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A FIELD FOR NEW COMPOSERS.

The advice given to young composers last week by Mr. Fred Dench, to try and fathom some of the mysteries of Cambridge Surprise Major, touches a question which has many times been commented upon, but which still will bear emphasis. Mr. Dench tells us that unravelling Cambridge will be found far more interesting than stringing together courses of Bob Major, and those who have made the attempt to delve in some of the deeper mysteries of peal construction will agree with him. The art of composition does not end, as some people seem to imagine, in putting together sufficient course-ends of a method to make the required number of changes. Touches and peals often reach us which, on the face of them, are false and the faults of which can sometimes even be seen without working out any figures, showing that the authors have made no attempt at proof. It is true that everyone has to make a beginning, but we would emphasise the need for all, who are really anxious to become the authors of peals, to make themselves first acquainted with the foundations of the subject upon which they desire to work.

In the simpler methods, and indeed, in some of the more complex, any new production is extremely difficult to obtain; but investigation in methods which have been well worked by others, should give the really enthusiastic composer a keener zest to explore for himself the less known paths of more complicated methods. There are bound to be some failures, but in this, as in every walk of life, it is the man who profits by his failures who will one day reach success. Despite the work that has already been done, there are still fields in which men can work, and in which success will bring them campanological fame equally with some of the masters who have gone before them. Cambridge Surprise Major, among the older methods, is one which, as Mr. Dench very rightly says, offers an alluring task for those who really desire to investigate ground which has not been so extensively explored as some which offered greater chances of success with smaller effort.

It must not be supposed that the task is a simple one. Great minds in the Exercise have devoted much time to the work, but that is no reason why new effort should not be made to evolve something new in a method which is not only interesting to ring, but fascinating in the baffling problem which its composition presents. As with Cambridge, so with other Surprise methods. More investigation by composers would lead to the creation of wider interest in some of the good methods which are seldom, if ever, practised, and one result would almost certainly be the ringing of a far greater variety of the higher methods on eight bells. In these enlightened days ringers ought

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not to be satisfied, as the majority of them seem to be, with ringing only the methods which the past generation achieved, and composers, in the same way, ought to strive for something more than their predecessors attained, instead of being content to dig among the accumulated figures of more or less worked out methods, hoping to find some trifle which others have overlooked.

TEN BELL PEAL.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN BEAMS... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN HOWES 2	AMOS CLARK... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. WHITE 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CECIL V. ERBERSON 9
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. WINCH.

This was the first peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	ARTHUR W. BALDWIN... .. 5
CHARLES S. TUTTILL... .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
CHARLES WYBROW 4	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

Rung on the occasion of Wells Regatta. The band wish to thank the Rev. G. H. N. Ingle for the use of the bells. It is 18 years since the last peal was rung on these bells. The composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and was rung for the first time.

OSPRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	THOMAS JELL 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE BEAMS Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	CHARLES F. READ 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	FREDERICK LAUER 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WINCH.

Rung with bells deeply muffled for Sir Gervas P. Glyn, lay Rector of the Parish, who was laid to rest in Ewell Churchyard on above date.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 20th the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Rupert Plummer to Miss Kennith Biggs, two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, in 47 and 46 minutes respectively: L. A. Goodenough 1, C. Rollings 2, T. Blackburn 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, A. E. Sharman 6, A. King 7, W. Payne 8. One conducted by L. A. Goodenough and one by A. King.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARMER Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
BERT CHALLEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
HENRY STALHAM 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Mr. G. Daynes was elected a life member of the Association,
previous to starting for the peal.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	*SGT. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*C. RANDLE Treble	F. H. DEXTER 5
S. COX 2	J. E. CLARKE 6
A. H. BELL 3	J. L. WILLIAMS 7
W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 4	*J. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by J. E. CLARKE.

| First peal as conductor. * First peal.

SIX BELL PEAL.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST FIRBANK Treble	ALFRED TARBON, JUN. ... 4
*EDWIN D. BAKER 2	WILLIAM LEGGETT 5
*ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	*HERBERT J. PENSON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RAINBIRD.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal on the bells, the
oldest of which dates back to 1664.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Witness: MRS. MELVILLE.

First peal away from 7-8 by Mrs. Hazelden.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING & MISS W. M. HOWICK.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

ERNEST G. HIBBENS 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
H. G. BENSON 3-4	*MISS V. SHORTER 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in hand. Miss Shorter is the first lady to ring a p
'in hand' for the Association.

CLAPHAM.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM HEWITT 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Four and a half Minutes,
IN KING'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 1-2	R. O. STREET (St. John's) ... 5-6
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, July 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Eight and a half Minutes,
IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

R. O. STREET (St. John's) ... 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 3-4	*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

BRAINTREE RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. Starting at 8.30 a.m., they journeyed by motor-car to Southend-on-Sea, calling on their way at Great Bad-dow. The ancient parish church, with its famous Jacobean pulpit and sounding board, was inspected. No ringing was attempted, the bells not being in good order. Proceeding to Rettendon, the party were met by Mr. Jay, senr., and touches of Kent and Oxford were brought round on the musical rung of six. The next tower visited was Rayleigh, where the ringers had a tough job, but a short touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. They were gratified to hear that these bells are shortly to be rehung in a new frame, and funds are being raised to carry out the much-needed restoration. The last tower visited was Prittlewell. Here were Messrs. Judd, Dudley, Wil-son (2) and A. B. Wiffen in the church to meet the visitors. Some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Nor-wich Major were brought round on the back eight of this excellent ring of ten. The Guild lunched and had tea at Earon's Restaurant, and enjoyed themselves on the pier and other places of amusement for the rest of the day, arriving home at 9.15 p.m. The Guild wish to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, and the local ringers for all necessary arrangements.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS IN BUCKS.

THE DIARY OF A GLORIOUS WEEK-END.

Row, brothers, row, the stream runs fast,
The rapids are near and the daylight's past.

The Guild of ringers from St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London, visited the county of Bucks for their annual holiday for 1921, on Saturday, July 9th, arriving at Slough at 8.15 a.m. The party numbered fifteen, including the World's bell founder and the microbe photographer, and they breakfasted at Lidstone's Restaurant in High Street, where a sound foundation was laid for the busy day to follow. The programme is here given, to which a few notes have been added by their counsellor, guide and friend, who pointed out local places of historical interest. Needless to say, the round could not have been carried through without the motor-car, and two of these were bespoken with drivers who knew the country.

Slough, 9 to 10 a.m.—The visitors were received by Messrs. Smith, Leader and Fussell, and each one was decorated with roses in his buttonhole. Local industries were pointed out, such as Embrocation (Elliman's), Roses (Turner), Tabloid food (Horlick's), Motor Cars (Slough Trading Company), etc. The engines were started punctually for the first lap, and the monument to the memory of the poet Gray, at Stoke Church, was viewed.

Farnham Royal, 10 to 11 a.m.—Received at the tower by Mr. J. J. Parker, and saw the resting-place of a Buck's ringer, who rang for 51 years on the birthday of the late Queen Victoria; also the tomb of Henry Dodd, who began life in this parish at the plough tail, and amassed a fortune as the London dustman. He restored the church tower. Hot as the weather was, no one patronised the village pump, with its long handle and open house, unrestricted by pussyfoot regulations.

Burnham, 11 to 12.—Met here by Mr. G. Alder, and disturbed a wedding party who had tied the nuptial knot, and were signing the register in the vestry. Made the acquaintance of the Six Bells Inn at strictly twelve o'clock, to find a police-sergeant, lately stationed at Rochester Row, as mine host. Obtained a good view of the mighty Cippenham Dump (600 acres in extent), known in the House of Commons as the White Elephant.

Beaconsfield, 12 to 2 p.m.—On this route, Burnham Beeches was seen in all its summer glory, and men who ring in London for 'Ye Lord Mayor' had the privilege of driving through 'Lord Mayor's Drive,' 20 miles out of town. Hot luncheon at the Saracen's Head was duly appreciated, the figure ends of the courses being Newton and Oxborrow. A 'Peck' of trouble was caused by an inquiry as to why was the Ox burrowing in Bucks? Because he did not wish to go to 'Wiltshire' was the answer.

Messrs. R. Buckland and C. C. Mayne met the company, who saw the resting-places of Waller (poet) and Burke (orator), who made Westminster ring with his wonderful speeches. The local war memorial, of uncommonly beautiful design, was of interest. Standing at the corner of a cross-road, it consists of a tall shaft upon stepped base, with a carved and pierced lantern at the top. It is all in stone, and has electric lights in the head, which are switched on at light-up time.

Hughenden, 3 to 4.—This section was made via Penn Church, through the Penn country. Perhaps some day a team from England will go over to Pennsylvania and show our great forefathers in the U.S. how we still ring bells in the old country. It would be a case of 'US' to 'U.S.', so why speak of Anglo-American unity? The party called at a farmhouse which was named 'Terriers'—perhaps Lord Haldane took this name to heart when he destroyed the old Volunteer forces? Here Mrs. Evans and her daughters made up for the absence of one of the 'Johns.'

Hughenden found Messrs. Evans, Janes and Stratford awaiting the party beside the tower. Beaconsfield's tomb and the Manor House, he once occupied, were pointed out, as well as the dying trout in the almost dried up river that should be flowing through the park meadows, now brown and parched.

High Wycombe, 5 to 6 p.m.—Received here by Messrs. R. Coles and F. Boreham, and reinforced by the arrival of the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and Mr. J. B. Williamson. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve-In upon a good ring of bells was a refreshing change to the Major touches in the four standard Surprise Methods hitherto attempted. It may be added that there was no lack of 'Fabian Triples' during the day. Perhaps one of our composers will do honour to an old hand by naming a new method 'Fabian Surprise.'

Tea at 6 o'clock at the White Hart Inn found twenty 'in,' and it was quite a happy time, the Cambridge M.A. acting P.A. at the head of the table. Temperatures were greatly increased by sipping hot tea (at about 84 degrees in the shade). The cooling followed in the courtyard, when double-banded Cinques got going—somewhat shortened by the guide's orders to 'get on, please.'

Marlow, 8 p.m.—This was the final stage, and the visitors were met by Messrs. Green and Coster. Here the well-known graceful suspension bridge, the weir and locks, and the distant woods, will always afford an attraction, and more so to ringers, for the church and the 'Two Brewers' are divided by St. Peter's Street that ends at the riverside, with a landing-place for boating parties. The rafters of this ancient inn have sheltered in its long history many a team of ringers who came by stage coach or river barge. Seldom a year passes nowadays without several such visits. A draught of its fine local brewing (Wethered's) from a deep, cool cellar may be obtained, and may cause envy to those who only read of these things.

The toast of the evening was 'Rochester Row, may they never be recast,' at which the guide exclaimed, 'R.R., please,' to Passmore, and then the handbells resounded. Thanks to the careful arrangements of Host Truss the while of the double team of eights were billeted for the night beneath the shadow of the old church spire, chattering like a brood of young jackdaws, and in quite as unintelligible language to most people, except change ringers. Night came (or was it morning?) like a welcome guest to end a happy day of sunshine and Surprise.

Sunday, July 10th.—Ringers may sing with the poet who wrote—

Of all the days that's in the week

I dearly love but one day,

And that's the day that comes between

The Saturday and Monday,

for is not that the day when the true ringer puts forth his best for the service of the church after years of patient learning and practice in his art? On this Sunday, Marlow people were regaled with unusual Surprise flourishes for the customary services at the church. During the day, Father Thames, an old Westminster friend, took the society upon his broad bosom amidst the beautiful up-river scenery of Berks and Bucks that contrast so much with the stately buildings lower down its course. The holiday ended at Ealing by dispersal, each to his respective home, after having been initiated into the mysteries of an 'Ancient Order of Golding' during the train journey up. It is questionable whether the Rochester rowers would have survived the boating had not Rowbottom been at the helm. It was hoped to have joined in the public reception, proposed at Beaconsfield, to honour the Premier of Australia during his visit on Saturday, but the cares of Empire necessitated the Premiers gathering at Choquers Court, Bucks. Mr. W. M. Hughes, be it known, was formerly of St. Stephen's Schools, and learnt to ring before going abroad, so that our fellow strings 'down under' should forge ahead and let us have news of a peal or two when he comes home.

The secretary of the society desires to thank, on behalf of the R.R., all who contributed to their welfare on this outing, especially the clergy and the good old steeplekeepers at the towers named.

W. H. F.

GIFTS TO A DEPTFORD TOWER.

RECORDS UNVEILED AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening, July 13th, an interesting ceremony took place in the tower of St. Nicholas', Deptford, when the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) unveiled two records, performances by the local band. One was a board, given by Mr. C. R. Pope, of Staplehurst, Kent, and recording the muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. W. Ford, churchwarden at St. Nicholas' for 14 years, and who was interred in Brockley Cemetery on the afternoon previous to the peal. It was also Mr. Pope's first peal, and he gave the board as an appreciation of the fact.

The other record was a drawing by Mr. T. Purkiss, a chorister of the church, recording the peal of Oxford Bob Triples (Dr. Carpenter's One-part), the first in the method by all the band, except the conductor. The framing of this splendid work was the gift of Mr. A. Hodge, an honorary member of the society.

The Vicar (who was accompanied by Mrs. Pitman, and his warden, Mr. G. R. Keays) said it gave him very great pleasure to unveil these two very beautiful records, because they marked much perseverance and advance in the art of change ringing by the society, also because he thought bell ringers, as well as the choir, were co-ministers in the work of God and the Church. It also gave him great pleasure to notice the regular attendance of the ringers at Divine service, not only those who belonged to the choir, but the society generally, who sat in different parts of the church. The Vicar then unveiled the boards, and a short prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Blessing, was said.

The captain (Mr. Churchwarden G. H. Daynes) expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of the society, as well as himself, not only to the Vicar, who always seemed pleased to do anything for ringers, but to those whose gifts they much appreciated. He also thanked Mrs. Pitman, who had honoured them by her presence. He sincerely hoped the society would still work together in harmony, so that at no distant date still higher methods might be achieved and records placed in the tower.

A TRIP THROUGH SUSSEX.**EASTBOURNE RINGERS' OUTING.**

On Saturday, July 9th, an expectant body of ringers assembled within the precincts of St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, on the occasion of the annual outing. Travelling by motor charabanc, the party of eighteen were soon being pleasantly whirled along to the first place of call—Mayfield. Here they found Mr. Miles with everything in readiness for enjoyment. The bells, a mixture of 'some are and some ain't,' as someone has quaintly put it, were raised and set going to a merry touch of Stedman Triples. This had not proceeded very far before a disturbing noise was heard among the bells, and upon investigation it was found that the clapper of the seventh had snapped off at the lower bolt hole. Nothing remained but to lower the bells, and to thank the Mayfield friends for the trouble they had taken on the visitors' behalf, and to express deep regret at the unlooked-for mischance of a broken clapper. After a double-handed plain course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, the party proceeded on their way to Tunbridge Wells, which was reached at 11.45 a.m., St. Peter's being the trysting place. Here in attendance was Mr. Latler, who had kindly prepared for the visitors. The Vicar extended a hearty welcome in the belfry, where subsequently old friends in Messrs. S. M. Green and F. White, joined in the ringing. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were tapped off in good style. Luncheon was taken at Carpenter's Restaurant, and, the inner-man being sufficiently refreshed, the party proceeded to Withyham, where the bells were set going to the tune of Stedman and Double Norwich. They then travelled by way of Eridge and Crowborough to Southover, Lewes, for tea at the house of Anne of Cleves, a building dating back to the 15th century. The upper portions of this old structure is in a very dilapidated condition at present, but it is understood that the hand of the restorer is about to take the matter up with a view to renovation. Stedman Caters and Triples were rung on Southover bells, with an old friend, in the person of Mr. Bob Dawe, and this closed the day's proceedings, in so far as ringing was concerned. A visit to Southover is not complete without a visit to 'Ye Olde Kinge's' Head, where a hearty welcome is always extended to ringers by the genial hostess, Mrs. Goldsmith. After about 90 miles' run, the party reached Eastbourne at 9.50 p.m. The journey, through some of the loveliest scenery in Kent and Sussex, was thoroughly enjoyed, and with the exception of the clapper incident at Mayfield, the outing was most successful from every point of view. The Rev. Lawrence Hands (curate) and Col. A. A. Oakden (churchwarden), of St. Saviour's, accompanied the party, whose best thanks are due to those at the various towers visited for having all in readiness, and to the incumbents for placing the bells at the visitors' disposal, which contributed in greatest measure to the pleasure of the trip. The ringers forming the party included Messrs. Akehurst, Baber, Faulkner, A. Gower, E. Gower, B. Hobbs, G. House, Marchant, Pankhurst, Penfold, J. Sharp, senr., J. Sharp, junr., W. D. Smith, Stokes and W. H. Ware (verger).

110 MILES THROUGH SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, July 9th, the members of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, held their annual outing. West Suffolk was chosen for the route this year, when more fresh towers were added to the list. Leaving Leiston at 6.50, in Mr. W. Powell's charabanc, Stowmarket was the first call, and was reached via Ipswich. Here Superlative and Suffolk Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. Proceeding to Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's was visited before dinner, and Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples rung. These bells are a grand peal, with a tenor 27 cwt. After dinner, to which, needless to say, full justice was done, the tower of St. James' Cathedral was the centre of attraction. Here Treble Ten and Stedman Caters were rung on the magnificent peal of ten, with a tenor 30 cwt. Leaving Bury, the party made for what is considered the best peal of eight in the county, viz., Lavenham, which was reached in good time. This grand peal, with Miles Gray's masterpiece tenor, were set going to Bristol, London and Stedman Triples, two of the local company taking part. A look round the church, of which Lavenham people are very proud, brought the time for departure, and in due course Hadleigh was reached. Here another fine peal was found, and Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman tapped off. Several of the local people were interested in the family of ringers, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with all the brothers Bailey taking part. Woodbridge should have been the last call, but time would not admit of stopping here, and home was reached at midnight, after a journey of 110 miles. The members of the society wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various towers for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make the outing successful.

LEE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), before service and dedication of war memorial, 720 Grandsire Doubles (6 120's different callings): J. Hodges 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, A. Hoile 3, C. Moulton 4, H. Brasher 5, J. Daftus 6, G. Payne 7, H. Heisterman 8 (7, 6, 8 behind).

GRIMSBY RINGERS AT SURFLEET.**A LONG DAY'S OUTING IN LINCOLNSHIRE.**

On Thursday, July 7th, the combined societies of St. James' and St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives and friends, to the number of 30, journeyed by motor charabanc to South Lincolnshire for the annual outing. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., Louth being reached an hour later. From here the fine scenery of the Wolds and the undulating country made this part of the drive full of interest, and was much admired. The first stop was made at Horncastle at 9.45, several of the local ringers being at hand to receive the party. Soon the fine ring of six of the Parish Church were going to Stedman Doubles, Treble and Plain Bob Minor, and then, at 10.30, the drive was continued at Boston, where an excellent dinner was in readiness, and fully appreciated. Afterwards, the Parish Church was visited. Ringing here not being on the schedule, little time was lost before a start was made for Kirtton, 4 miles on. Here the ringers were met by Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, and without delay the fine-toned ring of eight were going to Double Norwich Major, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Up once more, the party soon covered the last eight miles to Surfleet, the headquarters for the day, and were received by the Rev. H. Law James, who extended a very hearty welcome, while ringing friends from Peterborough, including Miss Phyllis Hare, Mr. Tebbut, Mr. Waldou and Mr. Jutsón, came specially to be with the party. Mr. James took the visitors in hand, first explaining many interesting details in the history and architecture of the old church. The beautiful light ring of ten bells in the belfry were then raised in peal, and the chief ringing of the day now began. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round, some of the party getting their first ringing on ten bells. In due time tea, kindly provided by Mr. Rupert Richardson, was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards there was a further visit to the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were brought round, the ladies meanwhile visiting the Vicarage gardens. The start for home was made at 7.30, after hearty cheers for those friends who had done so much to make the outing a big success. The last call of the trip was Sibsey, and once more, at the ropes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were duly brought round. The party were cordially greeted by the Vicar, who stayed during the ringing, and afterwards explained much interesting matter concerning his bells, some of which are of pre-Reformation date. With a journey still before them of nearly 50 miles, the party began the final stage at 9.30 p.m., Grimsby being reached at 12.45 a.m., bringing to a close a happy and memorable outing. The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of their bells, Mr. R. Richardson for the arrangements for tea, and to all who contributed to make the day a thoroughly enjoyable one.

SALOP SIX-BELL TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 2nd, six members of the St. Chad's Society paid a visit to the Church of St. John, at Ruyton-Eleven-Towers, and rang 720 changes, consisting of 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Plain Bob: J. E. Lilley 1, R. Pole 2, S. Snelson 3, D. J. Boucher 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, T. Renolds 6; also 240 Canterbury Pleasure. It was intended to start for a peal, but after inspecting the bells, screwing up the frame and splicing ropes, the above was the result. The ringers were congratulated by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Craven) on the excellent striking. He was surprised the visitors were able to ring the bells in the condition they were in. It afterwards transpired that the Rector was himself an old ringer, and he hopes to get the bells put right at a future date. They were made a peal of six by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in the year 1858, and some of them date back to 1592.

On the return journey the ringers called at the Church of All Saints, Baschurch, where permission to ring was readily obtained from the Rev. Druce, but the tower was found to contain only four bells, although there are pits for six. The bells have been recently rehung by Taylor and Co., the Rector hoping to get two trebles shortly. Some Bob Singles were rung, and the 'go' of the bells was found to be excellent. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire on handbells was rung to the delight of the locals.

At Leaton, Salop, on Saturday, June 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (five and a half 120's of Grandsire, four of Plain Bob and one of Canterbury Pleasure) was rung by: H. Baggley 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

Too late for insertion in our last issue, we received from the Rev. H. Law James the following communication:—

The method published this week, and called Lancashire Surprise, should not be so called, because that implies that it is the same method as Lancashire Surprise Minor, which it is not. The composition is my peal of London called in Gloucester in 1896.

NEW BELLS AT EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A FINE PEAL OF EIGHT.

Earl Shilton Parish Church now has the proud possession of a melodious ring of eight bells. Up to some months ago there hung in the tower five old bells in a dilapidated timber framework, and the fittings, etc., of these bells were quite worn out and unfit to carry the bells with safety. It was decided to send the bells to the famous foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Loughborough to be refitted and relunged, and three new bells added to complete the octave. It was then found, however, that these old bells contained such grave defects, and were so far out of tune and discordant in their harmonic tones, that the only satisfactory course to take would be to recast the whole into a musical and pleasing peal. This work has now been carried out, and the three new bells added, the result being a sweet and pure-toned ring of bells. The effect of this perfectly tuned peal is simply marvellous, when compared with that of the old peal.

The tenor of the peal now weighs nearly 12 cwt., which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. heavier than the old bell, and the total weight of the eight bells with their fittings is over six tons. The fittings are of modern design, and contain all those improvements which have been effected by Messrs. Taylor in recent years, including patent ball bearings. The framework, which carries the bells, is very strong and massive in construction, being of cast iron on stout steel foundation girders, designed so that the strain placed on the tower by the swinging of the bells is reduced to an absolute minimum. The eight bells bear the following inscription:—

Treble.—To the memory of Marion Bradbury by her husband, A. E. Bradbury, Earl Shilton, 1921.

2nd.—Harry Orton, C.C., D.C., P.C. Gave me, 1921.

3rd.—I ring to Glory of God and in the honour of the thousand Shilton men who joined the colours and upheld Britain's honour in the great war, 1914—1918.

4th.—The children cry Hosannah in the Highest. Cast 1875. Recast 1921.

5th.—Tho. Bernard and Tho. Wileman, churchwardens. Tho. Clay made me 1711. Recast 1921.

6th.—Come, Holy ones, hasten to worship the Lord. Cast 1875. Recast 1921.

7th.—Newcombe, of Leicester, made me 1606. Recast 1921.

Tenor.—Cast 1875. Recast 1921. J. Slade Maughan, Vicar. Edwin Harry Gilbert, Abraham Abbot, Churchwardens. Earl Shilton, 1921.

The dedication of the new ring of bells and the institution of the Rev. H. V. Williams as Vicar took place on Friday, July 15th, by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The ceremony of dedication was first performed, and the bells then rang out for a few minutes, in sounds, the ringers being the Shilton band.

CHURCH BELLS A SYMBOL.

The Bishop of Peterborough, who dedicated the bells and instituted the new Vicar, preached from the words: 'Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice.' For centuries, his Lordship said, there had been a company of people at Earl Shilton who had heard the voice and responded to the call, who had worshipped Christ and sought to extend His kingdom. The very name 'Earl Shilton' recalled a familiar figure of English history, and took them back to some of the great men of Leicestershire like Earl Simon, John o' Gaunt, and others. In this Britain of ours for over 1,600 years people had heard the voice and tried to respond to the call. Christ was counting on men and women to-day to echo their voice to the world, to sound His call, and draw men into His kingdom. Church bells were a kind of symbol and sacrament of that fact. They pealed forth from the tower so that all men heard the sacrament of the corporate voice of the fellowship they represented. They were a very ancient piece of accompaniment to church worship. Like some other parts of their English churches many were a thousand years old. He once went to see the remains of a famous abbey at Sunderland, where a mighty figure of their church history, the Venerable Bede, lived and worshipped. In 680 the church bells were used for that abbey and called people to worship. Another famous abbey, not far from where he now lived, dated back to the 10th century, and there was a record of a peal of bells, which the old chroniclers stated was as harmonious as any to be found in England.

THE COMRADESHIP OF RINGING.

Bell ringing had always been a peculiar delight of the English people. There was no such thing as change ringing known on the Continent. Change ringing was peculiar to the English people and the English Church alone. Why was it English people developed a sense of change ringing? It was due to that common instinct of sport which made men like to do something together—to pull together and to plan and scheme. It was essentially a comradeship to ring out the voice which called men and women of the district to the worship of God. His Lordship added that it was the first time in his experience that he had taken part in a service in which was combined the dedication of bells, the dedication of a new priest, and the dedication of the people to their work in the advancement of fellowship of the Kingdom of God. If it was for the bells to echo the voice sounded in

Galilee long centuries ago, through which the most sinful came as if by irresistible attraction—if it was the function of the bells to echo that voice and call men to His presence, then it was peculiarly so of the priest and pastor of the parish, not to call attention to his own personality or to what he preached or how he worked; not to be the centre of attraction, but to call men and women to the only centre of attraction, the Saviour, the friend, the Master, and the Christ, whose work, curiously enough and naturally enough would be intimately linked with the bells. Their new priest would minister to them with the voice of sympathy. The priest of the parish was not merely the official priest. He was what he ought to be, and could be, their most faithful and intimate friend. He asked people to dedicate themselves afresh to Christ.

After the service, M.C.A. representatives from Burton-on-Trent, Barwell, Croft, Hinckley, Leicester, Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton, Sharnford, Sapeote, Stoney Stanton, Wigston, took part in ringing, and the bell foundry were represented by Mr. J. Oldham. The work has been most ably carried out by Messrs. Taylor to the satisfaction of all. The methods rung at the opening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major. The bells were open for ringing on Saturday, the 16th, when members and friends, in addition to those present on Friday, attended from Derby, Kirkby Muxloe, Stoke Golding, and Burbage. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Treble Bob Major.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. R. Lane, the bell-hanger, who can now boast of hanging a peal of eight bells in his native place, which is something to be proud of. The members of the M.C.A. wish to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' their best thanks to the Shilton ringers for their kind invitation to help in opening of the bells, and also to extend their best thanks to the Vicar for giving permission for ringing on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, who took part in the ringing, is the one survivor of a band of ringers who opened the peal of five bells at Earl Shilton 46 years ago. Seventy-one years of age, he has been a ringer at Stoney Stanton Church for 55 years.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The third quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden, on Saturday, July 16th, and was attended by about 50 members, representing towers at York, Selby, Hull, Goole, Beverley, Market Weighton, Thorne and Hatfield. Despite the hot weather, the visitors availed themselves of the privilege of ringing the bells to various methods throughout the afternoon. The noble Collegiate Church, dedicated to St. Peter, possesses a fine lofty lantern tower, which is observed by travellers for many miles around, and is lighted by tall and handsome windows, of the purest Perpendicular character. In the ringing chamber was noted a beautiful tablet, to the memory of three ringers who had made the great sacrifice in the war, which was dedicated on Easter Monday last.

A short service was held at 4 p.m. in the church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Waring), who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome on their first visit during his vicariate. He said that ringers were co-workers with the clergy, and were doing real work for the Church. He also pointed out how bells entered into the common life of the people, by ringing on occasions of joy and sorrow, and also by calling them to the house of prayer. He concluded by asking God's blessing on the work of the association.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards partaken of, to which full justice was done. The business meeting followed, and was held in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West), who was unfortunately unable to be present. Eight new members were elected, viz., D. Rimes and S. J. Dawson, St. Mary's, Hull; H. Wiles, All Saints', Hull; H. Crowe and H. Marshall, Hatfield; A. Talbot, Hemmingborough; G. Braithwaite and F. Braithwaite, St. Mary's, Beverley.

Two places for the next meeting were put forward—Pocklington and North Cave, and the latter place was decided upon by 15 votes to 7.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his instructive address at the service, and the thanks of the meeting were also given to the local ringers for their very excellent arrangements.—This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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AT SQUIRE PROCTOR'S TOWER. SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Monday, July 18th, the Saffron Walden Society had a motor charabanc excursion, the primary object of which was to visit the world-famed Bennington ringers. In our party we were pleased to have the company of Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford. A call was made at Barkway, where there is a pretty ring of eight, the bells being in perfect order, as they have only recently been increased to the octave; and Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were heard to advantage. Then on through leafy lanes and winding roads, through Buntingford, and several other places, to the goal of Bennington; the former home of the Surprises and the grand old Squire Proctor and his illustrious men. Here we had the great pleasure and honour of meeting three of the survivors of that talented band, viz., Messrs. John Kitchener, Leonard Chapman and Samuel Page, whose combined ages, we learned, was 220 years; and in some of the ringing these veterans took part.

The bells were soon sounding out the methods in which, in years gone by, they had made history, viz., Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London, it being jokingly remarked that if the ringing failed it certainly could not be the fault of the bells, as they were not strangers to any difficult methods!

We were sorry to find that the Rector was unwell and could not be present, but the Rev. C. S. Chapman kindly met us with a hearty welcome, and conducted us to the public hall, where a splendid dinner awaited us, at which he himself presided, and even assisted to secure our comfort. We are also greatly indebted to him for a bountiful tea and to the ladies who so pleasantly looked after our needs. Many expressions of our thanks were accorded to all who had troubled to make the visit to Bennington so enjoyable. It was with feelings almost of regret that we were compelled to obey the call of time to continue our journey on to Braughing, another spot hallowed by many associations.

Here, also, ringing was enjoyed, despite the 90 in the shade outside, and perhaps we may hazard an opinion that inside it might represent the temperature in the sunshine.

Next, Bishop's Stortford provided us with an opportunity for Stedman Caters, which we were pleased to avail ourselves of, this being our final effort for the day. We desire to heartily thank the incumbents who so readily gave permission with good wishes for our success, and the several ringers who met us and had everything ready for our enjoyment; and hope to have a return visit from any who may have an opportunity of coming to Saffron Walden, when we will endeavour

to provide for them, as far as is in our powers, the same enjoyment and satisfaction which we appreciate so highly from their hands.
J. F. P.

BRIDGEND RINGERS' TRIP.

On Wednesday, July 13th, the ringers of Bridgend, Glam., together with their wives and a few friends, visited Chepstow and Monmouth for their annual outing. 'Go' was called at 8 a.m., and after a nice run, the White Lion, Chepstow, was reached at 11.40, and, here, later on, the party sat down to dinner. The next item was a move to the belfry, where they found everything ready, and some of the local men waiting. Unfortunately the party did not get much good ringing here. They found that the ropes run round anti-clockwise, and there is also a very long draught, so different to their own tower. Perhaps it would also be well to put some of the blame on the weather, and a little on the White Lion; but there is no doubt Bridgend bells are a lovely eight, and for 'go' rank among the best in the county. While ringing was in progress, the ladies of the party found plenty to interest them in and around the church, and no doubt they would have made a close inspection of the shops in the town had it not happened to be early closing day. Leaving Chepstow soon after three o'clock, the excursionists had a splendid ride to the old town of Monmouth, through the lovely scenery of the Wye Valley. After having a look round the grand old church, tea was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. Here again the course ends rolled up in fine style. A visit was then paid to the tower, where again everything was found in readiness, but as a thermometer near the church was now standing at 87 degrees in the shade, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were the order. It was originally intended to spend the remainder of the day in Cardiff, but for various reasons this part of the programme was abandoned, and the evening spent in the old town. The return journey was made through Raglan and Usk. This was a four hours' ride, so that it was in the early hours of the 14th when the party arrived once more at Bridgend, everyone having had a most enjoyable day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of both Chepstow and Monmouth for the use of the bells; also the local ringers for having everything ready, especially Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth, who spent so much time with them.
C. H. P.

EASTBOURNE.—Sussex County Association. — At St. Saviour's Church, on May 5th (Ascension Day), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. D. Smith 1 G. H. Howse 2, G. Penfold 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, G. W. Stokes 5, E. Bray 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. H. Sharp 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Oxford, where the Diocesan Guild held its annual festival on Saturday last and dedicated the war memorial to its fallen members, possesses many rings of bells, there being famous peals at some of the colleges. They do not, however, all 'go' as well as ringers would like them to, nor are they often available, for in term time, of course, the ringing of the bells would be too great a distraction for the students.

It is somewhat strange that the tower of Christ Church, associated with Oxford Cathedral, is an unconsecrated building, but so it is. As most ringers know there are here twelve bells, with a tenor of approximately 33 cwt. The foundation of the peal was six ancient bells brought from Osney Abbey, and named respectively 'Hautclere,' 'Clement,' 'Austin,' 'John,' 'Mary' and 'Gabriel.' The present ninth and tenth are probably the old fourth and fifth of this ancient ring.

Just as the Winchester Guild are augmenting their Cathedral peal to twelve by the gift of two trebles, so the Cathedral at Oxford had its twelve made up from the old ten by the gift of two trebles by the Diocesan Guild. This was in 1897 in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The other bells date back to ancient days, and peals were rung on them nearly two hundred years ago. Hearne, in his diary, mentions a visit to Oxford of a party of London ringers who walked all the way from London, and arrived at Oxford on Whit-Sunday, 1733. On the Wednesday following they attempted a peal at Christ Church, but after ringing for over two hours the gudgeons of the tenor broke!

This same band made two attempts for peals at New College on the following days. On the Thursday they rang three-quarters of an hour, when a broken rope put an end to their efforts, while a similar fate befel the attempt the next day, after two hours. Imagine walking all the way from London to Oxford for this!

The same historian records a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters rung by Oxford men at Christ Church on New Year's Day, 1734, and this must be one of the very earliest criticisms of a peal. Hearne says: 'The Oxford ringers made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History, and Student of Christ Church, who broke in upon the ringers to their great disturbance.'

The bells were removed from the central tower of the Cathedral to the tower near the Dining Hall, in 1872.

There is to be a bell ringing contest at Ecclesfield Parish Church, Yorks (the Minster of the Moors), on Bank Holiday. Fourteen teams have entered, and the first prize is valued at £12. Other prizes valued at £8, £5 and £3, and cash prizes of 30s. and 21s. are also offered! The contest is announced to begin at 8 a.m., and during the day there are to be exhibitions of handbell ringing in the Gatty Memorial Hall.

The test will be 720 changes for each company, and Messrs. Joseph Broadley and Thos. Lambert will be the judges. Ecclesfield is an ideal place to spend a day.

In reply to 'Research,' the weight of the tenor of the lightest peal of twelve in Great Britain is 15½ cwt., this being at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent. The lightest tenor of twelve in a church tower rests, we believe, between Cheltenham and Christ Church, West Bromwich, which are each between 22½ and 22¾ cwt.

To William Shipway, born at Bath in 1760, the Exercise owes a great deal, and he will ever remain as one of the pioneers of the art of ringing, and be remembered for all time by his 'Art of Ringing,' published in 1816.

July 29th is the anniversary of his first arrival in London, he finding his way to the Metropolis in the year 1785. He gives as his 'principal motive' for going to London, that 'although Bath had a respectable and able band of ringers, yet the Art did not improve so rapidly as he wished.' In the Metropolis he first joined the Junior Society of Cumberland.

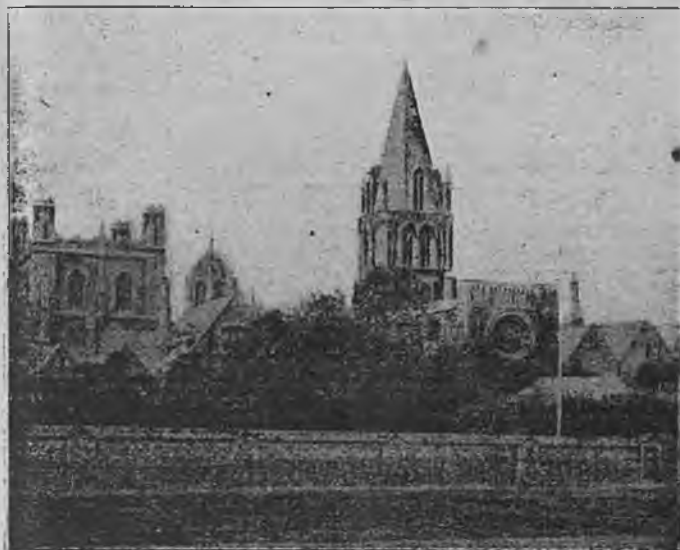
One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Major was rung on July 30th, 1792, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aston. It was also, probably, the longest in the method at that time, viz., 7552, but it was surpassed about eighteen months later by an 8,000 at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

Mr. Joseph Milner and Mr. Charles H. Leman are requested to send their addresses to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

BY ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

The Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the fortieth year of its existence will surely be long remembered. The weather was fine, and, though warm enough, was made enjoyable by a strong breeze. The place of meeting was Oxford, the centre of this great Diocese, and, therefore, the Guild was well represented. Bishop Shaw, an honorary and honoured member of the Guild, acted for the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in giving a welcome to the Guild to use the Cathedral for the service, the Chapter House for the business meeting, and the dining hall for the luncheon. The number present could not have been far short of 200.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, OXFORD.

Where the Diocesan Guild's War Memorial was Unveiled.

But the special feature of this festival was the unveiling and dedicating of the Guild memorial tablet on the walls of the Cathedral cloisters, which followed the festival service at 11 a.m. The sermon was preached by one whom every ringer delights to honour, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, President of the Central Council, and one of the founders of the Diocesan Guild.

He took his text from 1 Maccabees ix. 10, 'God forbid that I should do this thing and flee away from them: if our time be come let us die manfully for our brethren, and let us not stain our honour,' upon which he based a fine exhortation on the duty and glory of living out our faith.

The singing was entirely congregational, and it was a joy to hear and to share in, especially, perhaps, the last hymn, Arkwright's 'The Supreme Sacrifice.' Then came the procession to the cloisters, where Bishop Shaw unveiled and dedicated the memorial tablet. It is executed in a very fine piece of Portland stone, which bears the simple but forceful inscription: 'Remember the men of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers who fought and fell in the great war, 1914-1918.'

At the foot is carved a laurel wreath, and at the top a church bell on its stock, with ropes and sallies representing, surely, not only the badge of their particular service to the Church of God, but the great crossbeam of wood

Representeth the Holy Rood

Upon which like a bell our hopes are hung,

... and the Rope with its twisted cordage three,

Denoteth the Scriptural Trinity

Of Morals and Symbols and History.'

And as the Bishop proceeded with the ceremony, the book wherein are illuminated the names of the fallen was presented open by the Guild secretary.

After the Blessing, the Last Post was sounded by buglers from Cowley Barracks, the old walls yielding themselves readily to the clear strong notes.

And so we passed on to our business meeting and our social meal, after which all the bells in Oxford—so it seemed—were set ringing.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bramble is not alone in being unable to believe Mr. Trollope's statements with regard to 'London.' Had he been content to say that he had produced London Royal in thirty minutes I could have been content, but when he goes on to say that he also produced London Maximus that is quite another matter, for I know quite well, and am prepared to prove, that it is impossible to obtain a lead of London on twelve bells.

Consequently I am forced to believe that there is something wrong with Mr. Trollope's system.

I am quite in agreement with Mr. Trollope that 'the closest ever produced' is no use. That is the reason that I kept on until I had produced the real thing, and I am quite prepared to give a clear and satisfactory proof that the figures that I have given are 'London Surprise Royal.'—Yours truly,
E. BANKES JAMES.
Seafeld Park, Fareham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INSCRIPTION FOR THE MEMORIAL BELL.

The postponed festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Stokesay on Saturday, July 23rd. After some touches on the peal of six, Divine service was held, when the Guild's special form was used for the first time. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Rector of Hopesay) conducted the service, and also preached an excellent sermon on Rom. xii. 10, 'In honour preferring one another.' He worked out the truth that the characteristics that were necessary to make a good Christian were exactly those that were necessary to make a good bell ringer, namely: 1, Unselfishness—forgetting self and obeying the conductor; 2, Ambition—not being satisfied with present attainments; 3, Perseverance.

Fifty-four sat down to an excellent luncheon in the Old Castle Hall (built before the year 1284), under the presidency of the Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan). The usual toasts were honoured.

Then followed the business meeting, at which were present twelve more members, bringing the total membership present up to 65. The meeting lasted two hours, and was most satisfactory.

After the election of officers it was agreed that the annual festival in 1922 be held at Hereford on Whit-Monday, June 5th.

The following inscription was approved for the tenor of All Saints', Hereford, which is to be recast in memory of fallen ringers:—

'To the Glory of God, and in memory of ringers of the Diocese who fell in the great war, 1914-1918, this bell was recast by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers.—Geoffrey W. Turner, hon. sec.'

RINGER'S DEATH IN AUSTRALIA.

MR. MATTHEW ELLSMORE DIES AT SYDNEY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, at Sydney, Australia, on May 31st. He left England at the beginning of the year, and took with him the addresses of many ringing friends in Australia. Soon after his arrival there, however, he was seized with pneumonia, and passed away. Mr. E. J. Harding, of Portsmouth, received letters from him dispatched from various ports on the way out, and Mr. Ellsmore was anxiously looking forward to having some ringing, although 71 years of age. He rang his last peal of Bob Major at West Meon on September 18th, 1920, in 3 hours 5 minutes. His last pull in England was at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 24th, when he rang touches in the Standard methods, and a touch of Double Norwich, which was the first in the borough by a local hand—a record of which he was very proud. Mr. Ellsmore was of a very happy disposition, and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was ever ready to impart his knowledge of ringing to any who desired to learn, and was especially happy to relate his experiences in ringing towers with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. His ringing friends will be very sorry to hear of his decease.

A WORTHY PERFORMANCE.

The excellent performance of Mr. H. J. Poole, in calling, as his first peal as conductor, a peal of Cambridge Surprise from a working bell, when only 18 years of age, induces Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, to say that he called a one-part peal of Grandsire Triples (Penning's) at the same age, and three months later Holt's Original, which he conducted again on his 19th birthday. Readers will agree with Mr. Edwards that the calling of one-part peals of Triples is about as big a tax upon a conductor as anything in the calling line can be. Mr. Edwards has made something of a hobby of one-part peals, for with the exception of six-part peal of Oxford Bob—for a special occasion, composed and rung by men of the horticultural profession—all the peals of Triples he has conducted have been one-part peals, including Carter's one-part peal of Stedman, and a one-part peal of Union Triples. Holt's Original has been called from each bell round the tower, and from an inside pair of handbells. Such a record is a very worthy one.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Two figures got transposed in the 504 Grandsire Triples on this page last week. The third course end should have been 243576, not 243567, as printed.

THREE YEARS' LABOUR ON A METHOD COLLECTION.

On Sunday morning, July 17th, a very interesting little incident took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, when Mr. J. E. Wheelodon presented to the tower a large Campanological Method Book, in case, which he has himself written out, containing 117 methods, consisting of Plain Methods, Treble Bob, Third and Fourth Place Delights and Surprise Methods. Mr. Wheelodon has been engaged on this book in his spare time for the last three years, and has presented it to commemorate his 21st year as leader of Norton belfry, where, during that period, he has spent so many happy hours in the fascinating art of campanology.

During that period he has served under four Rectors, with whom he has always worked very harmoniously, and has been very fortunate in having a good body of young men in the belfry, who have taken up the art of change ringing with assiduity.

The Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet, B.A.), in accepting the gift on behalf of the church, said it gave him very great pleasure to receive such a useful book, for it would be present in the belfry for future generations to refer to when engaged in either plain or complicated methods, there being methods in the book to suit either the novice or the expert. The time spent on this book by Mr. Wheelodon must have been enormous, and he complimented him upon the neatness of execution. He had no doubt of the exactitude of the work. He thanked Mr. Wheelodon for his great energy, faithfulness and sincerity as leader of Norton belfry for the last 21 years, and hoped he would be spared for many years to serve them as he had done in the past.

Mr. W. C. Lawrence, on behalf of the ringers, said how grateful they all were for this useful addition to the campanological literature of the belfry, and said they would always look upon it with pride, for there had always been friendly relations between the leader and ringers of Norton belfry. He sincerely hoped Mr. Wheelodon would be able to be with them for a long time yet to come.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHOREHAM.—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. W. Cripps 1, H. Statham 2, R. Noakes 3, E. Marsh 4, F. Bennett 5, B. Challen 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, F. Gregory 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, J. Larter 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, C. F. Sayer (Beccles) 4, E. R. Goate 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

WILLESDEN GREEN.—Middlesex.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, by the St. Mary's Guild, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major, in 45 mins., taken from G. H. Cross's 5,056: A. French 1, H. Kilby 2, W. Mathews 3, G. Kilby 4, A. Tennant 5, F. Crook 6.

R. Kilby (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, C. Ebberson (conductor) 8.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, July 24th, being the Sunday nearest to St. Mary Magdalene's Day, the patronal festival of the church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Henry Mills (Ruckinge) 1, Sid Hopper (Ashford) 2, Fred Good, conductor (Charing) 3, Percy Page (Ashford) 4, Harry Parkes (Mersham) 5. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by all except the conductor; also believed to be the first on the bells.

EALING.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. N. Juke 1, E. J. Watson 2, W. H. Stevens 3, E. Harris 4, H. Belcher 5, R. Mackrill 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday morning, July 17th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Sykes (conductor) 1, H. Peace 2, G. Helliwell 3, F. Atkinson (Wragby) 4, H. Roberts 5, A. Hoyle 6.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six: J. Rollinson 1, H. Armitage 2, E. R. Armitage (conductor) 3, F. Atkinson (Wragby) 4, F. Townend 5, J. W. Pickering 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, at St. John's, Vassell Road, Kennington, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Wild 1, W. Rushton 2, E. J. King 3, J. R. Gammon 4, R. G. Chapple 5, G. A. Card 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, A. Coward 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, before morning service, on July 17th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wingate 1, F. Mason 2, Capt. Shelton 3, A. Bates 4, E. Bates 5, T. Groombridge (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wingate 1, J. Couchman 2, A. Bates (conductor) 3, E. Bates 4, F. Mason 5, Capt. Shelton 6.

ILMINSTER.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 16th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: George Sibley (conductor) 1, Charles Gummer 2, Victor Crabb 3, Walter Coombes 4, Harry Bungay 5, Albert J. Grant 6, David G. Taylor 7, Harry Reason 8. It was the 21st anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day. The composition was one recently given on this page.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Sunday afternoon, July 10th, after the unveiling and dedication of a beautiful granite obelisk as a war memorial to the fallen of the parish, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the Wragby ringers: F. Marsden 1, W. Green 2, J. Brewin 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Hewitt 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Beckett 1, Miss Willett 2, H. Miles 3, W. Harris 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.—On the 17th, for evensong, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Beckett 1, Miss Willett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, G. Stone 4, F. Clinkard 5, H. Miles 6.—On the 24th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Barrett 1, Miss Willett 2, W. Harris 3, F. Beckett 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6. Miss Willett, for whom the above 720's were arranged, was paying a visit to the city of Oxford from Cambridge, and these were her first 720's in all three methods.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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357246 4
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674235 4
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672543 3
S 536472 1
675324 3
S 346275 1
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A. Chambers.

1,239 STEDMAN CATERS

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463152 16
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314562 16
312465 16
213564 5 16
214365 16
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214365 5 18 20 21 22

G. R. Fardon.

560 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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35246 —
52346 —
23456 — S

640 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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32654 —
26354 —
63254 —
52364 —
54326 —
23456 —

J. Hunt.

720 TREBLE BOB MINOR.

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42356 1
34256 1
62345 2
36245 1
45236 3
24536 1
36524 3
45362 2
34562 1
62534 3
45623 2
36452 2
43652 1
26435 2
42635 1
P.L. 23456 4

F. Blood.

A DORSET, DEVON AND SOMERSET TRIP. AN EXCURSION IN THREE COUNTIES.

The motor charabanc is now the favourite means of touring the country, especially for a ringers' outing, and by this means the Wyke Regis (Weymouth) band made a circular trip of 140 miles for their annual outing on Saturday, July 16th. The party, numbering 28, including the Rector, curate and churchwardens, and adult members of the choir, made a splendid tour by the best car in the fleet of the Weymouth Motor Company. The venue was Exeter. The party left at 7 a.m., and journeying via Upwey and Martinstown, picked up the old Roman Road at Winterborne Abbas, the Via Iceniana (Icknield Street), from London to Exeter, through Bridport. The country was looking well, and despite the clouds hanging about some of the hills, most delightful stretches of country were for ever bursting into view, with glimpses of silver sea. The ease and comfort of the travelling on the Dorset heights helped to make the journey all the more pleasant. Chidecock Hill—a formidable obstacle to many vehicles of this nature—was successfully negotiated, and then we sped on through country of excellent beauty.

The first stop was made at Axminster. Here we made a dodge into glorious Devon, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the fine old peal (tenor 21 cwt.). By a coincidence we met the ringers from Alphington (Exeter) on their way to Weymouth, and due to ring at Wyke Regis in the afternoon. Journeying on through lovely country, passing through Axminster Vale, a short stay was made at Honiton, and then on to Heavitree, which was reached in scheduled time, viz., 12 noon. A nice touch of Triples on one of the finest rings of eight in Devon (tenor 26 cwt.) was brought round, the ringers being delighted with the 'go' and tone of this lovely peal.

Afterwards we went into the city, where a substantial luncheon awaited us at the White Lion Hotel. Mr. Gardner, of St. David's tower, piloted us to the old Cathedral where we were also met by Mr. Davey (Master of the Cathedral band). Permission having been given by the Dean for us to view any part of the Cathedral, we were most fortunate in having as our guide, the Rev. H. E. Bishop, one of the greatest authorities on the building. The service being at 3, the ten bells were chimed, and those were listened to with great interest. Messrs. Davey and Gardner next piloted us to St. David's, and took part in a touch of Triples. The Vicar of St. David's was formerly Rector of Wyke Regis. Unfortunately the reverend gentleman was away, and thus missed seeing many of his old friends, but he left a kind message of welcome.

The car was waiting for us outside the church at 4 p.m., when we began our homeward journey, which was made via Ottery St. Mary. This church (said to be built to quarter-scale of the Cathedral) is one of the most handsome in Devon, and has a fine peal of eight bells. The party was met here by Mr. Godfrey and some of his ringers. The bells were raised in peal, and a well-struck touch of Triples was brought round. Incidentally, it may be remarked we did not experience the trouble with the sexton, as our Taunton 'brother strings' did a few weeks ago, while on their outing.

Chard was next visited (by dodging into that county of lovely churches, and especially noble towers, the pride of Somerset), and tea was partaken of at the Temperance Hotel. Opportunity was taken of thanking the hon. secretary for organising such a fine trip, and his services were eulogised by the Rector and other members of the party. Having rung on the somewhat heavy peal of eight, the journey was continued to Ilminster, which has a beautiful church and tower in the Decorated style, and a very fine peal of bells (tenor 22½ cwt.). This was the last ringing place, and, with old friends of the local band, some nice touches of Triples were brought round. The conducting throughout the day was principally in the hands of Mr. L. W. Wiffen. The last place visited was Crewkerne, where it was too late to ring, and after a look round and a refresher for the innerman we started on our 30-mile journey home, in the moonlight, across the Downs, Wyke Regis being eventually reached just before the midnight chimes struck. Everybody had a most happy and enjoyable day that will long be remembered. It is worthy of mention that at matins the next day the full octave of bells was rung.

The ringers wish through 'The Ringing World,' to tender their grateful thanks to all the incumbents who so willingly granted the use of their bells, and to those ringers who gave such kind assistance, particularly Messrs. Davey and Gardner (Exeter), Laver (Heavitree), Godfrey (Ottery), Taylor and Crabb (Ilminster), and last but not least, the general secretary of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell).
C. H. J.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, June 3rd, in honour of H.M. the King's birthday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Williams 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, E. Starkey 3, E. Mullins 4, C. Starkey 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, H. Wood 8.—On Saturday, June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Williams 1, E. Mullins 2, E. Starkey 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, H. Wood 8.

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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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 30th, as the 23rd is not suitable to the authorities. Bells ready 3.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly

meeting will be held at Rothwell, on July 30th. Business meeting at 7 o'clock in the Belfry.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 30th, at the Church of St. Michael, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.—C. Bower, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Bentley, July 30th. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. P. Elton, 59, Bentley Road, Doncaster, before July 26th. Arksey (8) and Doncaster St. George's bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Until further notice the bells at St. George's, Doncaster, will be available for combined practice every Thursday at 7 p.m.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-East Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at nominal charge of 6d.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, July 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk. —A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches, will be held at Lowestoft on August Bank Holiday, Aug. 1st. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Monday, August 1st. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Gregory's will be available for ringing during the day. Meet at All Saints' first at 11 a.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day, business following.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 1st (Bank Holiday). Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) for part of the day. Service at St. John's at 3.30. Tea 1s. 6d., and meeting in St. Mary's Schools 4.15. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The bells (now a peal of eight) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 6 o'clock in the Church House, at a charge of 1/- per head. Barnet bells available for ringing from 2 to 4 p.m. and possibly after tea. All members and friends are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual summer meeting will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st, by the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe. The beautiful grounds of the Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and friends during the afternoon. Tea and refreshments may be obtained near the church. The bells will be available from 2 to 6 p.m.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An All-day meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, commencing at Walton-on-Thames, at 10 o'clock, Hersham 11.30, Esher 1.30, East Molesey 3. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea by kind permission (if fine), on the Vicarage Lawn. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—This tower will be open as usual on Bank Holiday from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Trappitt, Steeplekeeper.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Next meeting All Saints', Freshwater, Monday, 1st Aug. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Farningham. Bells at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. Snaith (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd, the latest. Half fares up to 2s. paid.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 4th and 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested; business important.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Crawley, Aug. 6th. Tower open at 2. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those desiring tea should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea must let me know by Aug. 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6), available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom 5.45, 1/- each to those notifying me not later than August 2nd.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 6th, 8 bells. Tea may be obtained close to the Church.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 8th and 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30. Those intending going by bus and wanting tea must let the Secretary know not later than Monday, August 8th. Half fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price to those applying before August 10th. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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SHORNE, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Thursday evening, July 14th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Goodship, Reading, 1,800 changes of Minor, in seven methods, being 240 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 240 each of Kent and Oxford, and 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Avis 1, Miss M. Goodship 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, H. Argent 4, Col. Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., 5, J. Burles 6. Longest length of Minor by J. Goodship.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Watts 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. W. Bond 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis 5, S. Hicks 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8. Arranged for W. Upton, from Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, July 16th, on the occasion of the annual flower show, the following touches were brought round: 656 Double Norwich, 576 Superlative, 504 Stedman, 288 Oxford, the following taking part: J. D. Buckingham, F. Chalk, E. W. Beckwith, J. Newman, F. Claydon, A. Shuffelebotham, J. Sadler, W. Elliott, A. Catterwell and W. Keeble (conductor).

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, July 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. W. Fannett (first quarter-peal) 1, A. G. Bennington 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, J. Law 4, R. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes.

EAST CROMPTON.—Lancashire Association. — On Tuesday, July 19th, at St. James' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: Miss Rose Garside 1, G. R. Turner 2, C. Howarth 3, I. Schofield 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. First 72 in the method by ringers of the treble and 4th, who hail from St. Mark's, Glodwick.

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