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PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS RECRUITING GROUND.

In a letter which we publish elsewhere in this issue a correspondent refers to the possibility of drawing into the ranks of the Exercise more University and Public School men. This is an important part of the wider subject of extending the practice of change ringing which is ever present, and which the Central Council has made an effort to further by appealing directly and specially to the Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Deans and clergy generally. Our correspondent suggests that if headmasters of Public Schools and Training Colleges could be interested in the subject, many of their students would be induced to take up the art, with the result that their future influence in the matter would be all for the good.

There is much to be said in favour of some such action. In recent years everyone, we think, will admit there has been a general levelling up in the type of man who enters the belfry. As Canon Papillon pointed out in the article from which we quoted last week, there was a time in the life of many now living when the ringers were not infrequently men of the lowest class in the parish, and when the belfry was often considered an adjunct to the pot house. That condition of affairs has, happily, been swept away, largely because the ringers themselves have willed it, and because they have been recruited from more self-respecting circles. The reform has been from within, and the clergy are now rapidly coming in to take their place with the ringers, just as they have interested themselves in the choir. The influence of the Associations has brought this about, and there is no reason why the Associations should not extend their efforts further, as our correspondent suggests, and endeavour to get into the ranks of the Exercise a larger proportion of Public School youths, many of whom will be the clergy of the future.

In this connection it must not be forgotten that the University Guilds of Cambridge and Oxford have done invaluable service, especially the former, which, under the presidency of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, has carried on its work without interruption for a considerable number of years. The Oxford University Guild has not had such an unbroken career, but its recent revival leads to the hope that we may see it before long as keen a rival to its sister 'Varsity in ringing as other University organisations are in other directions. To secure as active an interest among members of the Public Schools as is done at these two seats of learning would be a great step forward in bringing in a type of recruit to the Exercise which would not only add to its standing with

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the public, but lead to the introduction of the art to men who will be leaders of knowledge in the future.

Such an idea is worth serious consideration. It is not a thing that could be carried out on any widespread plan without mature thought and the hearty co-operation of those already among us who have the necessary influence. But, all the same, the matter is one that should not be shelved. There are Varsity and old Public School men on the Central Council. A committee formed of these could, we think, evolve a plan of campaign, and perhaps between this and the meeting next Whitsun some of them may give the subject serious thought.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... ..	... Treble	FRED WILFORD	7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	2	ERNEST BISHOP	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	4	ALBERT WALKER	10
ALF PADDON SMITH	5	JOHN NEAL	11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6	JAMES E. GROVES... ..	Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung on the day the great coal strike was settled. Arranged for Messrs. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and E. Bishop, of Swindon. First peal of Cinques on tower bells as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH... ..	... Treble	FRANK SHAW	5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH	2	JONATHAN WHEWELL... ..	6
MISS ELLEN SHAW	3	JAMES SHAW... ..	7
JACK BARNES... ..	4	WILLIAM RILEY	Tenor

Composed by T. LAW. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

This method, published in the 'Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1916, is now rung for the first time.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... ..	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
GEORGE ELLIS	4	KEITH HART... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. S. PIPETTS.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. HADWICK ... ..	... Treble	*ALBERT S. HILL	5
CHARLES KENNINGTON	2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	6
*FRANK KENNINGTON... ..	3	J. E. KENNINGTON	7
W. H. HEYHOE	4	WILLIAM BOLTON	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled on the eve of the dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the Chapel of the Resurrection, as a memorial to the 2,100 men of Grimsby who fell in the Great War. H. Hadwick, F. Kennington and Chas. Kennington are ex-soldiers who served their King and country in the conflict.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

8 3882 HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5	GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE GRANT 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.	
CECIL J. BAKER Treble	WILLIAM H. JAMES 5	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7	R. ALLEN HICKTON 4	EDWARD C. CHASTY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This variation is now rung for the first time, and the peal was scored at the first attempt.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Martin's, Leicester, Society.)
On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
PERCY HARRISON Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FRED H. DEXTER 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells. First peal as conductor in any method.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. G. BELLINGER Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	F. B. STEDMAN 6
DAVID REES 3	ERNEST J. STITCH 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	FRED ATTWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time and contains 301 calls in five parts, was published in the 'Ringing World' on Sept. 28th, 1917. Mr. Perry kindly came down from Bridgend at short notice to make up the band. Credit is due to Mrs. Bellringer for the way she rang throughout. * First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUE BROOK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. Treble	*CHARLES COLES 5
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
HERBERT LUDKIN 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
†SYDNEY F. BARNES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell, also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the church, and the completion of his twenty-fifth year as Vicar by the Rev. R. T. Brockman.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.	
ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
*WILLIAM BEESON 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.	
GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
ERNEST LINCOLN 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

This peal was rung to oblige the ringer of the 2nd.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
THOMAS BLACKBOURN Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
THOMAS KENDALL 3	FREDERICK HUNT 7
HERBERT WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7th has now rung each of these bells to a peal. G. H. Cross was elected a member of the Bedfordshire Association previous to starting for the peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*EDGAR PIZZEY Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal of Major.

ODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*EDWARD GRINDLE Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	†WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	†THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. 50th peal by G. A. Wightman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court,
Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford
Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble	ALPHRUS J. BERRY 4
JAMES ROSE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
GEORGE W. MEE 3	W. CLOVER Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of
Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS Treble	WILFRED H. BUNTON 4
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 2	GEORGE W. BRAME 5
WILLIAM POYSER 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY Treble	*WILLIAM AUSTIN 4
†THOMAS GROUNDS 2	JOHN HY. GARTSIDE, JUN. 5
JOHN BOOTH 3	†GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Jaques, one of the wardens of the above church. The ringers of treble, 5 and tenor hail from Chorley, and the rest from Standish.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob alternately. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE W. A. GASSON ... Treble	†MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4
†MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	GEORGE CHANDLER 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. AVENELL 3	SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. Treble ringer hails from Rabborough, 3rd and 5th from Worplesdon, and 2nd, 4th and tenor from Aldershot. This is believed to be the first peal in five methods in which three ladies have rung working bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by REV. EARL BULWER. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

OLDHAM.—At St. Thomas's, Moorside, on June 13th, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to C. E. Platt: H. Barnes 1, W. Barnes 2, F. Lawton 3, A. Wild 4, H. Barlow 5, T. Beech 6, L. Hampson 7, C. E. Platt (conductor) 8.

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

On Thursday, June 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

The first half of this peal was in the tittums.

ILKESTON VARIATION OF TREBLE BOB.

Another variation of Treble Bob is put forward under the name of Ilkeston, by Mr. E. C. Gobey. It is got by ringing Kent, with a lead of Oxford in every course when the tenor is going to the slow, cutting out two leads, and keeping the tenors away from the slow work, but Kent bobs only are used at M. W. and H.
The first peal in the variation was rung at Ilkeston, on June 30th, conducted by the composer.

Following are the figures of the peal:—

23456	M	Ox	W	H
56342		1		
42635		1		
26435	2	1	2	1
46325	2	1		2
36245	2	1		2
45623		1		
23564		1		
35264	2	1	2	1
25634	2	1		2
65324	2	1		2
21536		1		
32465	1	1		
65243		1		
52643	2	1	2	1
62153	2	1		2
42563	2	1		2
63254		1		
54326		1		
43526	2	1	2	1
53246	2	1		2
23456	2	1		2

By repeating the first 5 courses four times the peal will ring to 8060.

CROFTON SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following is the proof of first lead of Crofton Surprise, together with seven course-ends that are false against 23456 tenors together.

If a peal in the method is possible with the tenors together, I should like to see the figures. Will the Rev. E. Bankes James oblige?
—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

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15627348

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15824376

14652873

15642378

13426875

16823475

14672358

14685327

14623875

14285637

14362758

False
Course Ends

25634

34562

54265

63542

62345

46325

56423

VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The St. Mary's ringers and a few friends, including Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet, had their annual outing on Thursday, June 30th, when they visited Loughborough. Mr. Richardson kindly placed his car at the disposal of the party, and the remaining accommodation was provided by two other cars requisitioned. A stay was made half-way on the outward journey at Langham, where the fine ring of six were soon going in the various Minor methods, after which lunch was partaken in the Vicarage garden. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Mandall), formerly of St. Mary's, kindly provided tea and other suitable refreshments.

Arriving at Loughborough at 2.30, the party were met by Mr. Denison Taylor, who very kindly conducted them over the foundry. Beginning in the moulding shop, the process of bell founding, with all its modern improvements, was explained throughout, which, it need scarcely be said, was followed with the greatest interest, especially by the ringers, most of whom had not visited a bell foundry before. Various rings of bells in process of construction were noticed for different parts of the county, and indeed for other parts of the world. Two peals of ten were specially noticed, one for Bradford Cathedral, and the other, with a tenor of about two tons, for the Luke of Argyll at Inveraray. These peals were tapped round by the workmen for the benefit of the party to contrast to the old Bradford Cathedral, while the visitors were enjoying a pipe in the garden. The carillon was inspected, and attempts made to play upon it by some of the would-be musicians among the visitors, after which Miss Taylor very kindly entertained the company to a sumptuous tea on the lawn.

During the remainder of the evening the foundry peal was made good use of in Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples, while touches were also rung on the handbells. Peterborough was reached somewhere about midnight, after a very enjoyable and happy day.

The party are greatly indebted to the Rev. W. A. Mandall and Mr. D. and Miss Taylor for the kind way in which they were received, and the arrangements made for their comfort.

SUNDERLAND RINGERS IN CLEVELAND.

The ringers of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland, had their annual trip on Wednesday, June 22nd, the district selected being the Cleveland Hills of Yorkshire. The senior curate (the Rev. G. G. Hickman), one of the churchwardens (Mr. H. Dixon), and the ringers' good friend, Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, accompanied them in the motor-bus. The first stop was at Ormesby, where they were met by Mr. T. Metcalf, of North Ormesby, and the fine bells of this beautiful village were soon set going to Stedman and Double Norwich.

Guisborough was reached at noon, and after an excellent dinner at the Buck Hotel, and a ring on the six bells of the old church, the party had a very pleasant stroll in the Priory Gardens, famous for its wonderful chestnut tree and avenue of beeches.

The next place of call was the pretty village of Carlton, in Cleveland, and the car took the excursionists quickly round the base of Rosebery Toppin, the most prominent of the Cleveland Hills, through Stokesley, to their destination. Here a disappointment awaited the party; they had had a very kind invitation from the Vicar to have a ring on the bells, but unfortunately the sexton had gone away with the church key (weighing about one pound), in his waistcoat pocket, and in spite of every assistance from the villagers, who wanted to hear the bells, the door could not be opened. After a walk through the village, tea at the Blackwell Ox, and the taking of a photograph by the Clerical member of the party, they were just getting into the bus when a girl cyclist came up with the precious key, so that they were able to have half an hour's ringing on these splendid bells after all.

It is worthy of remark that both here and at Guisborough the ringing chambers are open to the church, which must make it very difficult to put things right, when ringing for service, and the bells get slightly mixed.

The bus now took the party home via Hutton Rudby, Yarm, and Stockton, where they parted with Mr. Metcalf, Sunderland being reached at about 10 o'clock, after if not quite a 'perfect,' at least a very happy day, which will long be remembered.

YORK RINGERS AT SCARBOROUGH.

On Saturday, June 25th, the ringers and choir of St. Mary's, Bishopthorpe, York, had an enjoyable outing to Scarborough. The party left by charabanc at 7 a.m., and returned about 11 p.m., after a delightful day. The ringers were met at the tower of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, by Messrs. Barton and Gibson, and after raising the bells in peal, a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: T. F. Earnshaw 1, W. Fountain 2, P. Firth 3, A. Horner 4, E. Rickett 5, A. C. Fearnley (conductor) 6, H. N. Imeson 7, I. R. Barton 8. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Barton for his kindness in making arrangements for the ringing and making up the band.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Owslebury, by the kindness of the Vicar. The pretty peal of six were available during the afternoon, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round. Tea was provided on the cricket ground, at the invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Briggs, both of whom were present, also the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. G. Williams, and ringers from Curdridge, Southampton, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Winchester, Upham, and the local tower.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Briggs for their kindness for providing tea, and also for the use of the bells.—Mr. G. Williams, in seconding, expressed the hope that the local men would again join the Guild.—The Vicar extended to the members a hearty welcome to Owslebury, and said it was a pleasure to himself and Mrs. Briggs to welcome them.

After tea a move was made to Twyford, where, by the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. — Morriss), the bells were kept going during the evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. T. Spratt, of the local company, being present.

The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. G. Fullinger for making the arrangements.

A sum of 16s. was collected at the tea, and forwarded to the memorial fund for the new bells for Winchester Cathedral.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hinckley district was held at Sharnford, on Saturday last, members and friends being in attendance from Croft, Hinckley, Higham-on-Hill, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Nuneaton, and Wigston. The methods rung on tower bells included Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Stoke Golding.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Tune ringing and changes on handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas's Church, on Sunday, 26th June, for Matins, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation), in 48 mins.: T. Scamell 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, senr. 3, W. Johnson 4, J. Bacon 5, W. Scott, junr. 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, E. Alex. Young 8. Arranged especially for Mr. E. A. Young, and as a compliment on his appointment as secretary of the Central Council, he being a frequent visitor to this tower.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, June 26th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. L. White 1, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 2, L. C. Best 3, W. Ayles 4, E. J. Hedger 5, H. Aitken 6, W. Baker 7, F. Edney 8.

SPROTBOROUGH, Near DONCASTER.—At St. Mary's Church, Sprotborough, Yorks, on Sunday morning, April 24th, for service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Stacey 1, O. Greathead 2, W. Rowley 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Metcalfe 1, H. Harding 2, W. Rowley 3, W. Dent 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Both touches were rung as a compliment to J. Stacey on his golden wedding day. He has been a ringer at Sprotborough for 58 years, and was conductor up to Easter of this year.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—The first 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by the local ringers was rung on April 19th: R. Welsby 1, W. P. Deane (conductor) 2, L. Pennington 3, T. Hilditch 4, T. Hurd 5, W. Bourne 6. Much credit is due to Messrs. W. P. Deane and J. Walker for their valuable instruction of the band in this advanced method.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, May 30th, at St. Helen's, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Brettell 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr. 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jeffries 7, W. Page (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by all except Messrs. Jones and Page.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Friday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 45 mins., by: E. Coxhead 1, R. Lancaster 2, H. Lucas 3, C. Salisbury 4, G. Bradley 5, V. Blackwell 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, A. Blackwell 8. This was the longest touch for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and for 7 as conductor. All are of the local band, and are regular Sunday service ringers.

WRAGBY, LINCOLN.—On Saturday, 11th June, at All Saints' Church, in 25 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: L. Snell 1, E. Sagger 2, S. Cade 3, N. Roundturner 4, H. Lowman 5, H. L. Pask (first as conductor) 6.

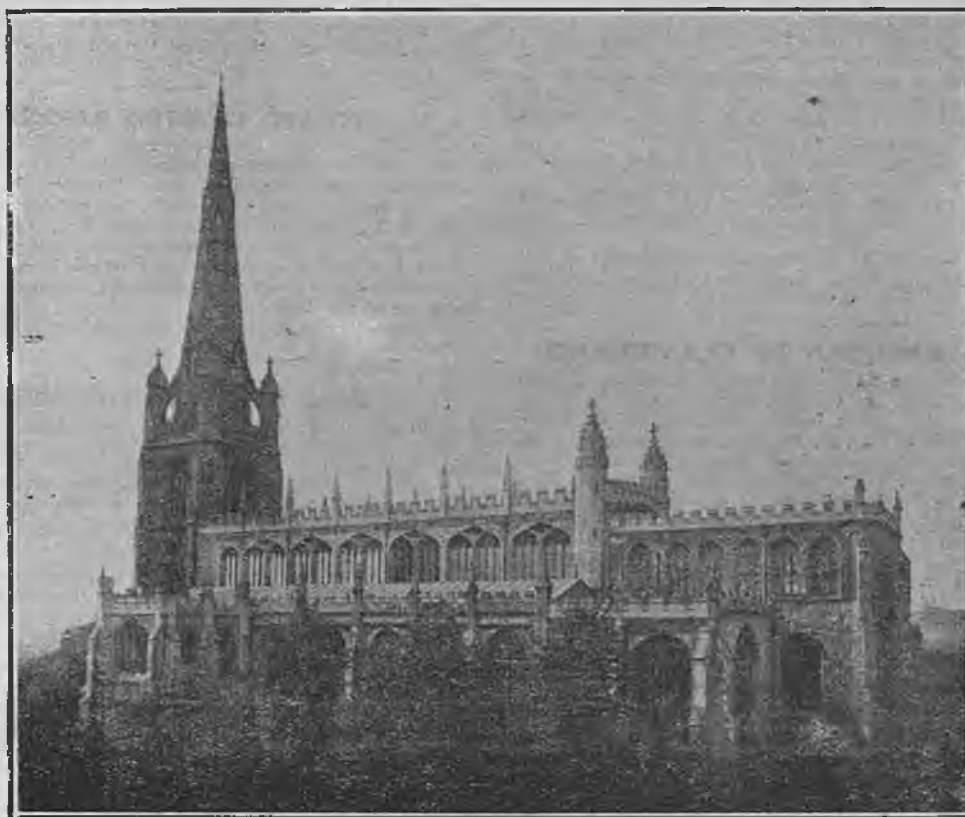
RINGING'S OLDEST FESTIVAL.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S 'GREAT RINGING DAY.'

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden is probably one of the oldest institutions in the Exercise. For 298 years this event has been celebrated, we believe, without a break, and its origin is due to a bequest of one Thomas Turner, a mercer, of Saffron Walden, who left money, with which an estate was purchased at Henham, Essex, to provide for this festival, and for a memorial sermon to be preached on the anniversary of his funeral (June 27th), the bequest being in gratitude to the bells of Walden for guiding him to safety when lost in the woods at Audley End.

The ringing history of Walden, however, goes back even beyond this remote date, and there is still a record existing which has come down to us from the dim ages of the 15th century. In 1440, when Henry VI. was king, the ringers were paid for ringing on the occasion of a visit of the Queen. 'For rynnagyn wanne ye quene was her, iijjd.' Thus they received the princely sum of fourpence for their services,

those who succeeded them were always well abreast of the advances made in the art. One of the first occasions, if not the very first time that Holt's Original was conducted by a ringer taking part in the peal, was at Saffron Walden in 1753—about two years after John Holt had called it from manuscript, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. At this time there were two companies of ringers at Walden, the seniors and the juniors, and apparently there was no love lost between them. The record of the peal exists in a very old newspaper cutting, dated January 2nd, 1754: 'To inform all real Lovers and Professors of the Art of Ringing That the Society of Young Ringers of this town, on Tuesday, the 25th of December last, being Christmas Day, did ring the true Peal of Grandsire Triples composed of 148 Bobs with two Singles, which they effected in three hours and twenty minutes; and on Tuesday following, being New Year's Day, they compleated the same in eight minutes less than before (being the only times the same has been rung there since there has been eight bells) to the no small mortification of their antagonists (some of the Old Society) who, instead of instruction, give them all the obstruction in their



SAFFRON WALDEN CHURCH.

but that there was some importance attached to the ringing of the bells on such an auspicious occasion may be judged by the fact that previously the ringers had been fined for not ringing when Queen Margaret of Anjou came to the Abbey. What the bells of those days were, how many their number, or what their weight, no record remains; but that famous old founder Miles Graye was employed upon them in 1629, when he cast the 'Greate Bell' and was paid £15, with more for 'mettall for ye same bell, xvs. vjd.' In 1634 he appears to have again recast the tenor, for there is an entry, 'Payd to Miles Graye for the casting of our great Bell ye 23rd October, now waying but 27ct. xslbs. at 10s. pr. ct. £13 11. 00. There is 1ct. and 15lbs. remaining of mettall, which was left of the old bell,' which shows that the original tenor was a heavier bell. In 1653 the 5th was recast, and the rest rebung by one John Heddon, bell founder.

The eight bells which made Saffron Walden famous in the history of change ringing, were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1798, and the 7th and 6th were recast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1813 and 1849 respectively. In 1914 the peal was augmented to twelve by Mr. A. Bowell, and the magnificent tower, with a spire rising to 200 feet, now possesses all that the most ardent ringer can desire.

The story of the early days of change ringing at Saffron Walden is as interesting as the history of the bells. The men who rang on the first 'Great Ringing Day' were probably not change ringers, but

power. The ringers which rung the same were: Fredk. Sell, Charles Baron (who called the bobs), Richard Whitehard, John Banks, William Barrett, junr., John Bush, junr., John Clark and John Salmon.

These performances seem to have caused some trouble, for there is no trace of another peal being rung until 1771. But after that the ringers of Walden progressed in the art. They rang peals of Bob Major and Treble Bob, and afterwards (in 1817) Double Norwich, the last named being, according to the records accumulated by the late Jaspur Snowden, only the 6th peal ever rung in the method. After this they mastered Superlative, but their enthusiasm, or their luck, was never sufficient to carry them to the success of a peal, their longest length being 1120. It is interesting, however, to recall that the Saffron Walden company, of whom some are happily still alive, were the first to ring a peal in the method in Essex. Between 1820 and 1865 nothing much but Plain Bob was rung at Walden, but afterwards the company went ahead again, and the older members of the present generation of ringers will recollect the achievements of the band in which the famous Pitstow brothers played a part, while Saffron Walden cannot be mentioned without recalling the memory of one of the greatest and most versatile composers, now gone to his rest—Nathan J. Pitstow.

But through all the ups and downs of the art in the ancient Essex town, 'Great Ringing Day' has never passed without its celebration

—more or less fitting as ringing has been in the ascendant or otherwise. Recent years—except during the war-time—has seen the event made the occasion of a gathering of visitors, not only from the towers around, but from distant places as well.

The celebration on Monday in last week brought together ringers from Cambridge (including one lady), Stansted, Great Munden, Croydon, Royston, Brockley, Ickleton, etc., while the local men were, of course, present in force.

Ringing began at 9.30 a.m., and continued with brief intervals until 9.30 p.m., the methods rung during the day ranging up to London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques.

The customary service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. Hughes, who preached a very interesting and appropriate sermon for the occasion, and later presided over a party of about forty at a substantial meat tea. There were votes of thanks to the Vicar, the visitors, the local company, etc., heartily accorded and suitably responded to; and it was generally accepted that a very pleasant and successful 'Great Ringing Day' had marked the 298th anniversary.

A SUFFOLK EXCURSION.

On Monday, June 27th, the Debenham company left that village on pleasure bent, and proceeded by motor-bus to the Churches of Worlingworth, Stradbroke and Fressingfield, ringing touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples at these towers. Diss was reached about noon, and here a disappointment awaited the party, for the bells could not be rung owing to a death near the church. The visitors were able, however, to dispose of a dinner provided by the host of the King's Head Hotel, and were joined at that function by Mr. John Souter, one of the local stalwarts, who afterwards accompanied them to the neighbouring village of Palgrave, where some short touches were rung as a kind of solace for the contretemps at Diss. Leaving Mr. Souter at this point, an 18 mile run took the band to Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral Church of St. James's, with its fine ring of ten, was visited first, and the three-lead system of Treble Ten had to be adopted to enable all to have a pull before tea, which latter item was provided at the Rose and Crown Inn. Needless to say, full justice was done to this part of the programme, and thus refreshed, the ringers were ready for the fine peal of eight at the Church of St. Mary. Here some good touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round. Bury was left at 7 p.m., and Stowmarket reached at 8.15, where the bells were kept going until 9.30, to the tune of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman. This gave everyone a chance to have a pull, and as the party numbered eighteen in all, the time passed very quickly. A ten-mile run landed the company safely home, about 11 o'clock.

The ringers wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, also the local ringers who so kindly met them and helped to make the outing such a success.
W. C. R.

NAMED METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the notice of Minor Methods Tug and named, which appeared in your issue of June 24th, I wish to draw attention to No. 29 Treble Bob on June 7th last, and named Norton-le-Moors; and I point out that the numbers under the head 'Treble Bob' do not go beyond 24.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of June 24th, re naming Six Bell Methods, when I consulted my copy of these I find that they only give 24 Treble Bob Methods in the book, but having had some methods which were added to the collection (but I think never published) given to me several years back, I should like to know if the one No. 29 is the same as I have by me.

There have also been some 3rd and 4th's Place Delight Methods added, and as I mentioned before, it would be far the best to give a lead of these methods when naming them in your valuable paper.—
Yours truly,
F. BLOOD.
Nottingham.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD SCHOFIELD.

The death took place on Friday, June 24th, of Mr. Edward Schofield, of Rochdale, who was a very capable and energetic ringer in the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Schofield had been ill for about 28 weeks, and his death is a great loss to the association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, June 29th, at the Rochdale Cemetery, and was attended by ringers from Oldham, Middleton, Heywood, Rochdale and Milnrow. After the last solemn rites had been performed, J. Milton, W. Crabtree, H. Devonport (Todmorden) and D. Renshaw (Middleton) rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave.

In the evening, eight of the ringers rang a touch of 1440 of Plain Bob Major, with the bells muffled at the Church of St. James, Milnrow, where the deceased had been a ringer for a great many years: W. Crabtree, Todmorden, 1; Jno. Fitton, Milnrow, 2; G. Staff, Milnrow, 3; F. Fielding, Todmorden, 4; J. C. Bennett, Milnrow, 5; J. Nash, Todmorden, 6; Jno. H. C. Massev, Milnrow, 7; H. Devonport, Todmorden, 8. The bells were also half-muffled on Sunday, both for morning and evening service, as a token of respect.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells to be erected at Winchester Cathedral as a war memorial to the fallen members of the Winchester Guild, and which will increase the ring from ten to the first peal of twelve in the diocese, will be dedicated in the Choir of the Cathedral on Saturday, July 16th.

Congratulations to Mr. Harold J. Poole, of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, who by the peal of Superlative rung at Thureaston on July 2nd, completes his first year's effort at peal ringing. His successes amount to 18 peals, and consist of 2 Stedman Triples, 3 Stedman Caters, 1 Double Norwich Major, 1 Treble Ten, 5 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 Cambridge Surprise Royal. He is still some months short of his 19th birthday, and we imagine that this must be a record for the Midland Counties Association.

We are asked to state that the peal of Minor at Wenhaston, published last week, comprised two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, and not one 720 each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain, as published.

The spiral staircase is like a whispering gallery, and here is a 'waveless' from the lips of bell ringers that travelled down the old stone newell at Beaconsfield:—

Leicestershire is to be the county patronised by the Essex men (prominent in the Middlesex C.A. Records) for their annual ringing tour.

North Devonshire has been selected as the ground for their annual ringing tour by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in mid-September.

The Cambridge Varsity tour takes place a week earlier, and the Editor has been requested to have a supplement ready so that a full report of the process for raising 'blisters' can be published.

A correspondent asks us if we can tell him who is the ringers' patron saint? We can't. There may or may not be one. We have never heard. Perhaps the Central Council will appoint a committee to investigate.

There are two, among others, who should have a good claim to the distinction—St. Dunstan, whose skill as a smith is familiar to students of ecclesiastical archaeology, and who is known to have been instrumental in hanging if not in casting bells, and who, at Canterbury, gave careful directions for their correct use; and St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, 863-984, who cast bells for Abingdon Abbey.

Perhaps, however, one or other of these holy men, who were canonised after death, could more fittingly be appropriated as the patron saint of the Bell Founders. But we are not well versed in mythical lore, so we give it up.

The bells at Leesfield being unringable, the meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, arranged for to-morrow at that tower, will be held instead at Rochdale Parish Church.

A hundred and four years ago to-day—on July 8th, 1817, James Barham, that Kent worthy whose zeal and enthusiasm for ringing has never been surpassed, rang his last peal, a peal of Treble Bob at Leeds, his native place, and the scene of so many of his great performances. He was at the time 91 years old, and we doubt if any ringer has ever taken part in a peal at a more advanced age.

James Barham died in the following January, and was buried in Leeds Churchyard beneath the sound of the bells he loved so well. From 1744 to 1817 he rang 115 peals, and conducted most of them, including the 40,320 of Bob Major in 27 hours at Leeds Church, and in which it is said 13 men took part. This peal was rung on April 7th and 8th, 1761. James Barham's memory is one that should be ever kept green, for his record was a marvellous one for those days.

On July 9th, 1824, John Pennington died. He was the last of a family of founders of that name who carried on their craft at Stoke Climsland in Cornwall, and many of the bells from this foundry were to be found in that county and in the adjoining county of Devon. It originated in an establishment at Exeter, which from 1601 to 1624 was in the hands of Thomas and John Buirdan. At the latter date it passed into the hands of the Penningtons, who set up a branch establishment at Bodmin in 1687.

Later there were branches at Lezant, carried on by FitzAnthony Pennington from 1756 to 1768, and Stoke Climsland, where the bells of the Parish Church were cast by John Pennington in 1771. The last of the line was also John Pennington, and with his death in 1824, the foundry, we believe, came to an end.

TAMWORTH RINGER'S DEATH.

The Tamworth (Staffs) band have lost, by death, a much-respected member, in the person of Mr. F. Preston, and as a last token of respect a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Editha's Church on Friday last, by: A. Chaplin 1, G. Peers 2, W. Chapman 3, A. Marks 4, H. Chapman 5, R. Brindley (conductor) 6, G. Chaplin 7, C. Pratt, junr. (first quarter), 8.

RINGERS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The effort which is being made to get more clergy to take an active interest in ringing—a desirable point made by the Master of the College Youths at their last dinner—leads me to make a suggestion. I think our only hope lies in the rising generation; therefore, I would suggest that the various Guilds and Associations should arrange to send deputations to the headmasters of the Public Schools and University and Training Colleges in their several areas to point out the excellent training, intellectually and physically, to be obtained by the practice of change ringing with handbells as well as with tower bells, and offer the gratuitous services of qualified instructors for any who desired to enter the art. I believe many of the young fellows would take it up as ardently as they do their field sports, billiards, etc., once their interest was aroused. Already there are University Guilds at Oxford and Cambridge (and why not London and Durham?) but at the University stage many of the men are too much immersed in preparation for their final examinations to give much time to other matters, whereas in the earlier days of their education such training as change ringing gives would be highly beneficial.

As I write this my mind turns to Winchester College, which has in the tower of its chapel a peal of six bells which, I believe, are practically unringable through disuse, and close by there is the beautiful Cathedral peal of ten shortly to be increased to twelve. I feel sure that amongst the large number of students in that College (and also in the training college in the same city), especially those who are destined for service in the church or the teaching profession, there are many who would only be too delighted to receive instruction and become proficient change ringers if the matter were brought to their notice, and encouragement given by their headmasters. The same applies to every other college in the country.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

F. W.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage took place at the Parish Church, Portishead, on Friday last, of Mr. William Edwards, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Edwards, of Leyton, Essex, and Miss Ellen Elizabeth (Nellie) Gillingham, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillingham, of Portishead.

The event is of much interest to ringers, for Miss Gillingham has been one of the pioneers among lady ringers. Under the tuition of her father, she, and others, became regular service ringers at Portishead, and made excellent progress with change ringing. In 1912 she took part in the first ladies' peal, which was rung at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, and as the outcome of which the Ladies' Guild was formed. Miss Gillingham was one of the original members of the Guild, and acted as the first secretary of the Western District. In 1918 she was honoured by being elected as the first lady honorary member of the Central Council. She has taken part in several peals, including the first by an entirely local band of ladies, which was rung in her own tower at Portishead, and was almost as memorable a performance as the Cubitt Town peal.

The congratulations and good wishes of the Exercise will go out to the bride and bridegroom.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs. The ringers gathered in full force, and the bells rang out merrily. Eight lady members rang a touch of 168 Grandfire Triples: Miss D. Willett 1, Miss Olive Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Crocker 4, Miss Jukes 5, Mrs. Briggs 6, Miss Hole (cond.) 8.

Amongst the numerous presents were an electro-plated tea service and tray from the Portishead ringers; a case of plated tea knives from the Ladies' Guild; and a similar case from the Medical Officer and staff of the Red Cross Hospital, where Miss Gillingham worked throughout the war. Other gifts from the Sunday School scholars and others showed the wide esteem in which she is held.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 25th, when a fair number of ringers turned up from various towers. St. Peter's bells were available from 3 to 5 p.m., and the fine ring of ten were kept going during that period. The business meeting was held in the tower before tea, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (general hon. secretary of the association) being voted to the chair.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield, in August. (Since this decision was come to it has been decided to hold this meeting on Saturday, July 23rd.)

A vote of thanks for the use of the bells and to Mr. Cartmel for acting as chairman was passed.

After tea, the Abbey tower was visited, and ringing was indulged in, methods up to Superlative and Cambridge being rung.

MR. F. DENCH'S PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

A FALSE COMPOSITION.

The composition of the peal of Cambridge Major which was rung twenty years ago, and as published for the first time last week, turns out to be false.

Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, has found this out, and writes: 'It is a matter for regret that the 5024 Cambridge Surprise Major, by Mr. F. Dench, which you publish this week, is false, as the figures below show:—

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the course end

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Treble 5 6 down.

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BELL REPAIR FUNDS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read your leading article in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' with great interest, as to forming bell repair funds. You will remember I suggested some months ago that a Sunday should be set apart once in every year in all Protestant churches for collecting funds for such an object, each county or diocese to have its own separate fund.

I think money collected in this way would be much easier got than stumping one's parish for funds for repair of the bells of the church when needed.

I would further suggest that some kind of recognition should be made of ringers for their services during the year. There are several ways in which it could be done without resorting to hard cash, and I think it would encourage better attendance in the belfries, and help to create a better feeling amongst ringers, which does not always exist in some belfries. Unity should be shown as much in the belfry as in the church. I know of churches where as much as £30 a year is paid to the ringers for their services during the year. Some ringers have a long way to go to their belfry to ring, which means expense in these days. There is an old saying that there's no flavour in nothing.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

Reigate.

'GANNY GUNTER.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—If the ringers of the village where the Ganny Gunter variation of Double Norwich was attempted, see the opinion of the experts in 'The Ringing World,' they will not be much enlightened. There is not much explanation, and if the villagers do not realise what underlies the statement, 'where they call it Treble Bob,' they may search the elementary text books in vain for a description of Ganny Gunter. When they try to recognise G.G. in a peal of Kent, how they will be puzzled to know why 3rd's and 4th's are made so often, and to find names for the many alterations in the method. Were the expert there he would probably say a lead of Kent consists of six leads of Ganny Gunter and two divisions of Forward. It will be remembered that the conductor 'discovered' it to be a method, and that the expert did explain, making no statement to the effect that it is 'new.'

My own opinion is that the expert knew the laws which govern method construction, and that his explanation was correct. Ganny Gunter is a regular method in which the Treble has a particular 'dwarf' hunt, which is not Treble Bob, and has a bob made at the parting of the leads, which is the only variation from the method necessary for a peal.

It must be remembered that a lead of Bob Major is a course of Original, yet a peal of the former is not also one of Original.—Yours sincerely,

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, June 25th, in delightful weather, at the beautiful village of Tong. There was only a meagre attendance, perhaps owing to the counter-attraction at Kirkburton, where the eight-bell contest for the Halifax and District Society was in progress. A few friends from Thornhill were present, accompanied by a former member of the local company, Mr. H. Oddv. The bells were rung to touches of Oxford and Violet Treble Bob in the evening. Members from Armley rang touches of Stedman Triples on handbells, much to the delight of the members present.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLN.—At All Saints' Church, on Saturday, 18th, June, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1,260 changes): L. Snell 1, J. S. Betts (conductor) 2, H. Marcon 3, N. Roundturner 4, H. L. Pask 5, H. W. Lloyd 6.

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SPLENDID GATHERING AT BEACONSFIELD.

On Saturday week a most successful gathering of the East Berks and South Bucks Branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at Beaconsfield, Bucks, and was attended by about 120 ringers, constituting a record for the branch. The bells were set going about three o'clock, and from that time onwards ringers came along in numbers. One strong party from Windsor arrived, with their wives, by motor-car, and made quite a holiday of the event. Four hon. secretaries were amongst the performers, representing the counties of Oxford, Surrey, London, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

A short service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Commeline), assisted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. E. J. Teesdale. The form of service used was from the Manual and Oxford Guild. The hymns used were from the same book, compiled for use at such gatherings, and were sung with great heartiness by the unusually large male congregation. Miss D. M. Jackman officiated at the organ, and her playing was very much enjoyed. The Rev. E. J. Teesdale gave the address, taking for his text, 'He that sounded the trumpet was by me' (Nehemiah iv. 18). In the course of his remarks, the preacher urged those who were engaged in the art of Church bell ringing to consider and realise they were doing work for God in calling people together to worship in His house. It was their duty to take part in the service of the Church. Each individual should recognise his or her responsibility. To accomplish a performance in the art of bell ringing needed united effort, which was good for the development of such qualities as attention, observance, and reverence, and as Churchworkers he appealed to them to continue their good work and to realise in the words of the text, 'He that ringeth the bell was by me.'

A collection was taken on behalf of the Restoration of Bells Fund for Bledlow Church during the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, who liveth.' It is interesting to note that this hymn was composed and set to music by two clergymen who were resident in the county at the time, and that Farnham Royal was its birthplace, the authors being the Revs. Wilder and Matthews.

Lady Burnham presided over the tea, which was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, and served in the Old Rectory, which is a unique 14th century specimen of half-timbered work. The towers represented included Wycombe (2), Marlow, Boyne Hill, Bray, Cookham, Burnham, Taplow, Fulmer, Slough, Stoke Poges, Chalfont, Farnham Royal, Old Windsor, Windsor, St. George's Tower and Parish Church, Missenden, Amersham, Hughenden, Bledlow and Beaconsfield. There were also visiting ringers from Egham, Staines, Camberley, Reading, Caversham, Ealing, Berkhamstead, Hillingdon and Tottenham. Tea over, a short but most enjoyable entertainment was given by Mrs. Halford (recitations and sketches), Miss Young (violin solo), Miss Jackman (pianoforte solo), Miss Young ('cello solo). A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by Messrs. Welling, Mayne, Barker, Hibbert and Jenkyn, and tunes by Mr. Martin and his two boys.

At the close of the programme, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell) said he had received messages from Canon Blackie, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Sir William and Lady Carter, of Windsor, regretting their inability to be present, other important duties keeping them away. Their president, he added, had been made Bishop of the county, and their vice-president installed as Archdeacon of Lincoln. The committee were waiting to hear of further raids on the patrons of the branch by the Church at large.

It was then announced that the collection in church amounted to nearly £2, and Viscountess Burnham declared her pleasure, as she was not in church, to add a guinea to the fund.—The Vicar of Bledlow expressed his thanks for the kindness shown in contributing to the fund.

Mr. Bennett, on behalf of the company, thanked Lady Burnham for presiding. Her presence had, he felt sure, given them much pleasure.—The Master of the Guild said they ought not to separate without thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for the entertainment that day.—Mr. Bennett briefly responded.

Further use was then made of the tower bells, touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire being rung till 9 p.m., thus ending one of the pleasantest gatherings in the annals of the Branch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Upavon on June 4th, and was attended by ringers from Melksham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Westbury, Warminster, Upavon and Beeching-stoke. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Room, and during the afternoon and evening some very good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Doubles were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.

Upwards of 40 members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took advantage of the meeting of the North and East District on Saturday, June 25th, to renew or make acquaintance with the lovely peal of bells hanging in the tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, which have recently been restored by the Whitechapel Foundry. Soon after the advertised time, the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, London and Bristol followed in quick succession, the bells being heard to great advantage in a well-struck course in the latter method, which charmed all listeners, both inside and outside the tower.

At the service, the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Bedford) addressed the members, giving the association a hearty welcome. A hymn, composed by the Rector himself, was sung, and immediately following the service there was a short organ recital, the splendid tones of the organ reminding one of the beautiful tones of the bells heard just previously.

After tea, which was served in the Court House adjoining, a short business meeting was held. The Rector presided, and one new member was elected.

The Hon. Secretary was empowered to obtain from the Hon. Librarian of the Central Council a supply of the Council's publications for sale amongst the members.—The Hon. Secretary said he would be glad to hear from members requiring copies.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. C. Bedford for his address at the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding; also to Mr. J. Rayner, the towerkeeper, for the excellent arrangements made; to the organist, whose rendering of two beautiful pieces of music was much appreciated; and to the caretakers for arranging tea.

The Rector very suitably replied, on behalf of himself and all concerned in the vote of thanks, expressing his great pleasure at meeting the association, and stating that the society would always be made welcome at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

Immediately prior to the business meeting, a 'bob' course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, whilst afterwards another visit was made to the tower, until 9 o'clock came all too soon for many who were so busy ringing Stedman, Bristol, etc., that they almost forgot the flight of time.

The hymn written by the Rector, which was sung at the service, was that composed specially for the re-dedication of the bells in April last:—

St. Andrew's Bells once more
Be heard by all around,
Above the traffic's roar
Peal out your joyful sound.
Ring out, glad bells and may your voice,
Lift hearts to God and bid rejoice.
When comes the Lord's own day,
And hushed are feet and wheels,
May Christian folk obey
Your voice's loud appeals,
Ring out, sweet bells each Sabbath day,
And call the folk to praise and pray!
If death his summons bring,
And call some soul away,
Then muffled you will ring
And solemn farewell say,
Sound out, ye bells and as ye toll
Call men to pray for passing soul.
When man and woman wed
And here God's blessing seek
Upon each joyful head
Your benediction speak
Ring out, glad bells, and fill the air
With blessings on the happy pair!
Our Sovereign's birthday note
And public holiday
Then let each full voiced throat
Give out bright melody
St. Andrew's bells your voices ring
And cry aloud, God save the King!
As move the clock hands slow,
Let hour and quarters chime.
The busy folk below
To warn of passing time,
Sound out, sweet bells, by day and night,
And bid men work or rest aright.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On June 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Bibby 1, J. E. Bibby 2, J. H. Randles 3, C. Radon 4, F. Bibby 5, W. Bibby (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method of ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

We have been asked if we can ascertain who is the oldest ringer now actively and regularly taking part in Sunday Service ringing. Mr. Ted Horrex, who is ringing twice every Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral, and now is in his 84th year, is certainly one of the oldest, but in this wonderful art of ours, it would not surprise us to hear of some other 'youth' who can give the St. Paul's veteran years, and a beating.

We put up tablets in our towers to record our peals, why should we not have tablets recording long and faithful service to the church by those who ring on Sundays, with, say, a qualifying period of five or ten years? Such a record would be a recognition of services freely given, an incentive to ringers yet to come, and of interest in the future.

Visitors to St. Paul's Cathedral, by the way, will have noticed with interest that there is a memorial marble in the belfry recording the name and age and the year of the death of each past member of the Cathedral Society. We do not recollect having seen such a record in any other tower.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, after morning service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: William C. Scrivens 1, George T. Mitchison 2, Richard C. Ingram 3, James George 4, Frederick W. Rishworth 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 7, Samuel Coley 8. Rung in honour of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger's 21st anniversary as Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, which was celebrated on this date. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Perry Barr, 6th from Aston, the other four belong to the local band.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, for Divine service, on Sunday evening, July 3rd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Hodgson, junr. (aged 14), first attempt, 1, E. Brett 2, R. Turner 3, A. Scambler 4, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, A. J. Baynes 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Scholes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the much-respected steeplekeeper, Mr. R. Turner.—Mr. Alps, in a few words, expressed the united and best wishes of the band for Mr. Turner's future health and prosperity.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Miss F. Wyman 1, J. Burdfield 2, J. Brown 3, L. Faice 4, S. Paice 5, J. Whitehead 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, O. Sippetts 8.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, 1,047 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, E. F. Pike 2, C. T. Coles 3, J. A. Trollope 4, U. F. Winney 5, G. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. E. Davis 7, E. P. Duffield 8, C. Burden 9, H. Belcher 10.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Pierce 1, J. Larter 2, P. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Spencer 4, C. Moss 5, J. Howard 6, A. E. Reeves 7, A. F. Bailey 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—St. Mary's Society. — On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 41 mins.: R. Kilby 1, B. Fosket 2, G. Kilby 3, A. Tennant 4, W. Matthews 5, C. Ebberson 6, H. Crook 7, H. Kilby (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, H. Dyas 3, C. H. Dobbie 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. E. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 7, A. W. Davis 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. E. G. Hewton 10.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Munday 1, F. E. Dawe 2, O. H. Giles 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. J. Cullum, senr., 1, F. Grove (St. Mary's, Woolwich) 2, A. J. Morton 3, J. F. Lowrey 4, E. J. Hott 5, H. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 7, J. Morton 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Lathbury 1, T. FitzJohn 2, Miss V. Shorter 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, F. Poulson 7, F. Salter 8; also for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: P. Fordham 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, T. FitzJohn 3, F. Poulson 4, R. Sharpe 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, F. Salter 7, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 8.

PUDSEY, NEAR LEEDS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, on Sunday July 3rd, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Ambler 1, Pratt Cordingley 2, H. Booth 3, S. Ward 4, H. M. Day (Market Deeping, Lines) 5, F. W. Thorpe 6, E. Proctor 7, W. Cordingley (conductor) 8.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral, for Sunday morning service, on July 3rd, the last 742 of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples, in 29½ mins.: H. D. Falconer 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor), Bishop's Stortford 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, W. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, M. Heffer 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Law 1, G. A. Dawson (Leytonstone) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, E. J. Pannett 4, G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. George's Church, on June 28th, for morning service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,392 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, Hy. Allred 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, T. Allred 6, H. Allred 7, R. Allred, senr. (conductor), 8. For afternoon service, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, R. Allred, senr., 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, Hbt. Allred (conductor) 6, T. Allred 7, A. Burton (Walkden) 8. For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins.: R. Allred, junr., 1, Hy. Allred 2, J. T. Allred 3, T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred, senr. (conductor) 6, Hbt. Allred 7th. H. Watts 8.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On June 26th, for morning service, 896 Grandsire Triples: W. Philpott 1, E. Starkey 2, F. Williams 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8; and for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, E. Starkey 2, F. Williams 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 5, S. Danby 6, W. G. Anker 7, C. Allen 8. Rung with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial by the Bishop of Birmingham.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,259 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
23456789

42356798	B1	S1	B1
64263879	B1	S3	
45263	9	in 3	
24583	8	in 3	
32465	8	in 3 S	
53284	8	in 3 S	
25364	8	in 3	
32564	8	in 3	
43265	8	in 3 S	
54362	8	in 3 S	
35462	8	in 3	
23564	8	in 3 S	
42365	8	in 3 S	
32547698	8	in 3	

Has the 6th 12 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke position.
J. George.

1,072 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
34256				
36245				
23584				
35264				
52364				
24365				
43265				
32465				
25463				
42356				
23456				

Has all the 6-4's, 6-5's and 5-6's.

G. H. Croes.

503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567

672453	2
346572	1
723654	2
357246	3
463725	2
574263	1
275346	5
752346	4
467235	2
674235	4
526374	1
745632	2
267345	1
742653	3
S 357264	2

Round at hand next lead.

H. W. Wilde.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

756.

2314567	1	4	6
3417526	—	—	—
3217456	—	—	—
3517246	—	—	—
Twice repeated.			
1,008.			
23145	7	12	
25143	—	S	
24135	—	—	
25314	—	—	
21345	—	—	
25431	—	—	
23415	—	—	
Repeated.			
J. Carter.			

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A capital gathering of members and friends assembled at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, the occasion being the annual meeting, when the affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry were well represented. Mr. F. Wilford, who had had a non-stop run from Northampton by motor-cycle, was also present.

The bells at the Cathedral (a fine ring of ten), St. Mary's (eight) and St. Michael's (six) were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Evensong at the Cathedral was well attended. A capital tea was provided at the cafe, after which the general meeting was held. Mr. W. W. Worthington was unanimously voted to the chair. — Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Wm. Griffin (through bereavement), and Mr. G. Hughes. The report and balance sheet were read and passed. The committee, in their report, stated: 'During the past year 25 new members have been admitted to the society. The quarterly meetings have been well attended. At Tamworth, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Kosher) presented each member present with a card as a memento, on which was a hymn and prayer for bell ringers which he had had printed. The churchwardens very kindly entertained the society to tea. At the Willenhall meeting in January, the society was again most hospitably entertained, this time by the kindness of the local band. The committee were glad to know that the Vicar of Willenhall (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt), who was so seriously ill at the time, has been restored to health. The attendance at Sedgley was over 50—quite a good number for a quarterly meeting. During the year, 22 peals have been rung, as follows: Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 6; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Cinques, 3; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; total, 22. In 1919, the annual report was not printed owing to the tremendous cost. Last year we had a report—covering the two years—printed. The result of this was to reduce our balance in hand by more than £12, in spite of the strictest economy in other directions. The committee have very carefully considered the matter, and have come to the conclusion that this year again we ought to do without and save up for a two year's report next year. The rise in the annual subscription to 1s. 6d. did not come into effect till the year beginning to-day, and this will only bring in about £5 extra.'

The subscriptions to the Roland Cartwright Memorial Fund came to about £35. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Dawkins, one of his late colleagues in the L. and N.W.R., for the result of his efforts in collecting amongst Mr. Cartwright's many friends on the railway. A Dartmoor granite cross has been ordered from Mr. H. Gough, of Wolverhampton, and we hope it will be erected in Wombourne Churchyard before very long. The Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. H. L. Langley) has very kindly remitted the fees due to him for its erection.

It was resolved that the report should not be printed on account of the high cost.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, auditor, who resigned, Mr. E. J. Tyler being appointed to the vacancy.

The Hon. Lay Secretary reported having attended the Central Council meeting. Mention having been made of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin's motion, re 'Authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells,' etc., it was thought advisable, at least for the present, not to move in the matter.

The forthcoming meetings were arranged as follows: Brewood, September; Stafford, January; Pelsall, April; and the annual at Lichfield, in June.

Mr. J. Perry asked if the funds would allow assistance being given to defray the cost of repairing the church spire at Brewood. After a little discussion it was agreed that collecting sheets should be sent to all affiliated towers. The chairman kindly offered a guinea to help the project.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

Set of 15 Handbells in diatonic scale (size 21). Require slight overhaul, £7.—'P,' 'Ringing World' Office, Woking.

PUBLICATIONS.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices:

7.30 p.m. at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, July 2nd, and St. Clement Danes, July 25th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Quarterly general meeting St. Clement Danes July 11th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by special meeting to consider Rule 24.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western

District.—A meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Clifton House, Tring, Herts.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF

BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at the Masons' Arms Hotel.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 41, Albert Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan

Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea 5.30; Business: Nomination of Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next Quarterly

meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station, G.N.R.) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Will members please arrange their own tea? After this date no postcards will be sent to members, but meetings will be advertised in the 'Ringing World' only.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, July 9th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

—A meeting will be held at Ramsey on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. O. G. Howe, High Street, Ramsey. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual

Summer Festival will be held at Turvey on Saturday, July 9th. The bells (8) will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open early in the afternoon. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The

next Quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson, M.A.) followed by tea in the Church Institute.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held on July 9th at Farnborough. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. High Littleton, Timsbury and Preston bells also available.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to the bells at Leesfield being unringable, arrangements have been made to hold the next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on July 9th. Bells ready at 3; meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 12th; Southwark Cathedral, 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice: Thursday, July 14th, All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C. Ringing at 7.30 p.m. sharp in each case. *Everybody* welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—At Earl-Shilton, on Friday, July 15th, induction of Vicar and dedication of new ring of 8 bells. Service at 6.30 p.m. A band has been arranged to ring the opening rounds and first touch, after which all ringers welcome. Bells will be available the next day, Saturday, 16th, to all ringers from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SALOP GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Trinity Hall, 1/6 per head. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited. Please send a card to the Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmunds, Shrewsbury, or W. Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) will be available from noon. Service in S. Peter's at 4 p.m., with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring. Tea at 5 p.m. at Mrs. Wilds' (close to church), at 1/9 per head to those who notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, before July 12th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ribchester on July 16th. Goosnargh bells will also be available from 3 to 4.30. Further particulars by circular.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Gt Wymondley on Saturday, July 16th. St. Ippolyt's bells will be available. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Bentley

and Frensham will also be available.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—John Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who acquaint me by Tuesday, July 12th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—These bells will be open for practice on Saturday, July 16th, from 4 o'clock till 9.—D. Collins.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby (8), Dunchurch (6), and Newbold-on-Avon (6) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. J. B. Hewitt, M.A., Vicar of Newbold-on-Avon. Meat tea at 2/3 per head at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea kindly send to Mr. J. B. Fenton, 9, Pinfold Street, Rugby, by Wednesday, July 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Neaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Tuesday, July 19th. Bells available from 8 to 10 p.m. All welcome. Hadley bells will be dedicated on Thursday, July 21st, by the Bishop of Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 23rd. Further particulars next week.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for a motor charabanc to leave Tonbridge Station at 2.15. Fare about 6/6 per head. Members intending to go by this must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, 12th inst., and all members wishing for tea not later than Tuesday, 19th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Road.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, 12; lunch, 1; business meeting, 2. Ringers wishing to attend lunch must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford, on or before July 16th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the

Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, July 18th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will (D.V.) be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3 o'clock; preacher, The Dean. In addition to the city belfries, those of Christleton, Eccleston and Aldford will be open all day. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon Sec., New Mills.

MARRIAGES.

EDWARDS—GILLINGHAM.—On July 1st, at the Parish Church, Portishead, by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, Rector, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Edwards, Leyton, Essex, to Ellen Elizabeth (Nellie), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

HARVEY—HOLE.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, Portishead, by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, Walter Harold, second son of the late Mr. Alfred Harvey, of Bristol, to Edith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hole, of Brightley, Slade Road, Portishead.

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