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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The subject which has for some time past agitated the minds of certain members was again before the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild, as will be seen by the report which has just been furnished to us. The question of holding the annual meeting in Oxford for a succession of years has led to a strained feeling, which has developed, in some cases, into "passive resistance" action by the withholding of subscriptions, and, in the case of one tower, as has already been reported in these columns, to a definite determination to withdraw from the Guild. The whole question of where its annual meeting shall be held is, of course, purely a domestic one for the Oxford Guild to decide, but recent action of some of the members does introduce a question of policy which, if generally followed, might eventually lead to the disintegration of ringing societies. The fixing of Oxford as the venue of the annual meeting has been perfectly constitutional, for the rules provide that the members shall in annual meeting each year fix the place of the meeting for the following year, and withholding subscriptions or seceding from the Guild is not the democratic way of getting an alteration made in the practice which has been adopted. Instead, it is the first step to revolution, which might end in the disruption of an organisation that, for more than forty years, has been doing excellent work, not only in the interests of its members, but in the advancement of the Art which it was established to promote.

As we have more than once pointed out, there is much to be said in favour of changing the place of meeting in an area with wide boundaries and few facilities of intercommunication, and where this policy has been adopted it has usually been attended by success, although this is not always the case. Whether it would be so in the Oxford Diocese is a matter that only experience would prove, and it is for the members of the Guild to decide whether they will make the experiment. What we desire to do, however, is to urge the members of the Guild who may feel aggrieved that Oxford has once more been selected for the annual festival to take steps to test the feeling of all the branches before resorting to secession or "passive resistance"—the logical outcome of the latter is only loss of membership. A resolution placed upon next year's agenda and moved in reasoned terms would in all probability enable a postal vote to be taken which would ascertain the views of every affiliated band. Indeed, we can hardly believe that, knowing the feeling which exists in parts of the diocese, those who assemble next year at Oxford would refuse such a demand. At any rate, the exercise of patience, and the application of all the constitutional means open to members, should be resorted to before any steps, which might lead to a split, are adopted.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Four Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

† FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 7
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE CROSS 8
NORMAN BAILEY 3	CHARLES CUTTING 9
GEORGE BURTON 4	WILLIAM STEELE 10
* WILLIAM CLOVER 5	BENJAMIN THOMPSON 11
FREDERICK HOWCHIN 6	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

* Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on twelve bells as conductor. † First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN NEAL 10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11
JOSEPH T. DYKE 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
* JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	FRANK SMITH 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
* FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for peal on 12 bells. Rung on the 47th birthday of the Sexton and Verger, Mr. A. E. King.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Four Hours and Three Minutes.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8
CHARLES T. COLS 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
† WILLIAM J. KEMP 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
* CYRIL PEASE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WRENHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HENRY DEW 6
† WILLIAM JONES 2	† JAMES SWINDLEY 7
KEITH HART 3	HENRY W. WILDE 8
GEORGE R. JONES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 9
† EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Elected a life member. † First peal of Royal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 6
CHARLES GARDINER 2	JOHN BALLINGER 7
FRANK COLE 3	Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	HARRY BARRETT 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 57 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
GILBERT H. HARDING 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER 5	WALTER FARLEY Tenor
	HERBERT G. FARLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	F. W. PERRENS 5
H. A. FARLOW 2	W. H. LAWLEY 6
C. WALLATER 3	JOHN PERRY 7
E. F. MITCHELL 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Perry, of
Brewood (parents of the ringers of the 7th and tenor), which happy
event occurred on July 27th. An attempt for the peal was made on
that date, but, unfortunately, went astray in the ninth part.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	JOHN COOK 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. GROVE.

The first peal of Surprise in the county, and the first of Major upon these bells.

LLANFIFGAN, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Meughant,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. SHORT.

The first peal of Surprise in the county. Believed to be the first peal in the method in South Wales.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	JOHN BASS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The first peal of Surprise in the county.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	ARTHUR WATKIN 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Collrn,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* EDWARD HARRISON ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
KEITH HART 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. First in method on the bells.

ELLESMERE, SALOP—On Monday, July 30, at the Parish Church,
a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, consisting of 10 six-scores each
called differently, and a plain course, in 50 mins.: T. Butler, senr.,
1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, W. Higginson, junr., 4, T. Butler,
junr. (conductor), 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6. Rung on the bottom six.
This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and the
first by an entirely local band.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, August 6th, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*ARTHUR CATTEL Treble	THOMAS VALLANCE 5
*WALTER WHITEHEAD 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 3	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	FREDERICK WADE 6
EDWARD GRINDLELL 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The composition (a One-part) is now rung for the first time. E. G. Hibbins is from Cambridge.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine and a half Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Leicester.

BASFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLINDERS Treble	SAMUEL BURGOYNE 5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	EDWARD C. GOREY 7
THOMAS H. KIRKEY 4	*ALBERT MARSH Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Godson, daughter of the churchwarden, and rung after meeting short for Stedman. Mr. Flinders who is in his 73rd year, kindly made the band up.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

OSCAR V. EBBERSON Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal was arranged for the conductor, who hails from Leicester.

The peal at Carshalton, published in our last issue, was not Mr. R. A. Fardon's first of Bob Major, as stated in the report. May we ask those who send in peal particulars to make certain of the details they give with regard to first peals, etc., also not to put their footnotes, as is sometimes done, in ambiguous terms?

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD Treble	FRANK BARRETT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JACK HONEY 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	ERNEST A. GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Arranged for Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry.

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*CHARLES KNOWLES Treble	*FRANK WINEY 5
RICHARD GRATER 3	JAMES ELSWORTHY 6
*ERNEST RICHARDS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
HARRY PAGE 4	*JOHN BOWERMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. Fred Chamberlain is from Cardiff, Harry Page from Pentre Rhondda. Both were elected life members before starting. The ringers were entertained to supper after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Acland Troyte.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

†GEORGE LAW Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	†JOHN HOPE 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	†P.-SGT. G. W. HASTINGS 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	*M. WILLIAM MINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Arranged as a farewell to P.-Sgt. Hastings, who is leaving Fairford for Dursley.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	SAMUEL TAYLOR 5
LEWIS NEWMAN 2	*THOMAS BEAUMONT 6
TOM SANDERS 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
LOUIS HEAD 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Eighth peal on the bells, and Mr. C. H. Sone has rung all eight bells to a peal. These eight ringers are Service ringers at eight different towers in Kent.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES M. NICKERSON Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
JOHN COLEMAN 2	THOMAS WILSON 6
CYRIL WILSON 3	FRANK KIRK 7
FRED STUBBS 4	LESLIE GROOM Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who has recently taken up duties as Rector of this Parish, and on the eve of the Festival of Dedication, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to Mr. F. Arnold, one of the local band, on attaining his 21st birthday. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOWESTOTT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	HARRY WRIGHT ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6
GEORGE S. CLAYTON ... 3	CLAYTON PARNELL ... 7
DENISON HAYWARD ... 4	W. J. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by W. J. ROGERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*RUPERT R. LEWIS ... Treble	JOHN SIMONS ... 5
JACK JUDGE ... 2	FREDERICK WEBB ... 6
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 3	WALTER JUDGE ... 7
*FRANK BALDWIN ... 4	WILLIAM STONE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

* First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Lewis, Baldwin and Simons, who hail from Banbury.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes;
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 3	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. * First peal and first attempt.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE ... 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
JAMES H. HUNNISSETT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by E. G. HIBBINS. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal of Major as conductor. This peal, along with others, was arranged for Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and was the first peal of Bob Major on the bells for a considerable number of years.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

H. BUNGAY ... Treble	S. V. CRABE ... 5
T. HERVEY BEAMS ... 2	G. SIBLEY ... 6
T. J. LLOYD ... 3	W. FARLEY ... 7
D. G. TAYLOR ... 4	T. H. BEAMS, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Reader), who is to be inducted on the 17th. The ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 hail from Ilminster and 7 from Wells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

PHILLIP J. POCKETT ... Treble	JESSE GILLET ... 5
ERNEST E. DAVIS ... 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	GEORGE CONDUCK ... 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 4	ERNEST POCKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Lee Williams, of Tuffley Knoll, Gloucester.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEORGE MARRINER ... Treble	JOHN H. WHITE ... 5
GEORGE COOK ... 2	ALFRED H. WINCH ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method in this steeple.

SIX BELL PEALS

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Munden, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley,
York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY HARRISON ... Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... 4
JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	HENRY FYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford
Bob, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY ... Treble	CHARLES TUMBER ... 4
GEORGE KENWOOD ... 2	EDWARD HODGES ... 5
EDWARD W. GAMBLE ... 3	WILLIAM NYE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR LARGE ... Treble	SIDNEY ARTHUR ... 4
HORACE TERRY ... 2	WALTER LARGE ... 5
ERNEST WITHERS ... 3	CHARLES SABIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and
three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 4
JOHN LARTER ... 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

WEEKLEY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... Treble	* WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 4
MISS KITTY MOORE ... 2	ROBERT G. BLACK ... 5
HARRY BAXTER ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. The ringer of the Treble was elected a member previous to starting.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY MERSON ... Treble	* WILLIAM CROCKER ... 4
* REGINALD GREED ... 2	† CHARLES AVIS ... 5
* PERCY SPARKES ... 3	FRANK CAVILL ... Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The 4th ringer comes from Weston, Bath, the 3rd from Staplegrave, the remainder are local.

MUCH MAROLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY E. COX ... Treble	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 4
JOHN CLARK ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON ... Treble	EDMOND J. HOBBS ... 4
* MRS. EVELYN STEEL ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM ... 7—8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 3—4	GEORGE F. SWAN ... 9—10
JAMES E. GROVES ... 5—6	JOHN NEAL ... 11—12

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Referee: MR. ALBERT WALKER.

This was Mr. Tom Russam's 100th peal on handbells, also Mr. G. F. Swan's 100th twelve-bell peal.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On July 18th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Kendall 1, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 2, B. F. Calcott 3, A. V. Good 4, *J. Todd 5, L. Turner 6. * First 720 with a bob bell. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Calcott 1, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, R. Kendall 5, *L. Turner 6. * First touch of Surprise.

The following five peals were rung by the Midland Counties Association during a visit by Mr. F. Bennett to Derby.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

* HENRY HILL ... Treble	CHARLES E. HART ... 6
JOHN S. SWINFELD ... 2	HENRY LETTS ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 8
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	JAMES F. GEORGE ... 9
ALBERT H. WARD ... 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Royal. Author's No. 267.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ... Treble	* WALTER WHITE ... 6
ARTHUR BRAINES ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
* THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... 3	ALBERT H. WARD ... 8
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 4	JAMES F. GEORGE ... 9
* GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters, also on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 2	* CHARLES GEARY ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	R. ALLAN HICKTON ... 7
JOHN C. DICKEN ... 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by EDWARD BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. HILL ... Treble	* FRANK W. HILL ... 5
* KENNETH G. SHELDON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	JAMES PAGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 6
ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... 2	GEORGE BULL ... 7
* MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3	* CHARLES SANDERS ... 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	* GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters, also the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten.

A NORTH NOTTS VETERAN.**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HARGREAVES, OF SHIREOAKS.**

By the passing away of William M. Hargreaves, perhaps the most interesting personality in the village of Shireoaks, Notts, becomes a memory—but a memory that will be lasting and fragrant. Had he lived until October 11th he would have been 93 years of age, being the oldest inhabitant of the parish. The North Notts ringers particularly will miss him very much, for he was one of the most popular men in the association. No greater proof of this is needed than the immense number who assembled at the church and graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to the veteran. Mr. Hargreaves' chief hobbies were gardening and bell ringing, in both of which he took the greatest interest and pleasure. How delightful it was to see him wheeling home in his harrow his garden tools and produce in his 90th year. At six-bell ringing he was a splendid striker and safe conductor.

He had visited all the principal towers in North Notts and Derbyshire, and would walk from Shireoaks to Beighton and back (just after the six bells were installed in the Shireoaks tower in 1864) to get an insight into the art of change ringing. The writer of these lines well remembers the little anecdotes he told of meeting Jim Kitchen and Harry Banks, and other old members of that place. They invited him as he stood in the doorway inside the tower, to come in and ring and asked him if he 'could do owt. If so, tak off the coat, lad.' With this little introduction he and his brother John worked assiduously to establish at Shireoaks one of the best six-bell companies in North Notts. He succeeded in ringing and conducting his first peal of 5,040 changes in seven Treble Bob methods at the age of 66 years—a splendid performance at that period of life. This was the first six-bell peal by all the company, and also the first six-bell peal by the association.

There are three survivors of that band left, Messrs. Fitzjohn, Hall, and F. Hargreaves (a nephew), who ring regularly for Sunday services. The deceased veteran rang and conducted well until his 88th year, and then loss of memory compelled him to retire when he could not conduct a 720. The writer walked 22 miles on a Sunday 33 years ago, and Mr. Hargreaves succeeded in getting him through his first four Treble Bob, 720's during the day, for he was always pleased to help all young ringers.

The deceased was laid to rest on Monday, July 30th in Shireoaks Churchyard, on the south side of the old grey town. He thus fittingly reposes beneath the sound of his own beloved ring of bells.

H. H.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, when, by kind permission of the Rev. F. Keeling Scott (Vicar), the ring of eight bells of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul was placed at the disposal of the members.

Luncheon was served at the George Hotel, the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) being in the chair, in the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich). The chairman was supported by Mr. W. J. Howson (district secretary for East Dereham), and representatives from Gressenhall, North Elmham, Diss, Dereham, Fakenham, King's Lynn, Shouldham, Shropham and Watlington.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was cordially honoured.

The General Secretary said before the business of the meeting was transacted he would call upon the members to elect a chairman to preside over the business meeting, and Mr. F. R. Wilby was voted to the chair.

The general secretary submitted the following nominations for membership: Mr. William Pickworth, Southgate, London, life member (non-resident); Mr. Ernest Naylor, Miss Gertrude Berwick, Mr. Fredk. H. Crook (re-election). The following elections prior to peals rung were ratified: Mr. Charles Bunting, of Wisbech; and Mr. Samuel Bird, of Rumburgh.

The General Secretary reminded the members that he had to prepare a financial statement to lay before the annual general meeting on October 4th next, and appealed to those members who had not paid their subscriptions for 1923 to do so as soon as possible, either to their respective district secretaries, or direct to himself.—Mr. Coleman said before leaving this important matter he would like to add that subscriptions were due on the 1st January of each year, and he trusted that all outstanding subscriptions would be paid in before the annual general meeting.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Swaffham for his kind permission for the use of the bells of the parish church.

SHIFNAL.—At the quarterly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild, at Shifnal on July 28th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Fellows 1 R. Polo 2, T. Butler, senr. 3, P. Lane 4, A. Shaker 5, D. James 6 C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7 J. Vaughan 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many are the ringers who have taken part in peals on the famous ring of twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and a few more were added to the number on the Tuesday following August Bank Holiday, when the band included H. E. Audsley, of Crayford, Kent, J. T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton, Somerset, S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and W. Knight, of Bristol. Another visitor was W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, but this was not his first visit to the Bull Ring. After the peal a very pleasant social hour was spent, when upwards of thirty ringers and friends were busy renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who has just resigned the treasurership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was one of the founders of that organisation. He was hon. secretary for many years, succeeding the Rev. Dolben Paul, and filling the office with much success until 1911. Since then he has been an equally able 'Chancellor of the Exchequer.' Although advanced in years, he still retains an active interest in the Guild, of which he has for over 40 years been one of the pillars.

We hear that a certain well-known ringing clergyman is shortly to join the ranks of the benedicts. No, do not ask us who it is—wild horses will not drag the name from us.

The first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Cumberland Youths was performed at Shoreditch on August 23rd, 1788. It is described in the society's peal book as 'a true peal of 5,184 Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle, in 3 hrs. 47 mins., being the second peal ever performed in that method.'

The peal was composed and called by John Reeves, and was the first which William Shipway rang with the society, he having come to London in the year 1785.

It was John Reeves who composed and called the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Horsleydown, by the College Youths in 1787, so that he must have left the Ancient Society to join the Cumberlands.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HYDE.

REV. A. T. BEESTON'S RESIGNATION.

If bells, as ancient records say, were dispersers of storms, they have apparently lost their power, for they failed to drive away the rain on the occasion of the annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Hyde. The attendance, in consequence, was comparatively small.

Service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Graham) gave an address. Dinner followed, and afterwards the general meeting was held. It was rather a memorable one in the Guild's history, many items of importance being considered, the chief of which was the resignation of the Rev. A. T. Beeston from the hon. secretaryship after sixteen years' service. It is regrettable that his services in this capacity are no longer available. He has, however, not wholly severed his official connection with the Guild, but will act as hon. treasurer and representative on the Central Council.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. H. Fairclough was re-elected to the Mastership, and Mr. Ashmole (Northwich) as the other representative on the Central Council.

Much discussion arose over the curtailed report. Such curtailment was found to be imperative, and the committee referred to the matter as follows: 'In view of the serious financial state of the Guild, we realise the necessity of reducing our usual expenses as much as possible. This will explain the curtailed form in which our report appears. We have taken this step with real reluctance, and very much regret its necessity. This is a time of stress and strain which is being universally felt, and, therefore, such as claims an united effort to "carry on." We feel it is incumbent upon us to say this, and to urge our fellow-members loyally to further the objects for which we stand in every possible way. We are certain this alone is the surest and quickest way to return to normal and easier conditions.'

On the recommendation of the committee, £5 each was granted to the Nantwich and Macclesfield bell funds. With reference to the latter, notice was given that the bells were to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester on Sept. 12th, and that it was hoped that a 'ringers' opening' would follow in due course.

Mr. J. Norbury, retiring representative on the Central Council, gave a brief summary of the meeting at Salisbury.

Following upon the resolution of the Crewe branch for the revision of the branch areas, a special committee was formed to go into the matter, and also to take necessary steps towards making some suitable acknowledgment of the services of the retiring hon. secretary.

Macclesfield was fixed as the place of the next annual festival, to be held on August Bank Holiday, 1924.

After a vote of congratulation to the band which rang the record peal of Treble Bob Major on the previous Saturday, the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities and all who helped to make the meeting as enjoyable as possible under the weather conditions which obtained.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

Sutton-on-Trent was en fete on August Bank Holiday, when the sports and gala day, in aid of the Church Bells Restoration Fund, was held. An interesting feature was the visit of the North Notts ringers, who were present from Anston, Shireoaks, Southwell Cathedral, Blyth, Cuckney, Chesterfield, Treeton, Gainsborough, Mistor-ton, Collingham, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Gamston, North Collingham, Wigan, Workop, and also the local company. A great variety of methods was rung on the new peal of six bells, including 720 each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob, Touches of College Pleasure, Single Court, Duke of York, Graudsire and Stedman Doubles, and London and Cambridge Surprise were also rung during the day.

A substantial tea was provided for the ringers in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rev. C. T. Bartley, Vicar of Sutton.

The business meeting which followed was of an interesting character. Mr. Hopkins, of Lancham, reported that Laxton wished to become affiliated, and it was unanimously decided that they be accepted, on making application in writing to the hon. secretary.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Markham on September 1st.

At this point, Mr. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks, called upon the Vicar to make a presentation to the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh, of Workop), in recognition of his 36 years' good work on behalf of ringing. For the last twelve years he had been hon. secretary of the association, and during his tenure of office seven new towers had been added to the roll, and the finances doubled.

The Vicar said he had not known Mr. Haigh very long, but he recognised him to be a hard and conscientious church worker. It was a difficult task for a secretary to please everybody, and very often a hard worker received more kicks than ha'pence. He had every pleasure in asking Mr. Haigh to accept, in recognition of his services, a new Humber cycle, subscribed for by 160 members of the association. He (the speaker) had ridden his own machine for 29 years, and it was still in good condition, and he hoped that he and the secretary would have the best of health, and would be riding their 'bikes' another 30 years (applause).

Mr. Haigh said the presentation did not come to him as a total surprise. He had every reason to believe that his work had been appreciated for many years, because they were never in a hurry to kick him out of office, or find fault at the annual general meeting. He would greatly value the gift, and would value still more the hearty and spontaneous manner in which the ringers had answered Mr. Hargreaves' call for subscriptions to the presentation. He would also realise, whenever the ringers saw him on his machine, that they were all shareholders, but if they asked him for a ride on the new 'bike' they must not be offended if he declined to give them one (laughter). He thanked Mr. Hargreaves and his small committee for the way in which they had undertaken the work of collecting the subscriptions (applause).

Mr. Hargreaves, in reply, said it had been a labour of love, and he thanked the members for their response.

Ringing was afterwards continued in the tower until 8.45 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal; meanwhile, the lady ringers from North Collingham had acquitted themselves very creditably at the bell ropes. The day was looked upon as one of the most successful in the annals of the association.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELLS.**NEW TREBLES ARRIVE.**

The two new trebles; to make a peal of twelve at Canterbury Cathedral are now in the tower. They have been cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and, as is well known, are being given by the Kent County Association in memory of the 56 members who gave their lives in the war.

The bells were taken to the Cathedral on August 1st, and deposited on the floor under the south-west tower. A little ceremony took place after evensong, when the Precentor (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, requested Dr. Mason, as Vice Dean, to receive the bells on behalf of the Dean and Chapter. Dr. Mason duly accepted the memorial, and added a short prayer and blessing.

On the treble bell is the following inscription: 'A.D. 1923. Kent County Association of Change Ringers. To the Glory of God and in memory of the members who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.' The second has only the date of casting and the initials, K.C.A.C.R., 1914-1918.

It is hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the bells when he returns from his holiday.

Reports of a number of outings are held over until next week.

GRAVESEND BELLS.**A RINGER'S LABOUR OF LOVE.**

Out of the total of £932 9s. 9d. which has been the cost of restoring the bells at St. George's, Gravesend, and carrying out other necessary work, Mr. Hadlow, one of the ringers, has collected £500, as a labour of love, and in recognition of his efforts he has been presented with a chiming clock.

The presentation was made at a meeting of the committee when a statement with regard to the bell fund was made. Of the amount to be raised £718 16s. 2d. had been collected up to June 11th, and 100 guineas had been promised by the Town Council. The present deficit was £51 9s. 1d., and it was proposed to devote the harvest festival offertory to the fund.

Mr. Everden, who presented the statement, complimented Messrs. Taylor and Co. upon the new bells which they had provided, and said the tone and 'go' was a high testimonial to their work. He added that with part of the money realised from the sale of the wood in the old bell frame and collections made by himself and Mr. Luff, a valuable clock with Westminster chimes had been purchased, to be presented to Mr. Hadlow in recognition of his work in connection with the fund.

Engraved on a silver plate attached to the front of the timepiece are the words: 'Presented to Edward Hadlow from the Rector, Church Council and congregation of St. George's, Gravesend, in recognition of his enthusiastic assistance for the restoration of the parish bells May 30th, 1923.'

Mr. Everden, in presenting the clock, said that those who felt their indebtedness to Mr. Hadlow for what he did in restoring the peal, wished the timepiece to be an expression of the esteem with which he was regarded.

Mr. Hadlow, in tendering his thanks, said it had been a labour of love to collect the money.

Mr. Everden said that ever since Mr. Hadlow started, just over two years ago he had been a thorough nuisance (laughter). It had been 'bells' all through the day and the night, too. After he had done his work he had been tramping the streets for money. During the day, too, he had been at the same game on the ships in the river, and from that source had collected £20. Altogether he had collected £500 from over 2,000 people (applause). If Mr. Hadlow had not loved the work he would not have done it. He had saved the church many pounds by the work he had done when he was 'pottering about' in the tower. He hoped that Mr. Hadlow would in his old age, in 50 years' time, lean back in his chair when the clock chimed and think of the work he had done for St. George's.

Mr. Hadlow replied that it was Mr. Everden who had made him stick to the work, and he had been assisted by many. Miss Tall, one of the ringers, collecting £30. Mr. Hadlow then handed the Rector a photograph of the bells, to be hung in the Council room.

In reply to a question, Mr. Everden stated that the clock belonged to the Corporation as long as they kept it in repair. The bells, however, belonged to the church, and when they were taken away from the Corporation's clock the church felt bound to attach them again to the clock. The cost of the adjustments had been £25. The clock had gone splendidly for eight weeks.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir, — I should like to convey, through your columns, my thanks for the many letters I have received in reference to my lists A and B, which you have now published for four weeks, together with my letter. I will not trouble you to publish them further, but I will refer members of the Exercise to your last issue, and will ask them to take note that in list A I am still wanting information concerning the following groups:—

Lee, W. C.
Smith, A.
Saunders, H.
Waite, S.

In list B I have only information concerning McKiever, V.C., and it does not seem that any more will be forthcoming.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—I was glad to see the letter of Mr. G. P. Burton in your issue of to-day, and am very sorry to hear that St. Andrew's bells are in such a neglected condition. Can nothing be done to restore them?

With regard to the peal boards, my information was obtained from copies of 'Belfry Tablets' published in 'Church Bells' in the years 1878 and 1879. I should be much obliged if your correspondent would furnish us with copies of the other tablets which he mentions.—Yours truly,

J. R. JERRAM.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL MEETING-PLACE. A CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

One of the most important matters discussed at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford was the selection of a place for the next annual. There had been dissatisfaction in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at the fact that the festival had been held for several successive years in Oxford, and the question was raised on the motion for the 'place of next annual meeting.' Constitutional practice under the rules leaves the selection of the place to the annual meeting, and by a large majority Oxford was decided on for next year.

The festival proceedings began with service in the Cathedral, at which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiated, the address being given by Canon W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, and President of the Bedfordshire Association.

Every branch of the Guild was represented among the 115 members who attended the business meeting in the Chapter House. The Master presided, and was supported by Bishop Shaw, Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. treasurer), the Rev. W. J. Palmer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary).

The meeting received with regret the news that its veteran member and instructor, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, had found ringing rather too exacting at 84. Mr. Newell will continue however to take an active interest in the Guild.

THE MASTER'S REVIEW.

In his annual report, the Master said there were now thirteen branches in the Guild, and these took in all the towers in union with the Guild. This did not mean, however, that the area of the Diocese was effectively covered. It was, nevertheless, quite useless, in his opinion, to start a branch unless there was a real Guild nucleus, small though it might be to start with. He had attended meetings of all the branches, and could report favourably of the general condition. A new branch had been started for Oxford and District. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch Mr. Harman in conjunction with Mr. Coles, had taken on a big job from Mr. Fussell, who had felt obliged to resign the secretaryship after seven years' hard work. Restoration work had been carried out at Benson, Boyne Hill, Culham, Hley, and Kimbury. Culham had now a ring of five, and Hley, one of the first towers to join the Guild, after struggling for years with five badly going bells, had now a beautiful ring of eight. He had visited and had given advice at Beeton, Binfield, Blechley, Boyne Hill, Great Brickhill, Brightwalton, Compton, Newton Longueville, Waddesdon and Wootton. He was asked to represent the Central Council, together with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Messrs. J. H. B. Husse, E. H. Lewis, and E. A. Young, in conference with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; and they had several long and interesting discussions. Amongst those who passed away during 1922 was Mr. W. Mynard, an attractive personality and a faithful servant of the church, who was for sixty years a ringer at Emberton.

The accounts for 1922 showed a balance in hand of £51, compared with a balance of £48 last year. The branch subscriptions had amounted to £79 and hon. members' £2 6s. The printing of the annual report had cost £33, and general printing, postage, etc., £11 9s 7d. The annual festival had cost £29 14s 6d., towards which members had paid £20 9s.

The Treasurer said he had been committeeman, secretary, and treasurer for forty-three years, and, while he was not as old as Mr. Newell, he was not far behind, and he felt, therefore, that he must resign his office. He was prepared, however, to nominate a good man as his successor, and was himself quite ready to serve as trustee. There was a very urgent need for economy, the calls on the Guild having been so heavy in recent times as to leave the Guild without any balance at all. It was to be observed that of the 203 honorary members 123 were parsons, and branch secretaries might look round their villages for laymen and lay women who were interested and would help.

'DISLOYAL AND FOOLISH.'

The Secretary said the year had been a pleasant one and if they found themselves at Oxford again it was by their own decision. The Master and he were quite ready to go to any other place, and it was for members to speak and vote as they felt. He felt that the decision of some of the members of one branch not to pay any more subscriptions so long as the festival was held at Oxford was not only disloyal, but very foolish, because after the first year their membership would lapse, and they would no longer have any voice in the affairs of the Guild. During 1922, continued the Secretary, he had visited every branch except the 'Vale of the White Horse,' and had found the branches in a healthy condition. He desired to point out that working a straggling district was no sinecure, and invited bands of ringers or individual members living on the fringe of an area where there was no strong nucleus of change ringers, to go over the border sometimes and give a helping hand. The peals for 1922 were double the number in 1921, and had ranged again from 'London' to

'Grandsire,' a good number of young ringers scoring their first peal, or their first in an advanced method. They deplored the loss of two towers, but welcomed the inclusion of Brightwalton, Great Linford, Marcham, Lewknor, Long Crendon, Cumnor, Chilton and Wolvercote. It was much to be desired that subscriptions be paid early in the year.

The Master, who was re-elected with acclamation, nominated Mr. A. J. Wright, Reading, as successor to the Treasurer. The Guild owed a very great deal to Mr. Hart-Davis, and they hoped that at those moments when he was not in the Thames he would sit in the armchair they presented to him a few years ago and write English verse and Greek verse, perhaps on the Guild itself. Mr. Wright had been a member of the Guild for many years, and before that an active member of the Devon Guild.

Mr. Evans seconded the nomination, and Mr. Wright was unanimously elected.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Messrs. Barlow, Candwell, Holfield, Humphrey, Hibbert, Parker, Newell, Webb, Cullum, Sear, Evans and Wilkins.

Canon Coleridge, presenting his report of the annual meeting of the Central Council, said it would be some time before the Council would be entertained so well as it had been at Salisbury. Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin and Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans were re-elected representatives of the Council.

OXFORD'S BIG MAJORITY.

Three places were proposed for next year's festival, and the voting which decided the question was as follows: Oxford, 79; High Wycombe, 10; Buckingham, 3.

The question of a ballot of the whole of the Guild was raised, but the Master said the rule on the point was quite explicit. The annual meeting must decide the place of next year's annual meeting. They could alter the rule, but not without notice in the usual way. For 42 years the rule read as follows: 'A general annual meeting shall be held in July, for the purpose of electing officers, and for united practice in change ringing; place to be fixed by the members in general meeting assembled, but the arrangements for the festival, including the time and the service in church, shall be left in the hands of the committee. The East Berks and South Bucks general meeting in the winter is open to the whole Guild.' As revised it now read: 'The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July at the place selected at the previous annual festival, all the arrangements to be left in the hands of the committee.'

A member urged that the preponderance of votes in favour of Oxford was not so convincing as it seemed at first sight because those who lived near Oxford naturally found it easier to attend, and they were there in force to decide on Oxford next year. If they had a ballot it would give the people who lived in distant parts of the diocese opportunity to say what they thought. Some of them could not get to Oxford and back the same day.

The Master said he thought Oxford was by far the most central place, though he was prepared to hold the festival wherever they liked. He thought, however, that they could not break in upon the rules in that way.

GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS.

A grant of six guineas was made to the West Wycombe Augmentation and Restoration Fund, on the recommendation of the committee.

An application from Blechley, where a large fund has occupied the attention of the members for some time, and where £500 has been raised, came up for discussion.

Mr. Cullum said this had not arrived in time for the meeting of the committee in April, and had not, therefore, been considered. Splendid work had been done, however, by the Blechley members, and they had never been assisted by the Guild. There was no money in hand to make a payment, but he moved that £10 be earmarked for Blechley, to be at the disposal of the fund as soon as it was available.

This was carried unanimously, the Secretary adding that at Blechley they had some of the best members in the Guild.

Lunch was served in the hall of Christ Church, 158 sitting down. Ringing took place during the day at the Cathedral, and many of the other towers in the city.

WEDDING BELLS AT HORSMONDEN.

On Wednesday August 8th, at St. Margaret's Church Horsmonden, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Tusting, of Tonbridge, to Miss M. Southon, of Horsmonden, two 720's were rung viz., 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by G. Burt 1, G. Waghorn 2, F. J. Lambert, senr. (conductor), 3, F. Butcher 4, H. J. Hammond 5, R. T. Lambert 6; and 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Burt 1, G. Waghorn 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, H. J. Hammond 5, R. T. Lambert 6. Other touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Horsmonden, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Duke of York, Treble Bob, and Stedman Doubles were also rung.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, July 22nd, on the occasion of Sunday School special services for morning service 720 Grandsire Doubles; on the back six: F. Blewitt 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry (first 720) 3, G. Warner 4, J. Walford 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry 7, A. G. Hunt 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Walford 1, A. G. Hunt 2, T. Perry 3, A. E. Booth 4, G. Warner 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, H. Devey 8.

GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. C. Lind-
F. C. Webb 2, A. W. Lindsey 3, F. Adams 4, R. E. Croft 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

IKEDDINGTON.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church 720 Boh Minor: F. J. Trappitt 1, A. Arnold 2, T. Talbot 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: F. Chapman 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batchup 8. Composed by J. W. Wilkins.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday evening, August 5th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): V. Stock 1, I. Davis 2, C. Rose 3, A. Rose 4, G. W. Harris (London) 5, F. W. Townsend 6, A. Bradley (conductor) 7, P. Davis 8. First quarter in the method by I. Davis and C. Rose; also first as conductor by A. Bradley.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, August 5th 360 and 720 Single Court: W. D. Shorthose 1, T. Foster 2, J. F. Milner 3, H. F. Clulow 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster (conductor) 6, G. W. Collinson 7. First 720 by local band.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47½ mins.: E. Watson 1, H. Robinson 2, J. W. Dews 3, W. Idle 4, G. Scholey 5, W. H. Senior 6, T. North 7, W. Stubley (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th, for Matins, 720 Boh Minor: Lionel Clough (first 720) 1, J. Fernley, junr. 2, J. P. Fidler 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6. For evensong, 720 College Single, with H. Hallworth in place of J. Fernley, junr.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th after an unsuccessful attempt for Mr. Edwards to call his 100th peal, 500 Stedman Triples and 588 Kent Treble Bob were rung for evening service. The following ringers took part in both touches: *J. P. Hyett S. T. Rackham, H. J. Rackham, G. Poppell, W. Williams, †G. W. Taysome, †T. H. Taysome and C. Edwards (conductor). * Longest touch of Triples and Major. † Longest touch of Major.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Boh Minor: W. V. Webb 1, J. Butler 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. Nobes 4, W. Hitchman 5, R. G. Rice 6. Also 360: W. E. Napper 1, W. Hitchman 2, J. Nobes 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Aug. 5th, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, W. V. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis 4, R. G. Rice 5, J. Dearlove 6, T. Jake-man 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, August 12th, at All Saints', for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Baylis 1, R. G. Knowles 2, G. Hinton, junr. 3, W. Rafterd 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. C. Jones 8, J. J. Jefferies 9, C. Camm 10. Longest touch of Cambridge Royal by Messrs. Baylis and Rafterd.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, August 12th, at the Parish Church, 1,390 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Brown 1, W. Goodman 2, G. H. Detheridge 3, J. Goodman, senr. 4, J. Goodman, junr. (conductor) 5, H. Sheppard 6, G. Guest 7, W. Meek 8. This touch was specially arranged for Mr. J. Brown and Mr. G. H. Detheridge, who hail from Rowley.

STOWMARKET.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, touches of Double Norwich and three courses of Stedman Triples: W. Souter 1, T. Sparrow 2, C. Alderton 3, W. J. Thyng 4, S. Sparrow 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. E. Diaper 7, W. Welham 8.—For evening service, 1,008 Double Norwich, in 38 mins.: W. Welham 1, W. J. Thyng 2, W. E. Tydeman 3, S. Sparrow 4, W. Souter (conductor) 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, E. E. Diaper 8. These touches were arranged for Mr. W. J. Thyng from Chesterfield, late of Stowmarket.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, for service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Squelch (Dartford) 1, K. Ekombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 5, H. E. Edwards 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Atkins 1, W. Hoyle 2, G. Stacey 3, J. Pulphey 4, F. Date 5, J. R. Jones 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, Syd Mason 8.

BLESSINGTON Y'GORRAH.

BREVITY—IN EXCELCIS. FLIPPANCY—NON EST.

Dear Editor,—Ye goodo Captaine of Pat's did call ye faithfull to gether on August of that ilk for to try a peal on ye newly rehang bells in ye lovely Wicklow hills, and did adjure me, an' I loved him, to cut out ye flipping. Faith an' 'twas not necessary, ye bell hangers cut that out for me, for a peal at Blessington is the ideat way to mortify the flesh and imagine 'twas pleasure. Did ye goodo Captaine of Pat's but call together ye faithfull to try four hours on a bed of epikes or eating thistles—I honestly believe they would try it. I did relate to goodo Mistress Peppery how I did see, on the voyage out, that great rarity, a dead donkey, and she did retaliate with 'and there were nearly seven. How did the other six escape?' However, I did have orders to be brief, concise and to flipp not, so here goes.

11.0 a.m. boarded ye train, date 1682 (foundry mark obliterated by A.D.), boarded Blessington 11.30 noon. Boarded Murphey's hotel and Murphey's festal board in the same breath. Pulled up ye tenor 1.30 p.m. Conductor of Pat's called 'go Grandsire Doubles.' 1.45 p.m. tenorman had enough. 1.50 p.m. result of peal attempt, 3 hours exquisite 'mortifying of ye flesh,' three six-scores of Grandsire, three six-scores of Plain (very), three six-scores of Canterbury (after which ye fifth ringer did assure me that tho' the 'Canter' was off, ye 'bury' would have been assured had he rung another), three six-scores of Stedman all sorts, in which ye tenor was 'also ran (g),' and three issues of call changes with ye local ringers whose kindly welcome was ye feature of ye journey, topped off with three times three issues of—well, be brief Samiwell. Time lays its hands lightly on all things in Blessington; would that time alone had visited it, an it had ye bells might, at least, have gone round and round. I did read again ye stones with dates, etc., as legible as when carved in 1616 and 1692, to which we have added

Here lie the remains of our tenorman's muscie:

With Blessington tenor he had a short tustle.

Aetat 120 changes!!

SAMIWELL PEPPERY

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT BOLSTERSTONE.

A CHURCHYARD MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Bank Holiday at Bolsterstone. Glorious weather prevailed, and it seemed rather a pity that the seaside resorts should have claimed the presence of so many members on this occasion, as the opportunities for making a real holiday in the country, with enough ringing to satisfy the most ardent enthusiasts, are unlimited at this country village. However, visitors rolled up from Ashton, Barnsley, Dore, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, Kilmarsh, Norton, Norbury, Sheffield (Cathedral, St. Marie's and All Saints'), Wortley and Worksop, and ringing was indulged in until tea-time.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard, Mr. F. Watkinson (president) being voted to the chair, whilst Mr. C. Harrison carried out the duties of secretary in lieu of Mr. Chowne, who was unavoidably absent.

The secretary's report on the opening of Castleton bells was read, and reference was made to the forthcoming meeting of the society, which is to be held in conjunction with the Doncaster and District Society at Doncaster on September 1st. The question of having the use of Arksey bells at the meeting in question was debated, and ultimately left to the discretion of the Doncaster friends.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and members of the local company, Mr. C. Potter, of Barnsley, made a very apt reference to the interest which both clergy and churchwardens are now taking in bells and ringers, and Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield) seconded, with some well-chosen words.—Replying to this, Mr. Steel, churchwarden, mentioned how interested he was in bells and bell ringers, incidentally stating that he was one of those who took part in securing the peal for Bolsterstone, the district having subscribed over £600 in six weeks, and the money being in the bank before the bells were delivered. He was delighted to be with the ringers, and it gave him great pleasure to be able to convey their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Ringling was then further indulged in, the methods rung being the four standard methods and Double Norwich Major.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's on July 11th 224 Double Norwich: 315 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. R. Lilley 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, W. Page (Worcester) 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, E. V. Rodenhurst 9, J. Evans 10. Also 168 Stedman Triples.—On August 1st, 630 Grandsire Caters: F. Lyeft 1, J. Griffiths 2, A. Pritchard 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Griffiths 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, D. James 8. Rung as a farewell to A. Pritchard, who is leaving the district. He is only 14 years of age.—On July 29th, 252 Stedman Triples and 287 Grandsire Caters.

100 TOWER BELL PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

Last Saturday Mr. James George rang his 100th peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. During the week he rang the tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and at Cripplegate the 11th. To do this within four months of one's 70th birthday, and in the middle of an August heat wave, is another evidence of the vitality and stamina of this still youthful veteran. The twenty-one towers in which Mr. George has rung these one hundred peals of Stedman Cinques are as follows: Birmingham, St. Martin, 40; Shrewsbury, St. Chad, 1; Oxford, Christ Church Cathedral, 1; Halifax, St. John-the-Baptist, 1; Sheffield, St. Peter, 3; Cornhill, London, St. Michael, 7; Birching-ton, Quex Park, Waterloo tower, 6; Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower, 2; West Bromwich, Christ Church, 4; Cripplegate, London, St. Giles, 7; Cheapside, London, St. Mary-le-Bow, 4; Painswick, St. Mary, 1; Southwark, London, St. Saviour's Cathedral, 8; Wolverhampton, St. Peter, 3; Shoreditch, London, St. Leonard, 1; Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe, 1; Worcester Cathedral, 1; Waltham Abbey, St. Lawrence, 5; Chelmsford, St. Mary's Cathedral, 1; Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 2; High Wycombe, All Saints', 1.

THE POINT AND PARRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last Friday morning I was just peeping down the barrel of my hemstitched hip-pocket howitzer, and thinking to myself how awfully 'bored' I should be—if the postman failed to bring my copy of the 'Ringing World,' but he brought it, and one is bound to congratulate you, sir, on your good taste in serving out to me—and the whole Exercise—such an excellent dish of 'Gooseberry-fool' dished up in the current issue by 'Criticus'—'Congrats Crit—that's the stuff to give us! especially the 'PINTS.' Yes, do away with 'em, and let's have GLASSES, No, and I wasn't bored when I read the extract from the diary of the 'NUISANCE-IN-SPECTRE,' when he was masquerading among the flowers! but I had a chilly feeling run all down the spine, and kind-o'-got the 'wind up' when the 'flipping' thing started bowing at a dandelion clock to ascertain whether it was time for bed! an' we only just got up! Oh, you two naughty boys! How dare you send such flippy-floppy contributions to add to the gaiety of the 'Ringing World?' But like many more who read the doings of ringers you realise that if our paper is robbed of this source of life it would eventually evolve into something resembling the 'Gravedigger's Journal,' wherein to publish only the plaintive, mournful notes of the 'De Profundis' along with the 'Miserere Mei' and a special request for no flowers!

Avant! dull care! begone, and let's have some more 'flowers' from the pen of the composers, the antiquary, the genius, and the funny 'uns! Bunch 'em together, Mr. Editor, into the weekly 'BOW-K,' because, you above all, will realise that the Exercise is composed of all sorts and conditions of tastes, some sour, some sweet, which all help to make the editorial position one of embarrassment. Yes, sir, a bit of fun drives away melancholy, and a 'lot' refreshes the brain, and if it's overdone, well! it warms up and invigorates the whole system. Laugh and grow 'fat'—don't go to the butcher's for it! And that's that!

Oh! yesterday I was reading that Oliver Cromwell is to be dug up again to make room for some water pipes, 'the vandals,' 'the ghouls!' Now one can look out for another 'civil war!' running contemporary with the present 'wars of the roses,' A.D. 1923. But don't worry, I hear the Editor is doing the 'POINT and PARRY' with his new tickling iron, and singing 'O-LIVER! O-LIVER!'

You'll have to 'ave it,
Whether facetious or not!
You've got to taste it,
This thing touches the spot!

Just like our Tommy did when he probed Fritz under his thirty-third rib with his bayonet—'an' sed—it's no exaggeration Fritzie—'me old sport'—this FACETIE drives away dull care, it's just like Brasso! it puts the polishing touch on any dull thing—But, remember this, my funny friends (and others), it won't wash 'Close!'—for the time being.

IRENÆUS.

P.S.—With kindest regards to 'Sammy' and 'Crit,' and any other funny 'uns! not forgetting' Ole Bill, who caught me on the funny-bone with his atchit, which caused—such! a sensation!

BUCKINGHAM.—On Monday, August 6th, 1,862 Grandfire Triples: R. R. Lewis 1, M. Smith 2, J. Butler 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. Simon 5, R. G. Rice 6, E. Hims 7, T. Impey 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At All Saints' Church, on Friday, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, J. W. Jones 2, F. G. Waymark 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, T. Deadman 8. The quarter-peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was on a visit to Eastbourne.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Rd., Ealing, W.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 18th, when members and visitors will be welcomed. Tea arranged as usual, but send your names in good time.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Birch, on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells at liberty from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Dist. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, business meeting to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District — A meeting will be held at Witham, on Saturday, August 18th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All ringers cordially invited. Service at 4.30, after which tea will be provided on the Vicarage lawn.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7. Business: Nomination of Vice-President and Ringing Secretary.—Peter Crook, Sec., Bolton Branch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Thursday, August 23rd. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6. Tea will be provided for those only who let me know not later than Tuesday, August 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Colston Bassett on August 25th. Other particulars later.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, August 22nd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle, on Saturday, August 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, provided by the Rector.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, August 25th, commencing at 3.30. Please advise me not later than the 23rd, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morville, near Bridgnorth, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5, followed by meeting; a good attendance is requested.—W. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Lower Peover, Saturday, August 25th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary. A good attendance is requested. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to Miss R. A. Bell, 417, Halifax Road, Todmorden, not later than August 22nd.—T. K. Driver, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will members and friends who intend to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, August 21st? I should be glad to receive subscriptions for 1923, which are due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Tea will be arranged for those advising Rev. C. H. N. Ivens not later than August 22nd. A motor party will also be arranged if sufficient send in their names not later than Monday, August 20th, to F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes St., Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare (near Axbridge), on Saturday, August 25th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 22nd?—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 20th, 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Uppholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A. A tea will be provided (for which a small charge may be made) for those who notify me not later than August 28th.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Will those intending to be present notify Mr. W. A. Hudson, Hemingbrough, nr. Selby, on or before Wednesday, August 29th? Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members who intend to be present are asked to advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lee, Tantobie, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper, Whitfield, Snowden, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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