the M.C.A. previous to the peal. First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... ..	5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... ..	2	WILLIAM WEATHEREY ... ..	6
HAROLD EDWARDS ... ..	3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... ..	7
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... ..	4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ROBERT SANSBY ... ..	Treble	HARRY BARNES ... ..	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... ..	2	HAROLD WALKER ... ..	6
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... ..	3	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... ..	7
OLIVER GREATHEAD ... ..	4	ARNOLD HILL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung for the 27th anniversary of the first eight-bell peal in the tower, which was rung on June 3rd, 1899, and in which the father of the ringer of the 3rd took part.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., for morning service: C. Edwards 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, A. M. Stacey 3, P. Clark 4, R. Thompson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, J. H. Hunnisett 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JAMES FLEUTY ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... ..	5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... ..	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	4	WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. Claydon. J. Fleuty has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

FRED NEALE ... ..	Treble	BEN COX ... ..	4
ROBERT ELKERTON ... ..	2	EDWIN HIMS ... ..	5
HARRY HATFIELD ... ..	3	FREDERICK SHARPE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

First peal as conductor. Ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th come from Bicester, the 2nd from Middleton Stoney, and the tenor from Launton.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HENRY C. COLLYER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY ... ..	4
ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	2	HENRY W. WILDE ... ..	5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..	3	EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

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

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER WILSON ... ..	Treble	HARRY BARNES ... ..	4
HAROLD MARCON ... ..	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... ..	5
JOHN WALDEN ... ..	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. Mr. Barnes hails from Tickhill.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES.**

Being 21 callings of A. J. Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

T. HARRY LEWIN ... ..	Treble	THOMAS H. PAYNE ... ..	4
FRANK W. PAYNE ... ..	2	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... ..	5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... ..	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal and elected a member before starting.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. 1, T. Ginn 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in a Surprise method ever rung at this church for service.—On April 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson (first in method) 1, W. 1, T. Ginn (first inside) 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Warrington 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.



## THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.' HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

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### SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, Beverley, Wells, London, York and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

"CYRIL TANSBELL ... .. Treble	†SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	†WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise in seven methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 3
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 2	JOSEPH DEAN ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

First peal as conductor.

### MISSION, NOTTS. THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

HARRY EARNES ... .. Treble	*CHARLES WILMINGTON ... .. 4
*FRANK FENTON ... .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 5
ALBERT E. EASTLAND ... .. 3	ARNOLD HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells.

### DOULTING, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDHELM,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 24 cwt.

*RAYMOND J. WEBB ... .. Treble	ARTHUR C. KINGSTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM OSMENT ... .. 2	HERBERT WILCOX ... .. 5
FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... .. 3	BERTRAM A. BORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## NEWCASTLE'S RECAST PEAL.

### DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN'S BELLS.

Another milestone in the renovation of St. John's Church—the old twelfth century edifice near the Central Station, which is costing over £6,000—was reached on Sunday, May 30th, when the recast peal of eight bells was dedicated and blessed by the late Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Cornibee, now of St. Matthew's, Kensington. The bells are now a delightfully pleasing and musical octave in A flat from the Croydon foundry, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have not only made every effort to make the peal musically a success, but have succeeded in getting the bells all on one tier in H frames, a feat impossible with the old oak beams. The bells are hung on ball bearings, and have all the latest improvements, including a most ingenious 'clapper control' on the tenor, a very kindly gift from the firm itself. The bells have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and the harmony is most exquisite, not only in the tower, but at a distance. The tower has been gutted of its old frame and beams, and the bells set four feet lower than the louvre ledge. The old roof was removed and a new system of sound ventilation worked into the new roof, while the old louvres have been removed and practically filled with glass. This allows the sound to filter gently down to the street below, but carried in greater volume to a distance.

The three trebles, cast by John Warner and Sons in 1884, now bear, in addition, the following inscriptions:—

Treble: The Ringers gave me, 1926.

2nd: The Wardens gave me, 1926.

3rd: The Samaritan Bell. Those who did not pass by gave me, 1926.

The old inscriptions on all the bells have been reproduced, and those on the larger bells are as follows:—

4th: Deo Gratias. F.B.

5th: In Divino benevolentia. 1706. (New inscription: The Communicants of St. John's gave me.)

6th: Robert Peraval. Te deum laudamus. S.S. Ebor, 1706. Jesu Mercy.

7th: Benedicimus et veneramus Te. William Ramsay, Esq. S.S. Ebor, 1706. (New inscription: Recast to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mary Ann Story, and his brother, Robert Spencer Story, by William Story, 1926.)

Tenor: Gratias agimus pro gloria tua immensa. Mr. Andrew Bates, Minis, 1706. (New inscription: A thanksgiving for St. John's and its services, C.B.M. and the Guild of St. Mary. These bells were recast at the restoration of this church, 1924-1926. A. E. Cornibee, Vicar. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1926.)

The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 5 lbs. 'S.S. Ebor' on two of the bells refers to the original founder, Samuel Smith, of York.

The opening of the bells was placed in the hands of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and each bell was dedicated singly as it was raised, by the Rev. A. E. Cornibee, beneath the tower by pulling a bell rope as a signal. After the dedicatory prayers, the bells were set off to the tune of a short touch of Steadman Triples, while the procession of clergy and wardens returned to the church: G. L. Routledge 1. W. H. Barber 2. E. Ferry 3. R. Thompson 4. J. E. Keen 5. J. Rowell 6. W. Story 7. J. Foreman 8. The service finished with a voluntary from the belfry, when 504 Steadman Triples rang the congregation out, with Mr. A. Hall on the 8th.

Tea was provided at the County Hotel for the ringers and their friends, the clergy, churchwardens, etc. Handbells and speeches of a congratulatory nature followed, and passed a very pleasant hour and a half before ringing for evensong commenced. It was announced that funds had come in so well that the bells and tower were now free of debt, and that all remaining to be done was the grouting of the walls and sundry small improvements.

During the day the ringing was of a very high tone, and the Guild were fortunate in having the assistance of old and valued friends to help them to keep both towers going for the services in the evening. The evening service closed with a touch of 448 London Surprise Major by: J. E. Keen 1, G. L. Routledge 2, J. E. Goffon 3, W. Goffon 4, J. W. Parker 5, A. Deas 6, T. T. Goffon (conductor) 7, W. H. Barber 8.

Mr. C. F. Johnson, of Croydon, was present during the week-end, and was heartily congratulated by all concerned on the success of his work in the tower. This is his first peal in this district, but evidently will not be the last, if excellence of tone and smoothness of working be any testimonial.

At the close of the proceedings, the Rev. N. B. Hudson, the recently appointed Vicar, thanked the ringers, and hoped to see a large gathering on Saturday, June 5th, when the bells were thrown open to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, from 3 a.m. till 9.

G. L. R.

An attendance of over thirty on Saturday last, when the bells were thrown open to the Durham and Newcastle Association, kept ringing going from about 3.30 till 8 o'clock service. Members attended from Darlington, Sunderland, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Gosforth, Whitley Bay, Winton, Mirburn, Spen, Cramlington, Newcastle Cathedral and North Shields, and touches and courses were rung in Grandsire and Steadman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Tea was held in the Roma Café, Mr.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

LAVENHAM BELLS. — REV. W. C. PEARSON'S  
WONDERFUL LIBRARY OF RINGING BOOKS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A few miles from St. Edmundsbury brings you to Lavenham, and it was a happy thought of the Suffolk Guild to include that place in our itinerary. Every ringer has heard of Lavenham and its famous tenor bell, but the place is hard to get at, and very few of us had previously the opportunity of visiting it. It is worth a visit. The church is one of the finest in East Anglia, with a magnificent tower built somewhere about 1500, a time when so many of the big churches of Norfolk and Suffolk were rebuilt. That was a time when, according to history text books, the church was most corrupt and worldly, and yet there never was a time in England when there were so many magnificent parish churches built.

In Norfolk and Suffolk you can account for it partly by the fact that they were then the manufacturing part of England, and Lavenham Church was chiefly erected by the generosity of a wealthy family of cloth manufacturers.

It was the tenor we particularly wanted to hear. Years ago, long before Simpson tuning was anything more than a theory, she was said to be the best bell of her weight in England, and we were told that this was because her undertones were a perfect common chord. I believe that is not quite correct. I believe that experts have decided that such a bell, the ideal bell, is not really possible: but, compared with the older bells, it is approximately true. She is certainly a very fine bell. The more you critically judge her, the more she satisfies. She is a bell that both the advocates of older tuning and of the newer unite in praising. For when men praise old bells it is such as Lavenham tenor they are thinking of; and the Simpsonians retort that she practically is a Simpson tuned bell. If all old bells were like this you would not hear anything about need for recasting, and if all Simpson bells were like this you would not hear any complaints about 'howling.' The ring, as a whole, is a very fine one, though it certainly is the tenor that makes it what it is. Of the others, I liked the seventh least, and was not surprised to find afterwards that she was cast in the middle years of the last century—1846 to be exact.

Different opinions are often expressed as to which is the worst period of English bell founding. A gentleman, whose knowledge of the matter is far superior to mine, gave evidence at Coventry that it was the early years of the nineteenth century. I am inclined to put it later, from the middle of that century right down to the great revival which coincides with the introduction of Simpson tuning. There can be no shadow of doubt that the adoption of the five-tone tuning has played a very big part in the marvellous improvement in the bells that are cast nowadays. At the same time, we must remember that equal improvement has taken place in bells cast by founders who have not adopted the Simpson tuning.

Like so many of the admired old peals, Lavenham are a mixed lot. They were cast at six different dates, and by five different founders. The latest is the seventh, by Charles and George Mears, in 1846—the worst period in the long history of the famous Whitechapel firm. The two trebles were founded in 1811 by William Dobson, of whom I have already spoken. Henry Pleasant cast the third and the fifth in 1702 and 1703. Richard Bowler cast the fourth and sixth, both in 1603. And the tenor

was by Miles Graye in 1625. Her weight is 23 cwt., and her diameter 52 inches. Richard Bowler set up a bell foundry at Colchester in 1790, and Miles Graye was his successor. He is usually reckoned (and with justice) the greatest of the East Anglian bell founders, and had no superior anywhere in England. There are a good many of his bells left in different parts of the Eastern Counties, but no complete peal of his exists, I believe; certainly no eight. The nearest is St. Margaret's at Ipswich, where the back six are all his, and Swaffham, in Norfolk, where the back six were all his, but the fifth has been recast. One of his best known bells is the eleventh at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Miles Graye died in 1649. His son, Christopher, and his grandson, Miles, carried on the business, but they were a long way inferior as craftsmen to the great Miles. The business then passed to Henry Pleasants, who removed to Sudbury.

Talking of bell founders, I find it was John Darbie and not Michael (as I half thought) who cast the third and seventh at Stowmarket. John was Michael's brother, and a good many of his bells are to be found in different parts of Suffolk. The eighth and tenth at St. Mary-le-Tower are his, and other bells of his are at Grundisburgh, Horham, Kelsale, Leiston, Ufford, and elsewhere. It was brother Michael whose bells had such a villainous reputation. Dr. Raven says: 'Michael was a rolling-stone that gathered no moss. While John, his brother's travels were confined to East Anglia, Michael's wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood.'

After Lavenham, Long Melford and All Saints', Sudbury, were visited, but of these I cannot say anything, having returned to Ipswich, but now I am chatting about the bells we rang on I ought to say something about the very pretty little peal at Henley, where the Council's visit to Ipswich was wound up with a peal of Treble Bob on the Wednesday morning. They, too, are a mixed lot. The seventh and tenor were cast at Bury as far back as 1480. The sixth is a Whitechapel bell by Phelps and Lester in 1736; the fourth by T. Mears and Son in 1809; the rest by John Taylor and Co. in 1902. They are an excellent example of what can be done with old bells by judicious tuning.

In the all too short time at our disposal we had an opportunity of just glancing at Mr. Pearson's splendid collection of ringing books, about which I lately wrote in these notes. I was naturally interested to see and handle Mr. Lukis' copy of the 'Tintinnalogia.' While I was looking at it and explaining to a friend its unique value as the only copy left of the first book published on ringing, Mr. Pearson produced another copy, which he had discovered somewhere or other. So there's another tradition of the Exercise gone. And it shows that a systematic search may still bring to light books and manuscripts relating to early ringing that at present we know nothing of. Another recent and most valuable addition to Mr. Pearson's collection is a copy of 'A School of Recreation,' a very rare book, which treats with different kinds of sport and gives a chapter to ringing. Its author was not a man of the calibre of Stedman, or Doleman, or Annable, but the book is interesting, as showing what progress the London ringers of 1700 had made in our art.

The Council meeting itself does not call for much comment here. There was a pretty full agenda, with two highly debatable subjects, and the businesslike way in which the President got the meeting through the most formal business so as to leave sufficient time for these was highly commendable. I have already, in these notes, dealt pretty fully with the question of the naming of methods. The amendment moved by Mr. Davies and myself was carried, and about that I should like to make one comment. In 'The Ringing World' of May 21st it is written that, 'as left by the amendment, there is nothing to exclude the most freakish of titles, if it pleased the fancy of some eccentric individual to apply it to a method of which he claimed authorship,' and, in the next issue, 'Criticus,' raising the reductio ad absurdum argument, asks what is to prevent him calling a method 'Tripe and Onions Minor' if he wills. Well, if these writers will consider the matter a little, they will find there are a good many things to prevent it. Chiefly, the good taste and sense of the Exercise, which has prevented freakish names in the past, and given us the really fine set of names we have. Then, their own good sense. You can trust most men to do their best, not their worst, in a case of this kind for their own credit's sake. And, again, no man willingly makes a fool of himself, and we all know that a man who tried to introduce a really absurd name like the instance given would be making a fool, not only of the Exercise, but especially of himself. The Exercise has now, as it always has had, the remedy against any bad name. It need not and would not use it.

The discussion on Simpson tuning was most interesting and instructive. Perhaps, at a later time, we may return to it in these notes.

### THANET RINGERS' OUTING

Once again the ringers of St. Lawrence, Thanet, were favoured with beautiful weather, when, on Whit-Monday, accompanied by their wives and the Vicar, they went for their annual tour. The party, numbering 33, left the church at 7.45 by charabanc, passing through Canterbury, Chilham and Charing, the first stop being made at Lenham, where an hour's good ringing was accomplished. The party then continued their journey to Maidstone, where a good spread was awaiting them at the Carlton Café, after which they visited the fine old Parish Church of All Saints, and enjoyed good touches on the fine peal of ten bells. At Biddenden another stop was made for an hour's ringing, some very good Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob being brought round. By the time Tenterden was reached the party were ready for the tea awaiting them. Afterwards an unexpected offer to ring on the beautiful peal of bells in the Parish Church was made (a previous peal attempt having broken down). The party were limited to time, but touches of Stedman, etc., were rung. Previous to this ringing, however, the Vicar, in a few kindly and encouraging remarks, said how happy he was to be one of such a happy party, and, on behalf of all, he thanked Mr. S. G. Twyman and Mr. W. G. Birch (the conductor and secretary respectively of the company), who had been responsible for making the arrangements of the day.—Messrs. Twyman and Birch replied in a few humorous words.—A most enjoyable day was brought to a fitting conclusion by the drive home in the cool of the evening through Ashford, Chilham and Canterbury, Thanet being reached at 11 p.m. The company wish to tender their thanks to the various Vicars for the use of the bells, which added so much to the pleasure of the outing; also to Mr. Arch Kay, of Ashford, for piloting them through some of the by-ways of the journey.

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C. L. Routledge taking the chair, in the absence of the President (the Rev. A. W. Fisher), who regretted his inability to be present. Mr. E. Ferry (the hon. secretary of the association), Mr. Jos. W. Parker and Mr. Robt. Patterson (vice-president), of Sunderland, etc., supported the chairman.

The Chairman thanked those present and others who were not there also for their kindly and generous support in providing the ringers' bell—the treble—in the new peal. He was pleased to say the money had been fully subscribed, and the fund was now closed.

Unfortunately, there was a competitive concert close by at the Town Hall, and the Cathedral ringing had to be abandoned.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A Surrey youth, who, despite limited opportunities for peal ringing, is proving himself a promising ringer, is John F. Galyer. He is only 16 years of age, and started ringing about 18 months ago. He has already rung peals in methods up to London Surprise, and last week, as his first effort in peal conducting, called Holt's Original. Although the Exercise contains many young men of outstanding merit, this performance is a noteworthy one, and one upon which he is to be congratulated.

A curious difficulty has arisen at King's Langley, Herts. The Vicar has mislaid a letter from a band who desire to go there for an hour's ringing on a Saturday early in July, and, consequently, is unable to reply to the writer, for want of his name and address. The visitors, we are asked to say, will be welcome, but they are requested to communicate with Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, King's Langley, giving the correct date and time.

The first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London was achieved at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

The first peal at Lincoln Cathedral, where the ring of eight will, it is hoped, shortly be augmented to twelve by the ringers of the diocese in memory of their fellow-members who fell in the war, was rung forty years ago next Tuesday. It was Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

On June 16th, 1816 (110 years ago), a peal of 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch. In this peal William Booth, grandfather of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, took part. In those times, it was a three days' stage coach journey from Sheffield to London, so that the excursion was something of an undertaking.

Mr. Hattersley had in his possession the Cumberland's emblem, presented to Mr. Booth, and the autograph of William Shipway, as 'beadle,' dated June 9th, 1816. Mr. Booth rang in the first 'double-handed' peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1811. He died in 1849.

## SIMPSON TUNING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read various letters in your columns on the principle of 'Simpson Tuning,' or a similar system supposed to be used by Continental foundrymen.

We have many good peals in this country cast by British foundrymen, and I am very doubtful if experts who heard them ringing could tell us if they were tuned on the old system, or on the five-toned principle. I am of the opinion that the whole system is a farce and nonsense, and I believe the best results are had, only, from practical experience on the part of the bell founder.

It would be interesting, to foundrymen especially, to see a sketch of a bell showing the thickness and position of the metal, and at the same time showing the difference in tuning to the Major 3rd and 5th, and Minor 3rd and Major 5th, and Minor 3rd and Minor 5th.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS BOND.

## CONDUCTORS—MORE OR LESS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With the remarks of 'Criticus,' in your issue of May 28th regarding conductors, I quite agree, especially the phrase, 'On all numbers, peal ringing could do with a flipp, and perhaps it could be done if more conductors were encouraged.'

Since reading the above I have stood in an attempt for a peal in nine Minor methods, and we were fortunate (?) in having two qualified (?) conductors in the band.

All went well until we had reached the eighth method, when one of them, A, said that the bells were not in their proper order. B thought they were, and said, 'Keep on ringing.' During the next course A again expressed his doubts, again getting the same reply. In a few seconds he again clipped in, 'I'm sure they are not right.' B apparently was by now of the same opinion, for he called a hoh, and then said, 'Stand,' after ringing two hours and ten minutes. On producing the figures it was found that all was in order, every bell being in its proper place.

Now I have changed my mind on this point (conductors), and thoroughly agree with friend 'Ironæus,' 'that all conductors ought to be filleted,' and will gladly assist him in carrying out his idea, if he will provide the necessary battle-axes.

NINE METHODS (NEARLY).

## SPliced MINOR.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, June 6th, for evening service, 720 Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, H. J. Hammond 3, A. Marshall 4, A. H. Smith 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. First 720 in four methods by all.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### DEMAND FOR NO INTERFERENCE WITH METHOD NAMES.

Mr. J. A. Trollope then moved the amendment of which he had given notice, as follows:—That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary. Mr. Trollope said they had been told that the names of methods were in a most indescribable state of confusion, and that statement was the justification for these thirteen resolutions which the committee had put before them. He denied entirely that there was any confusion. The names which they had for methods, taking them as a whole, were very effective, very suitable, and, from a literary point of view, quite good. They were told there was no system. The Exercise had been in existence for nearly 300 years, and for some of the method names they had to go back nearly as long as that. In all that time they had been inventing names, and different men had different ideas. It was true they had no system, but they were all good names. The second point was that even if names were capable of improvement they would not get improvement from any committee—he did not mean that particular committee, but any committee—simply because good things, like names, were the result of evolution; they were happy inspirations which a man got. A committee which sat down, with cast-iron rules before them, would not perhaps do anything very bad, but certainly would do nothing good. No committee would ever give them names which in any way would approach the oldest names they had. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was a name full of history, and so was London Scholars' Pleasure. What was the matter with names such as these? The committee wanted names of one word, and preferably of one syllable. Why on earth they wanted that, he (the speaker) did not know. The amendment which he had put down meant that they left things as they were. It was put very vaguely, and asked the Council to decline to interfere with such rights as bands and individuals now enjoyed. What the rights were that anybody had in the name of a method was altogether indefinable. It was a matter of common sense, compromise and good taste, and it was best to leave it at that. The second part of the amendment related to historical names, and in this he thought the Council ought not, for any reason whatever, to break the continuity of the history of the Exercise.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, said they did not want to upset historical things, and they liked the names of methods to be, to a certain extent, indicative of their history as well as of their structure. He was, therefore, very much against altering names to which the Exercise had got accustomed, the names by which certain methods were well known, and had been well known for years, and, perhaps, for generations. Like 'Topsy' in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' they just 'grewed,' and there was no surer principle to be guided by than that. He did not say that he was against all the alterations which Mr. Burton's committee proposed, but he was strongly against a general uprooting of old names. He must say he should not be sorry to see the disappearance of the names 'Pasallatessa' and 'Pasallatria' which Mr. Law James invented, but, as a matter of principle, he was entirely with Mr. Trollope.

### NAMES WITH A HISTORY.

The Rev. H. Law James said he was going to support the resolution, but that did not mean that he was going totally to disregard what Mr. Burton and Mr. Drake had done. First of all, with regard to 'British Scholars' Pleasure.' He was not familiar with the name, but it promptly raised the question in his mind, 'Who were the British Scholars?' There was history there somewhere, if somebody could find it out. It suggested at once that a search might produce information about the society. Just as the Union Scholars' book came to light, so somebody or other might find some record of the British Scholars, and the name should stand to keep that historical fact alive. Then there was College Bob IV.; it was a horrid name, but it told him that there were four methods known as College Bob. The first was naturally called College Single. The second and third he had never heard of, but the fourth had come down to them. It meant that in the early days the College Youths rang these different methods, and named them in that way, and because there was history in the name it was best left alone. Then there was London Scholars' Pleasure. They had all heard of the London Scholars. Unfortunately, their books had disappeared, but they were represented to-day by the Cumberland Youths, and he did not think they should tread on their toes by altering the name which implied that the first 720 was rung by them centuries ago. As to 'Pasallatessa' and 'Pasallatria,' he was not a literary man; he was a science man, and when he went through the classification of methods he found two classes which had never been noticed, and he had to get them in somehow or other. He, therefore, did what every science man did, he coined them out of Greek roots. He was not going to fight for these two names; they could alter them if they liked. The meaning of one was 'All except four,' and the other, 'All except three.'

The Rev. H. Drake, referring to the names which it is proposed to give to the new collection of Plain Major Methods, agreed that the names were a very fine set, but some had already been used for other methods. He did not see how Mr. James could say that the Nomenclature Committee had interfered with the appearance of the book, as they let the question of the sub-titles drop, and they understood the Methods Committee were going on.

The Rev. H. Law James: I didn't understand so, so there it must rest as a misunderstanding.

Mr. W. A. Cave said very few would be able to vote either for the resolution or for the amendment, because some of the old names they wished to see retained, and some of them they wanted to see 'go west.' He thought they should go through the list line by line, and vote on whether they wished to keep or reject them.

Mr. E. W. Elwell (Chester Guild) supported the amendment, which, if carried, would meet the wishes of his Guild, which had taken a large part in naming methods scientifically. In the last few years they had taken care to give similar names to methods of the same class, but the Nomenclature Committee seemed to be trying to undo the classified distinction which the Chester Guild members had made, and which had been made in accordance with the good old Yorkshire custom of two hundred years ago, and about which there was nothing funny or silly. They must, he said, make a protest for the right of ringers, as in the past, to ring methods and name them; in any event let them preserve the rights of the ringers of the past and preserve as an honourable trust for the future the old and glorious heritage of their ringing craft (applause).

After the luncheon interval, which was taken at this stage, Mr. J. S. Pritchett spoke in support of the amendment. He said the difficulty that the Council felt was undoubtedly that of debating en masse what was really a multiplicity of resolutions. It would take a week to discuss the report line by line. Each of the resolutions invited amendment and prolonged discussion. He thought the committee had begun at the wrong end by proposing wholesale changes, involving so much controversial matter. They would better have begun at the other end by proposing to reform the worst of the abuses in nomenclature, and then proceeding gradually upward. He thought the amendment afforded them that opportunity, as it laid down lines on which it suggested the committee should proceed, and concluded by saying, 'and is further of opinion that no alteration should be made in names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary,' leaving it open to the committee in the future to bring forward changes which they thought to be urgently necessary. If they confined themselves to a less elaborate report they should be able to deal with it in a short period of time. Personally he objected to very much in the report. He saw no harm in the adoption of names of flowers for six-bell methods. He thought the list given in the committee's report, and which they proposed to alter, was a charming list—one could hardly imagine a more charming one. He much preferred them to affixing the names of towns to every method indiscriminately—that was a soulless method. There was no connection between the method and the town, and he wondered if the ringers of the various towns had been consulted before the names were foisted upon them. He agreed with what had been said about the preservation of historical names, and he agreed that those which were not historical and were uncouth might be altered. Where names were duplicated the Council might select one name, and if this course was followed they might make some progress in the subject.

### COMMITTEE ONLY ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS.

The Rev. H. Drake said, having listened carefully to what had been said in support of it, he could not see why this had been moved as an amendment. The committee had discussed the amendment, and agreed with it, and if the proposer would put it as a rider and not an amendment, they would all be agreed. The committee did not want to make great alterations. He agreed with everything Mr. Pritchett had said. The unfortunate part of the matter was that the committee were asked by the Council to propose some way of getting rid of these floral names, and what, therefore, was the use of blaming the committee when they had done only what the Council had asked them to do? He would not have opposed them himself, but at the London meeting he was put forward by those who did object to these names, and he brought up a resolution which resulted in the committee being formed. That committee was the result of the opposition to the floral names, and the Council could not blame the committee for what they had done, they could only blame themselves. The committee had made a list of the names to which they thought anyone could take exception, and had substituted others for them; it was for the Council to say whether they wanted them altered or not. Personally he did not think all of them ought to be accepted, and he had asked, in the pages of 'The Ringing World,' that those changes which were objected to should be mentioned. They had half-a-dozen mentioned by Mr. Trollope, and he had been asked by the treasurer of the Suffolk Guild, who was not a member of the Council, to propose two other names. When the time came he would propose that these six or eight names should be left out, and they could then, perhaps, get a division on the question of the floral names. With regard to the old and historical names, they had not proposed that these should be altered, except those two of which so much had been made.

London Scholars' Pleasure and British Scholars' Pleasure. They were the only two that were historical, and the amendment before them said that, if necessary, historical names should be altered. If they passed a resolution that only one word should be used in a name, it was necessary to alter these names; if they did not pass that resolution these names could be left standing. His own suggestion was that these historical names should be used as a sub-title, so that, for instance, in ringing they would call 'Go, Lambeth,' but in the record they would describe the method as 'Lambeth (London Scholars' Pleasure).' Thus they would keep their historical names, and have a convenient one-word name for the method. There were two things in their former report which the committee had dropped; one was the question of classification, and they had also dropped the words, to which Mr. Trollope took so much exception, that the names were in a state of 'indescribable confusion,' and they left it in the hands of the Council to say whether they were in a state of confusion or not. All the committee said was that there was 'confusion'; it might not be great, but here was an opportunity, brought about by the opposition to floral terms, to clear up the difficulties. Mr. Drake illustrated his point by an instance in which he was concerned. They had been discussing in the tower the ringing of Oxford Bob, and afterwards started to ring it, but in the band was one who was not present when the discussion took place. The conductor said, 'Go, Oxford,' and the ringer mentioned started for Oxford Treble Bob. There was one of the practical difficulties in having names liable to confusion. They ought to pass Mr. Trollope's proposal as a rider, and not as an amendment. The committee would then not waste all the work they had done, but would carry on on somewhat different lines to what they had done.

The suggestion to make the amendment a rider was not accepted, and, on being put, was declared carried by 29 votes to three. It was then put and carried as a substantive motion, and the report of the committee therefore fell to the ground.

#### THE COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The Council then returned to the proposal of the Methods Committee that they should proceed at once to print 300 copies of the Collection of Plain Major Methods, which was formally proposed by the Rev. H. Law James.

Mr. Burton again called attention to the fact that if the names proposed by the committee for the new methods were allowed to stand there were three or four which had been employed in the past, and, perhaps, entitled to be considered historical. To use these names still further would lead to additional confusion.

The Rev. H. Law James: I think Mr. Burton is entirely mistaken.

Mr. Trollope said he took careful note of the hints Mr. Burton made, and so far as it was possible every suggestion he made was followed. The only ones where Mr. Burton's suggestions were not acted on were Cambridge Court and Cambridge Surprise. The methods had been rung under these names, and they had no right to alter them. They also held that sub-titles were outside the scope of the Nomenclature Committee. Otherwise, everything that committee recommended received the Methods Committee's best attention, and was followed out. The Methods Committee held themselves responsible for everything in the proposed new book, including the names, under the terms of the reference to them, until such time as it was handed over to the Council.

Mr. Burton said 'Cambridge' was already used three times; then there was St. Clement's Court Bob and Trinity Court, which had been used before, while the word 'London' already appeared in methods six times. Hereward Bob was already a name used in the Minor methods. Then there was Dublin Court introduced, when there was already a well-known method called Dublin Surprise. They also suggested a change in the name of Llangollen Court, which no Englishman could properly pronounce.

Mr. Trollope: Every one of those names was in existence before; we have only acted on the facts.

The President appealed to the members of these two committees to come to an amicable agreement.

The Rev. H. Law James: If they will drop the whole thing a great deal of good will result from the discussion, and, in the future, things will go on smoothly.

Mr. Burton: I was prepared to accept that, but Mr. James did not give me the chance.

The Rev. H. Law James: We want next year to revise the Minor Methods, and we shall pay careful attention to what has been said about the names.

The motion to print 300 copies of the Major Method Collection was thereupon put to the meeting and carried.

(To be continued.)

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

Ringers from all parts of Essex assembled in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday for the 47th annual meeting of the Essex Association. During the morning and afternoon the twelve bells in Chelmsford Cathedral tower were rung by visitors, and touches were also rung at the following neighbouring church towers:—Writtle (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (8), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). There was a large congregation of ringers for the special service in the Cathedral, the Association's form of service being used. The Rev. Canon Lake, sub-Dean of the Cathedral, conducted the service, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Braintree) read the lesson.

The Bishop of Colchester, who gave the address from the lectern, said Christians did not thank God as much as they might. They were ready to pray to God, but not always so ready to praise Him. Their lives ought to be full of praise and thanksgiving. The note he desired to strike was the note of praise. Most of the ringers did prize in a wonderful way the beautiful old churches in our dearly-loved land, but it was not possible to over-estimate what the churches of this land meant for England and the world. We could not thank God enough for the village churches—those houses of God all over the land consecrated in ages past to pious uses, and consecrated in every generation by the prayers of good men and women. How much those churches had meant to England through the long centuries it was impossible to estimate. The belfry was an important part of the House of God, and again it was hardly possible to think of England for the last 1,500 years without its belfries and its bells inviting people to the House of God. The bells rang when men and women were united in holy bond, and they rang again at the parting of soul and body. How much had the bells been to this land, and how delighted the people had been to listen when they spoke of God, of heaven, and of prayer. They called to prayer and praise; they filled people's hearts with gladness. He knew how much the Church owed to the devoted band of men who year in and year out afflicted with such devotion and skill at the ringing of the bells. They were always ready to do their work, they were keen upon it, and anxious to go on ringing as long as they had the strength to fulfil their duty they felt God had placed upon them. They made great efforts to do their work in the best possible way, and they had the grace of perseverance. All men who were Christian in anything more than name had to face the question what God wanted them to do for His Glory, for the good of souls, and for the benefit of His Church. Every Christian had to decide that for himself, and the bellringers felt called to this beautiful work. As servants of God they served Him by ringing the bells, not for self, but for the love of God and His Church.

##### EXCELLENT WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

The annual business meeting was held at the Cathedral Hall, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presiding, supported by the Bishop of Colchester, Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (a former hon. sec. to the Association), and Mr. E. J. Pitsoy (Saffron Walden), general hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association.

The Master read his report for the year 1925 as follows:—Although our membership again shows a slight decline, some very excellent work has been accomplished in the past year. It has been found necessary to again strike out a considerable number of names due to non-payment of subscriptions and other causes. This falling off in numbers to 996 does not indicate that the Association is slackening its efforts, or is losing its influence in the diocese. On the contrary, never in its existence was the enthusiasm of its members more pronounced or the results more encouraging. More meetings are held each year with increased attendances, and the Association is successfully carrying out the aims for which it was formed. A very satisfactory feature is that in nearly every contemplated restoration or belfry improvement, we have an opportunity of offering advice. My position as a member of the Diocesan Advisory Board brings to my knowledge the proposals that are contemplated in belfry improvements, and as a representative of the Board I am pleased to have the privilege of visiting the towers to give advice and to make reports to the Board, where applications for faculties for carrying out the work are necessary. Several district meetings were held in parishes where change ringing is not practised. There is a need for more meetings for propaganda, especially in the rural districts, to stimulate interest and to bring new members into our ranks. The joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Waltham Abbey was a great success. Such gatherings give opportunity for friendly intercourse with our neighbours, and it is hoped this practice may be extended in the future. An unusual number of belfry improvements have been carried out or are in hand. At Little Baddow the old ring of four has been rehung, a new bell replaces the cracked mediæval one, and a treble added to make a ring of five. The ring of five at St. Leonard's, Colchester, is to be rehung with provision for augmentation to eight at some future date. Two trebles are to be added at Kirby-le-Soken to complete the octave. At Newport, the second and fourth are to be recast, the remaining four bells are to be retuned, and the whole rehung. The ring of eight at Galleywood is being rehung, and rope guides are to be fixed. The three trebles at Great Dunmow have been recast, the three tenors retuned, and the whole rehung in a new iron frame for eight. A fund is being

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, 720 of York Surprise: R. Fitzsimmons 1, T. Birch 2, W. Dean 3, J. Martin 4, T. Gilmour 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Liverpool. It is to be regretted that Mr. F. C. Amos, who had to leave earlier in the day for Derby on business, could not stand in, and so score his first 720 of York. It is believed to be the first 720 of York ever rung in the Wirral branch with members of the local band taking part.

raised to complete the octave, which it is hoped will be accomplished within a year. It is also contemplated rehanging the rings of five at Morten and Great Clacton. Sixty peals have been rung during the year: fifty-eight on tower bells and two on handbells, viz., Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, 1 each; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise, 9; Cambridge Surprise, 9; Superlative Surprise, 11; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 7; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 2; Seven Surprise Methods, 1; Minor in three methods, 3; Bob Minor, 2; Doubles, 2; and Bob Major on handbells, 2. Of these, no less than 31 were conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, to whom the Association is indebted for his indefatigable energy in assisting numerous young ringers to score their first Surprise Peal. In four cases it was the first peal on the bells; the first peal in the method on the bells in 15 towers; while 23 members rang their first peal, and 29 first in the method. We have lost, by death, Rev. A. F. Curtis, sometime Vicar of Feering. The deceased always took a deep interest in our work, and was a regular attendant when meetings were held in his parish. Mr. A. Munsfield, of Maldon, was for many years a member, and his death is a great loss to us. We shall also greatly miss Mr. J. Oswick, of Chelmsford, the Cathedral verger, who was a familiar figure at the service at our annual gathering.

#### FLOURISHING FINANCES.

Financially, continued the report, we are in a very flourishing condition. Exclusive of interest on the Reserve Fund, our income was £80 19s. 5d., and expenses £46 0s. 4d., which enables £15 to be transferred to the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance in hand of £28 5s. The total Reserve Fund now stands at £121 17s., showing an increase for the year of £19 9s. 5d. As a result of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting a new fund is formed, to be called the Bell Restoration Fund. We have always regarded it as an important part of our work to encourage restorations and belfry improvements. The creation of this fund will enable us to show our practical interest by contributions to assist local efforts in needy cases where improvements are being carried out. The continued success of the Association is due to the loyalty of the district officers and the efficient manner in which they carry out their respective duties. In conclusion, I would like to express appreciation of the warm welcome and encouragement received from the clergy when visiting their parishes. It is a privilege, with great responsibilities, to be entrusted with the ringing of the bells summoning the people to assemble in God's House of Prayer for public worship. If the music of the bells is to convey to the ears of the listeners their true message, we must see that 'We walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called.'

The Master, commenting on the year's balance sheet, said the expenses of the Association were very low, due to the great care with which the treasurer and general secretary carried out their duties, and the Association was much indebted to Mr. Pittsow for the interest he took in the finances; the economy shown was also due to the district secretaries. The Master also referred to the absence of Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. secretary to the Northern Division (who wrote regretting he was unable to attend, due to illness, and sending kind remembrances to old friends), and stated Mr. Dyson was one of the founders of the Association. He had not been well for some time, but the members hoped, in the course of a few weeks, Mr. Dyson would be able to get about again.—It was decided to send a letter of best wishes to Mr. Dyson, with the hope he would soon recover his health.

#### THE MASTER'S LONG SERVICE.

For the election of officers the Master temporarily vacated the chair, which was occupied by the Bishop of Colchester. Mr. E. J. Butler proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master. He had occupied the post for a great number of years, and the members looked forward to Mr. Howard continuing for at least another three years, because the Essex Association would be celebrating its jubilee. Mr. Howard had done good work for the Association, which the members appreciated.—The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard, in resuming the chair, said he was extremely obliged to the members for their renewal of confidence. He had been Master of the Association for 18 years, so that in three years' time, when the Association celebrated its jubilee, he would be coming-of-age at the same time. He attended his first meeting of the Essex Association in 1886, when the Rev. H. A. Cockey retired and Canon Papillon was elected hon. secretary. The Master said he looked back over the 40 years with pleasure, for the Essex Association had made great progress during that period. It had been his pleasure to attend every meeting but one in that time, and he always regretted that he missed one. As long as he was Master he should make the annual meeting of the Essex Association a fixture, whenever and wherever it might be held.

Mr. F. J. Pittsow, Saffron Walden, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Donch, with the Master, secretary, district masters, secretaries and auditors, were re-elected the General Committee; Messrs. F. Pittsow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble were re-elected the Peal Committee; Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. S. Pye, W. J. Nevard and

E. J. Butler were elected representatives on the Central Council, and Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Falkner were re-appointed auditors. One new member was admitted, and the admission of two, elected at Feering tower previous to a peal attempt, was confirmed.

#### PUBLICATION OF 'TOUCHES' IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. E. J. Butler stated that he wished to raise the question of the editor of 'The Ringing World' having declined to publish in that paper records of touches of less than quarter-peal or 720 changes. He said 'The Ringing World' made strong appeals for more support, and he considered the paper would get better support if it were to encourage young ringers by publishing the shorter touches, which would create interest. He moved that the secretary to the Essex Association be asked to write to the editor of 'The Ringing World' on the matter.

The Master said he was in agreement with Mr. Butler that it would be to the interest of 'The Ringing World' if more space was given to the shorter touches, which would be an encouragement to younger ringers. 'The Ringing World' was the only paper that devoted the whole of its columns to ringing matters. It was not intended by this proposal to make an attack upon the editor, but to ask him to reconsider his decision.

The motion was carried, and the general secretary was directed to write to the editor of 'The Ringing World,' as suggested.

Mr. Pittsow proposed thanks to Mr. H. Edwards, who had written up the peal book.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the service at the Cathedral, to the Bishop of Colchester for his address, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

The Bishop of Colchester, in reply, said he was very pleased to be with the Essex ringers on Whit-Monday. One of the great regrets of his life was that he never had the opportunity when a boy to learn to ring, because there was no belfry in the church where his father was near, but he saw that his children had the opportunity to ring, and his eldest son, who was killed in France in the first year of the war, was an accomplished ringer, and, when he went to Cambridge, joined the University Guild.—Canon Lake, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Chelmsford, and mentioned that when he began as a curate in Oxford he once tried to learn ringing, but had to let go the rope, and that was the first and last attempt he made to ring. He thanked the Essex ringers for the honour they paid Chelmsford in visiting it for their annual festival.

Luncheon was served, and ringing continued in the afternoon and evening.

Among the various touches rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal, London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and various Minor methods.

[We are giving earnest consideration to the suggestion put forward at the Essex meeting, but, in view of the large number of long touches which at present are sent for publication, it would be no easy matter, having regard to the limitations of space, to give effect to the proposal. We hope, however, shortly to be able to make an announcement on the subject, and to give the suggested encouragement to young ringers, by the incorporation of a new feature.—Ed. 'R.W.']

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL.

The arrangements for the dedication on Saturday, June 26th, of the War Memorial to members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a Queen Alexandra peal tablet, both of which are being placed in the porch of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, are as follows:—

Ringling at Bethnal Green from 1 p.m.—2.30.

Ringling at Shoreditch from 2.30—3.30.

Dedication at 3.30. Address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes'.

Ringling at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 4.30.

Ringling at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, 4.45—6.

Ringling at St. Clement Danes', 6—7.

The large room at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, has been reserved from 7 p.m. for the purpose of a reunion of old and new ringing friends, and all are cordially invited.

#### PONTYPRIDD RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Pontypridd, had an outing on Whitsun-Tuesday, when they made a long tour by bus and car. Leaving Pontypridd at 9 a.m., they visited Whitechurch, where they rang Grandsire Doubles; Radyr, where the bells proved the best handled during the day, and where Grandsire Triples was rung; Llandaff, where they were met by Messrs. Hobbs and Dawes, and again rang Grandsire Triples; St. John's, Cardiff (Grandsire Triples and Caters); and Marshfield (Grandsire Triples). The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and ringers at all the towers visited for their kindness, the Vicar and churchwardens of Pontypridd for generously providing the outing, and Mr. Ridgway for making the arrangements.

### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL. ANOTHER PEAL AFTER A CENTURY'S INTERVAL.

In our issue of March 26th we gave the record of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, which was rung at Wakefield on March 27th 1826, and suggested that the centenary of the event might well be commemorated by another peal in that method.

Last Saturday a peal in the same method, namely, that given by Shipway, was rung at Ewerby, Lincs, by a Lincoln Diocesan Guild band, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. We are not aware of any peal of Superlative Royal having been rung in the interval, and the Ewerby peal is therefore not only an interesting but an outstanding performance.

The composition of the peal rung on Saturday is as follows:—

#### 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY H. LAW JAMES.

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### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Olveston on Saturday, May 29th, when the following towers were represented: Bristol (St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's and St. Stephen's), Henbury, Mangotsfield, Olveston and Stoke Bishop, while visitors were present from Bath, the total attendance being 35. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and a few learners took advantage of the opportunity offered and rang courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A well-attended service was held, at which the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. H. Fisher) officiated, and the ringers heartily joined in the service.

Tea followed in Mr. George White's barn, which had been decorated for the occasion. The building is set amidst beautiful surroundings.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Chairman (Mr. J. Gould) welcomed their ringing visitors, Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. C. W. Bell, F. W. Canning and F. C. Rich, of Bath.

Mr. Pitcher, the local secretary, on behalf of Canon Fisher, gave them all a hearty welcome, and regretted that at the last moment the Vicar was unable to be present at the meeting.

Mrs. H. Bennett was elected associate member, and Messrs. Check, E. H. and W. Haskins, and T. Parker were elected performing members.

It was resolved (after a very interesting discussion about the next meeting at Dyrham) that the members take train to Staple Hill, and thence to Dyrham by motors. Notice of this meeting will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. J. Jefferies seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar (who was a true ringers' friend), also to the organist, and Mr. Harding, in a humorous speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. White for providing such a bountiful tea. He also said how pleased they were to welcome their secretary back again.

This concluded the business, and the members enjoyed the stroll through the well-kept gardens. Nature was looking at her best.

The tower was afterwards revisited, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major ended a very successful and pleasant meeting.

### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association took place in Dublin on Whit-Monday, when members attended from places as far distant as Bangor in the North to Waterford in the South.

The various rings in the City were made good use of during the day.

Eighty-two members sat down to luncheon at the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, after which the business was proceeded with, the President (Mr. D. Kennedy) occupying the chair.

Mr. C. Evans (Arklow) was elected president, Mr. W. E. Lynch hon. treasurer and Mr. G. Lindoff hon. secretary.

The shield was presented to the Arklow Society, who were congratulated upon winning with 100 per cent.

Twenty-five new members were elected, including the Bangor Society. Belfast was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

### EALING RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit-Monday the ringers of St. Mary's, Ealing, held their fifth annual outing. Leaving shortly after 8 a.m., the party quickly made themselves comfortable in the small, speedy charabanc. After a ride across London, the open road was reached on the fringe of Epping Forest. The drive through the Forest was much enjoyed. Sawbridgeworth was reached shortly after ten o'clock. An inquiry of a passer-by as to the whereabouts of the church revealed the fact that our informant was none other than the foreman of the local ringers. Truly a strange coincidence! Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung on the bells. Messrs. Turling and Bird joining in the ringing. The journey was then resumed for Cambridge. Immediately on arrival, luncheon was partaken of at the Livingstone Restaurant. The students being 'up,' no ringing was available. Some of the party spent the afternoon boating on the Cam, and others—well, that is best known to themselves. After tea, the road to St. Neots was taken, and Bourn reached about 6.15 p.m. Various methods were rung on the new peal of eight by Taylor and Co., and the tone of the bells was much admired. After leaving expressions of appreciation and thanks at the Vicarage, the 'last lap' was commenced. Shortly after leaving Ware, one of the rear tyres gave up the ghost, and a change of wheel became necessary. Curiously enough, the charabanc stopped immediately outside a wayside refreshment hut, and it is a matter of conjecture how much commission the driver charged the proprietor on the large sale of tea, etc., that resulted. The new arterial road had not been traversed many miles before a sharp hissing in the region of the rear wheels made it evident that another puncture had been contracted. No coffee stall being handy, the handbell experts rang some touches by the wayside, the moon casting a dim light on the strange scene. No further breakdowns occurred, and Ealing was reached an hour late. The party wish to express their hearty thanks, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the Vicars of Bourn and Sawbridgeworth, Messrs. Turling and Dew, of Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford respectively, for their kind assistance.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 25th (St. Mark's Day), for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Hutton 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodwards 3, E. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, E. Tigwell 7, S. Naish 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, 552 York Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: C. Todd 1, R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in this method by all the band, on the bells, and in Darlington.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 25th, for evensong, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Wyatt 1, A. Rainbird (conductor) 2, F. W. Coster 3, E. Furbank 4, E. Butler 5. Rung on the 18th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainbird's wedding day. The ringers wish to thank them most heartily for their kind hospitality, both before and after the ringing.

### THE MAJOR HUDSON MEMORIAL.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It has been decided to close the above memorial fund at the end of June. It is hoped every tower will be represented on the list by sending in a subscription, if only a small one of, say, 2s. 6d. or 5s., so that every tower may be included. If any of Major Hudson's ringing friends outside the Durham and Newcastle Association would like to subscribe their donations will be thankfully received.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th; St. Magnus' on the 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 12th, at West Hartlepool. The three towers will be open from 2.30. Tea at the Raglan Hotel at 5 o'clock, 2/- per head.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Members are hereby reminded of a joint meeting of Yorkshire Association (Southern Division), Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Association (Doncaster and District) and Barnsley and District Association, at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Our Sheffield friends have made excellent arrangements. It is hoped to thus originate yearly a gathering of ringers, large in numbers and representative of the above Associations.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. —S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Yorktown District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is desired.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay and C. W. Franklin, Joint Dis. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** — Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 12th; a good attendance requested, business, election of branch secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Stebbing. —The annual ringing festival will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers are heartily invited.—F. Harrington, Ware House, Stebbing, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 12th. Programme and agenda as previously announced. The time of tea is 5 o'clock.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on June 12th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Divine service 4.20 to 4.50 p.m., East Retford Church. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, will be provided at Cooke's Café, Carolgate, Exchange Street, at 5 p.m. Visitors from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. — W. Underwood, Assistant Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, King St., Bishop's Stortford (Essex Assn.); W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware, Herts (Herts Assn.).

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Albans, on Saturday, June 12th. St. Peter's bells (10) available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Abbey bells in the evening. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (6) by arrangement. All are cordially welcomed.—W. Nash, North Mymms.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Westbury-sub-Mendip, near Wells, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. D. Rickards, 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —A meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested. — James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.** — The 115th anniversary will be held at Lavenham Church on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch. —The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 19th. Service and dedication of the new bell at 3.30. Tea, at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Rev. E. M. Thorpe, The Vicarage, Bucklebury, Reading, by Wednesday, June 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, Doncaster and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available early. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Buses for Whiston leave the old Cattle Market, Rotherham, at 1.15, 1.50, 2.30, 3.5, 3.45 and 4.20.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**KENT ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by the 15th inst.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kinver on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, June 19th. Arrangements previously announced hold good.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Harrow Weald bells after tea. Rectory garden open for use of members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. Will members please note change of date? All ringers cordially invited. — W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Aldenham, Herts.—The bells of this charming old village will be opened on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. Please let me know by Tuesday, the 15th, the names of those attending for tea.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 19th. Bells at liberty from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. As the committee of the association are meeting here, will all members make an effort to attend? —J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, June 19th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify Mr. H. I. Mingay, 15, Vere Terrace, Grimsby, by the 17th inst. Bells of St. James' (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, June 19th. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 15th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) available at 3. Tea: Members (fully paid) 1s., others 1s. 6d., Lloyd's Restaurant at 5. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 15th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Worpleston on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 16th? —H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. General meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly send in their names to me by Tuesday, June 15th, —M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseal, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) and Overseal (8) available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Netherseal Rectory, as soon as possible. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next general quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Belper (Derbyshire), on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Short service 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5 p.m. at the Cadena Cafe, Bridge St., where tea will be served at 5.30, followed by general meeting. Will those intending to take tea (moderate charge) please notify Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Rd., Derby, not later than June 23rd. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division —The annual meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) will be available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Carpenter's Arms (2/6 each) for all who notify the Hon. Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers welcomed.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, June 26th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped to have a large attendance. The village is very picturesque, and bells (8) are in excellent order. Those who intend to be present should intimate to W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch Spring meeting (postponed from May 15th) will be held at Tackley on Saturday, June 26th. Service in the Parish Church 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (President). Tea at Tackley Park, 4 p.m., at 1. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Tackley (6), Wootton (6), Woodstock (8), Rousham (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd.—W. Evetts, Jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to tea time. St. John's after tea. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. F. Larbey, 5, Newark Road, South Croydon, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

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