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GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

With some of the views put forward by a correspondent in another column on the subject of the membership of Guilds, there may be many who will agree. The point which he raises is, briefly, this: As ringing associations are now recognised as bodies of church workers, ought they to exclude from full membership any ringer, whatever his qualifications, if he desires to join? At the present time there are a number of associations which differentiate between those who are change-ringers and those who are not, but there are few who exclude a man because he is not a change-ringer. Where both are admitted and differentiation is made between round ringers and change-ringers, it is usually by way of defining the former as 'probationers,' who pay a smaller subscription and have no voting power.

That is the general position as it stands at the moment, but the conditions vary with each association. That all ringers should, if possible, be embraced, is a principle which, if we admit that all ringing is to be accounted as service to the Church and all ringers as church workers, cannot be denied, and it is a principle towards which we must inevitably move, if our ultimate object is to be that full recognition by the Church authorities for which there has been years of patient striving. But we have to recognise the constitution of our associations as it at present exists. There are many of them, like the Lancashire, the Midland Counties, the Hertford and the Sussex, which deliberately take the title of 'Association of Change Ringers,' and we must conclude that the association was intended to be what its name implies, an organisation of change-ringers. Some open the door to round ringers by admitting them as probationers, but it was not for the benefit of round ringers that they were formed. Other associations, like the Devon and the Hereford, have not prefixed 'change' to the word 'ringers' in their title. It may be, in some cases, that such a limitation was impossible by the circumstances of the case, for, in the areas which they cover, change-ringers were very much in a minority.

Is it possible to place all the associations on one basis; that they shall admit all who can ring a church bell and who desire to be admitted, without restriction as to qualification? Doubtless when the constitution of many of the associations was drafted, full membership was accorded only to change-ringers as a direct inducement to the non-change-ringers to learn; and that is a strong argument in favour of keeping the status quo in the organisations covering those districts where change-

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ringers predominate. But the promotion of the art of change ringing, while an essential point in the objects of the ringing associations, is not the only one. Such objects as 'the observation of good and peaceable behaviour in the belfries of our churches,' and 'to obtain full recognition of the ringer's office as essentially a branch of the Church's work,' as, for instance, the M.C.A. Report puts it, are matters which affect every ringer, whether he knows anything of change ringing or not. It is likely to be difficult to get collective action on a matter of this kind, but it should be worth the discussion of associations, and eventually of the attention of the Central Council, who could give a lead on the subject, if nothing more.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
EDGAR C. RUSSELL 3	HERBERT LANGDON 9
ALFRED B. PECK 4	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 10
ROBERT W. GREEN 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
EDWIN F. PIKE 6	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Mr. W. Woodhead is from Leeds, Yorks. This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the recent wedding of Mr. Eric H. S. Truscott, son and heir of Sir George Truscott, Bart., to Miss Mary D. Irving, daughter of Canon Irving, Vicar of Hawkshead. Mr. and Mrs. Truscott heard a great part of the peal, and warmly thanked the ringers at the conclusion.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	LEWIS W. GOODWIN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
FRANK SMITH 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 9
RICHARD BEVAN 4	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	GEORGE A. CARD 11
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6	THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 6
YORK GREEN 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS 7
JOHN TAYLOR 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 8
A. TOM CHENERY 4	WILBURN WELCH 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS 5	PERCY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. L. Goffin 1, W. Arnold 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. J. Nevard 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, W. Elliott 6.

LONDON, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 8
HENRY S. ELLIS 4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9
ALFRED PRIOR 5	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BALL Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPARD 6
JAMES E. GROVES 2	*ERNEST MANSELL 7
STANLEY BRAGG 3	JOHN BRAGG 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	JOHN NEAL 9
*CHARLES H. WEBB 5	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM STEELE 6
GEORGE A. SPARKS 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first attempt. Mr. Charles E. Borrett's 150th peal. First peal rung in the method in Norwich by a local band, since the peal rung at St. Giles', on February 6th, 1835.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. M. WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM RILEY 2	JNO. WHEWELL 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
*RICHARD TOWNLEY 4	†JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. † 100th peal for the above association.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER MASTERS Treble	CHARLES E. PERKINS 5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	†WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
†JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
†HAROLD V. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

†JOHN W. PASSMAN Treble	CECIL ROBINSON 5
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 2	*HENRY CLAYTON 6
GEORGE WORTHY 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7
THOMAS LANCASTER ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. R. HENSHER.

† First peal in the method, and first away from the tenor. * First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for H. Clayton, who hails from Tadcaster.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM FITCHFORD Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	THOMAS HURD 6
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN ... 3	CHARLES MORLEY 7
WALTER N. ASHBY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 326). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 6th in all positions, and is now rung for the first time.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD BECK Treble	*FRANK D. RICHARDS ... 5
RONALD BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	*WILLIAM G. MOON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to the ringers of the 4th.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RALPH JACKSON Treble	CECIL ROBINSON 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 6
GEORGE KEMBALD 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt to ring Bob Major.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. A. CLARK Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS CLARK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Tribe, who hails from Tenterden, Kent.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5866 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE ELLIOTT Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ROBERT G. LEWIS 6
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	*CHARLES SMITH 7
*FRANK L. OLIVER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Major. This composition is now rung for the first time as the first peal of Major on this grand peal of bells, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Smith.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

†GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. Treble	*FRANK KIRK 5
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	†AMOS SMART 6
JAMES M. NICKERSON 3	†JOHN MAIN 7
†LEONARD J. WYMAN 4	†ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	THOMAS CHINNERY 5
WILLM. R. J. PODLSON 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 6
ARTHUR MAXIM 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
FRANK A. TURNER 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-half Mins.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD (GT. BENTLEY) Treble
WILLIAM L. GOFTON (MONKSEATON) 2
WALTER ARNOLD (EARLS COLNE) 3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (SLOUGH) 4
WILLIAM MILLER (LEYTONSTONE) 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT (KELVEDON) 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. (WALTON-ON-THAMES) 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE (FEERING) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the original peal of five bells in this tower, cast by Miles Graye, 1624, and also the 63rd birthday of W. Elliott.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT 5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 2	CHARLES W. BRETT 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Brett, F. Fairbeard and Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. POWELL Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 2	*JAMES LESLIE HAYWARD 6
JOHN PERRY 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Bob Major.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
FREDERICK HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, Primrose, Norwich, Annable's London, Netherseal and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK FARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
*FREDERICK HALL 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

† Tenor about 10 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	WALTER JOHN SMITH 4
GILBERT JONES 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
FRED POLE 3	WILLIAM COMINS Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
FRANK COLE 3	JOSEPH HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal for Joseph Hawkes, and also to commemorate his completion of 50 years as a ringer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise and three of Oxford Treble
Bob, rung alternately and each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

"CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
JOHN BURLES 2	† HARRY ARGENT 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal, and first attempt. † 25th peal. 100th peal by F. M. Mitchell, who has now rung and conducted peals from 1 to 7 and 10 methods on these bells. First peal in two methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS.

The following peals were rung during a week at Surfleet:

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.
Mrs. F. I. Hairs' 150th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	† WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 100th peal 'in hand.' † 1st peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At Bryngwyn,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.
First peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9—10	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal on ten bells as conductor.

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

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2	THOMAS MILLER 5—6
ALBERT WALKER 3—4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 7—8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a good meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Yateley. The following towers were represented: Bagshot, Bramley, Chertsey, Finchampstead, Leng Cross, Oatlands Park, Sandhurst, Wokingham, Worplesdon, Yorktown and Yateley. Various methods were rung from 3 p.m. till 4.30, when the members attended the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Howell. Tea, arranged by Mr. S. J. Riddell, was served at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and for presiding. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing enjoyed.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Twyford on Saturday last, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Morris). Tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Mr. L. R. Walker, of the local band, and was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Curdridge, Ringwood, and the local band. After tea a short meeting was held, at which three probationers were elected from Twyford.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Lockerley on Saturday, Sept. 27th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Twyford for presiding and for the use of the bells was then accorded.

Owslebury bells, a ring of six, were available to members in the afternoon, thanks to the Rev. Briggs, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. At Twyford in the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were tapped off. Messrs. Cheater and Collins cycled 40 miles from Ringwood to attend this meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 1st, due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

ROAMING IN DEVON.

SMALL PEAL 'BAG,' BUT A DELIGHTFUL WEEK.

Some time ago a few members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford decided to spend their holiday by roaming in Devon, making Exeter their headquarters. They met at Wolverhampton Station at 10 a.m. on August 2nd, the party consisting of Messrs. E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet), S. L. Hayward (Wellington), W. D. Wase (Coalbrookdale), J. Perry (Brewood), B. Gough (Coseley), W. Bayliss (Bradley), W. Powell (Walsall), C. Wallater (Willenhall), and H. Knight, E. F. Mitchell and J. Bradney (Wolverhampton), the last named being 'the policeman.' It had been arranged to pick up A. J. Hughes, of Rhyll, at Birmingham, but upon arrival there no trace of him could be found among the crowd of holiday makers on the station. However, he managed to roll out of the train at Exeter. The journey down was enlivened by handbell ringing, Mr. Hayward having very kindly brought his handbells with him, but no amount of ringing could entice friend Hughes from his hiding-place—probably he had a good seat and wished to retain it.

A surprise awaited the party at Exeter, for upon arrival they were met by Messrs. J. Screen and Reeves, of West Bromwich, who were on their way to Paignton, and had motored down, starting in the wee hours of the morning, and breaking their journey at Exeter for the night. Accommodation for the whole party had been secured at the Franklin Hotel, where, upon arrival, the visitors found the organiser of the tour, the Rev. E. V. Cox, awaiting them, and who gave them a very hearty welcome. Unfortunately he could not spend any time at all with the party, but gave them their marching orders on a neatly typed sheet, which contained the list of churches, where he had arranged for ringing to take place, and also the route, and bus and train times. At the hotel, also, was found the last member of the party, Mr. J. T. Dyke, who had already taken up his residence, having arrived earlier in the afternoon.

During tea-time the well-known local ringer, Mr. E. Shepherd, found the company, and he also gave them a very warm welcome, and afterwards piloted the party round the city, and pointed out the various historic buildings, etc.

At St. Sidwell's, on Sunday, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung for morning service, and after the ringing the 'Shepherd' again piloted the flock round other parts of the city, finishing up in one of the pleasure parks, where the photographer brought his camera into use. Rain set in during dinner-time, and the party remained indoors until 4 p.m., when a move was made to the Cathedral, where permission had been given for half-hour's ringing. Here the visitors were met by Mr. Davey, who very kindly secured a ten minutes' extension of time. Mr. Davey led the party up the winding staircase, and some were not sorry when the top step was reached. The fine view of Exeter from the Cathedral roof was marred by the wet afternoon. At the Cathedral the visitors were joined by Mr. W. Wakley, of Dawlish, late of Burton. Needless to say, no time was lost in getting the bells up, and the following had the pleasure of ringing a course of Grandsire Cinques on these magnificent bells: J. L. Hayward, W. G. Wakley, W. D. Wase, J. Perry, E. F. Mitchell, C. Wallater, A. J. Hughes, J. T. Dyke, W. Powell, B. Gough, H. Knight, and E. V. Rodenhurst, and J. Davey (tenor). After this a few rounds and queens were rung for the benefit of the other members of the party. An inspection of the bells followed, and these were greatly admired, after which Mr. Davey took the party to St. David's, where they had the pleasure of ringing a course of Double Norwich and a touch of Stedman Triples for evening service. Mr. Davey very kindly acted as pilot for the remainder of the evening.

The peal ringing programme began on Monday at Sowton, where, upon the arrival of the visitors, the tower keeper was waiting, and conducted them to the belfry. Here was found a nice ring of eight bells, but the ringing chamber is somewhat cramped for room. After raising the bells in peal a start was made for Double Norwich, but after one hour's good ringing it came to grief, owing to an omitted bob. After consulting watches it was found there was time for another attempt before the bus again claimed attention. A start was then made for Stedman Triples at a pace which certainly was exhilarating if not comfortable, and, although not the same conductor, an omitted bob brought this attempt to an end also, after 50 minutes' sharp ringing. A course of Bob Major and a touch of Grandsire, in which the tower keeper took part, brought the ringing to a close.

While the ringing had been going on, other members of the party had the pleasure of inspecting the Vicarage gardens, where the Vicar warmly welcomed them. A stroll along the narrow Devonshire lanes brought the party to the main road again, and they had some time to wait for the bus. Some of the members tried their skill at skittles, but the prize (a pig) did not come their way. In the afternoon an attempt was made for Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, but unfortunately after 2 hours 25 minutes' ringing, 'stand' was called, the turning course having proved the obstacle. This concluded the ringing for the day, and tracks were made to headquarters.

Tuesday morning's task was at Cullompton, where there is a very fine peal of ten bells recently hung. After the usual preliminaries, 'go, Stedman Caters,' was called, but again disappointment was in store, for after 2 hours and 35 minutes of excellent ringing the attempt came to an abrupt end. What really happened no one seemed to know, but a general mix up followed, which ended by 'stand' being called. Owing to a funeral a further attempt could not be made. A hot luncheon was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, after which Tiverton was the objective, where there is an excellent peal of eight (tenor about 25 cwt.). As a peal attempt here had been denied for very good reasons, touches of Double Norwich, Plain and Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung.

Wednesday morning's order gave a little more leisure time, and the party joined the 10.15 bus to Moreton Hampstead. The scenery en route was beautiful, and very much admired. Upon arrival at the destination, the visitors were met by Mr. Wakley, who had arranged to spend the day with them. The bells were soon raised, and a start was made for Double Norwich, and all went well for 1 hour and 20 minutes, when this attempt also failed. The ringers began to wonder what was the matter with them, and whether the number of the party, which was 13, had anything to do with it, or whether the Devon climate was exercising some undue influence. However, nothing daunted, the same band started off again this time into Bob Major, and had the satisfaction of securing the first peal of the tour in 3 hours and 11 minutes. It also happened to the first peal of Major on the bells. Upon leaving the belfry the band received the congratulations of the other members. They also found that Mr. Shepherd had arrived during the ringing. The return journey in the evening was made in an open charabanc, which made it possible to view more of the lovely scenery en route. Arriving on the outskirts of the city about 8.30 p.m., a halt was made at St. Thomas' Church, where it happened to be practice night. Here the local ringers very kindly placed the bells at the visitors' disposal for the rest of the evening, when touches of Stedman Triples were rung. Regret was expressed that some misunderstanding had arisen at this church, as the party had been expected at 3 o'clock, although it was not on their programme.

On Thursday morning, at Withcombe Raleigh, a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 2 hours 55 minutes. Just after the start for the peal the other members of the party received a surprise visit from Mr. A. P. Smith, of Birmingham, who had motored over from Budleigh Salterton, where he was spending his holidays. Dinner was partaken of at Thorne's Hotel, during which it was suggested that as Dame Fortune had smiled upon them at last, the ringers should return to Exeter earlier than arranged and endeavour to obtain permission to make another attempt for Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's. After spending an hour by the sea they returned to Exeter, but unfortunately permission to make another attempt to St. Sidwell's could not be granted. Mr. Shepherd, however, very kindly obtained permission to have a ring at Alphington, where touches of Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung. Mr. Wakley and Mr. Shepherd were the guests of the visitors that night at supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent together.

Crediton, with its beautiful and historic church, which contains some very valuable relics, and possessing an extraordinary fine ring of eight bells (tenor about 28 cwt.), was planned for Friday morning, where the Rector gave the visitors a great welcome, and also very kindly piloted them round the church, giving a short account of its history, and pointing out the various relics and valuable possession. The bells having then been raised, a start was made for Stedman Triples, when, sad to relate, owing to the beautiful tone of the bells and the splendid music they were pealing forth, one of the band forgot what he was doing, and the end came after 1 hour 15 minutes' practically perfect ringing. For some time after one could hear in one's mind the beautiful tone of the bells, and the perfect beat rolling onwards. The 'policeman' had been very quiet for two days, having contracted a chill, but he was able to get to Crediton in time to hear this noble ring of bells. Hurried refreshments were partaken of, after which Mr. J. T. Dyke took his departure for home. Honiton Cyst was the afternoon's order, so thither the party wended their way in an overloaded bus. Arrived at the destination, a start was made for Bob Major, but one hour sufficed in the heat, the band being more or less drowsy, with the result that the treble ceased to be a plain hunt bell, and the end came. After the ringing, the Rector's wife very kindly invited the visitors to tea, and a very pleasant time was spent. Before leaving, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and his wife for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Saturday's programme was Thorveton, if required, and as the peal bag was very light eight of the party boarded the 8.15 train, and arrived there about 9 o'clock. The bells were soon set going to Stedman Triples, and a good peal was scored in 2 hours 55 minutes. Tracks had then to be made to the station to catch the 12.30 train back to Exeter.

The holiday was now at an end, and very little time left to pack up and catch the required trains. The Rhyll and Salopian mem-

bers, together with the 'policeman' and his friend, left by the 2.18 train, while three more Staffordshire lads returned at 3.30. The other three members of the party (lucky bounders) left in different directions to spend the remainder of their holidays elsewhere.

Before concluding the account of this trip, the roamers desire to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Rev. E. V. Cox, who so very kindly arranged such an enjoyable programme, to Mr. E. Shepherd for the very kind 'shepherd' that he proved during the whole of the visit, to Mr. Davey for his efforts, to all the incumbents for the permission to ring at the various churches, and for the very warm welcome they extended on each occasion, and last, but not least, to all those tower keepers who had everything in readiness for the visitors when they arrived. Although the peal bag was light, they left Devon with no disappointments, for one and all had spent a most enjoyable time together, having received a very warm welcome wherever they went.

The ringing on each occasion had been of a very high standard, and the very many congratulations received on the excellent striking more than compensated for the loss of peals. Not an evening was passed but the handbells were brought into use, and many surprising methods were rung; in fact, had was a secondary consideration when handbells were about. This is believed to be the first tour organised by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, and the place chosen was an ideal one. May it not be the last. They bid adieu to Devon, cherishing many happy thoughts and the faces of many new friends, also memories that will linger for many years. J. P.

BURSLEM AND NORTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers at Burslem and Norton held an outing, and visited Ecclestone and Mayfield, travelling by motor through the beautiful countryside. On arrival at Ecclestone they were met by Mr. Udale, and soon set the bells going to Oxford and Cambridge, all being loud in their praise of this lovely ring of bells. Going on to Mayfield, where they first partook of an excellent tea, they were met at the church by the Vicar, and a few of the local men, who gave them a hearty welcome. Touches of Oxford and Kent and 720 of Violet Treble Bob were rung in fine style. These bells are a fine ring of six, and go very well, and everyone expressed the wish to pay them another visit in the near future. The return journey was begun at 8.30, and home was reached about 11 p.m. The party, through 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank the clergy for granting the use of the bells, and also the tower keepers for having everything in readiness.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BAND.

Canterbury Cathedral ringers visited Margate and Quex Park for their annual outing. The party numbered 14, and at the Waterloo tower rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and afterwards inspected the wonderful big game collection of Major P. H. G. Powell-Colton, of Quex Park. The party then motored back to Margate for tea, and subsequently visited St. John's Church, where they found the bells in good order, and rang some touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. The outing proved most enjoyable, the more so because Minor Canon F. J. O. Helmore (president of the ringers) accompanied the party. Thanks are due to Mr. G. Wiltshier, of Birchington, who made the arrangements for Quex Park, and to Mr. A. Saxby, of Margate, who arranged for the tea and the ringing at St. John's Church.

ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD.

The second annual outing of St. Mary's, Stafford, ringers took place on Saturday, August 16th, when Loughboro' and Leicester were visited. A start was made at 7.15 by motor coach, the foundry at Loughboro' being reached at 9.45. From that time the day was full of interest. Mr. Stubbs (of Messrs. Taylor's) conducted the party round the works, and he and the foreman spared no pains to explain every detail connected with bell founding. The visitors were not in time to see the enormous 12-ton bell cast, but they saw it being tuned, and also where it was 'hatched out.' Afterwards the foundry peal of ten was placed at their disposal. The small bells take some handling, so that the ringers were perhaps fortunate in bringing round Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Next they visited the carillon tower, but the pleasure of hearing and seeing these bells had to be left for another day. The next stage (Leicester) was reached in time for dinner. Afterwards St. Martin's Church (ten bells) was first visited, and then the ringers went on to St. Margaret's (12). These are a very fine peal, the tone and 'go' being perfect. Messrs. Morris and Whitehead welcomed the visitors, and considerably strengthened the band. After tea another move was made to St. Martin's, the party being further reinforced by Messrs. Dexter and Elkington. Subsequently a very enjoyable day concluded with handbells and tunes on the English concertina, etc. The society would like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their great kindness; the incumbents for the use of the respective bells; the Leicester ringers for their kindly welcome; and last, but not least, Mr. S. Burton, who had made all arrangements on the spot.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Saturday the 'evil' spell cast about Major attempts at Uttoxeter, Staffs, was broken, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung on this grand peal of eight. There have been various attempts made by different bands in the past, but all without success. Perhaps the luck has now been changed.

Apropos of one attempt, it is related that a band from Manchester had a tour in the neighbourhood, and had got 'Toxeter marked for the star turn—a 'mustn't-be-lost' tit-bit. On their return a certain Mancunian of jovial (not to say Monkish, were he tansured and cowed) mien, was asked if they had a good time and a full programme. 'Yes,' quoth he, 'extra good.'

And how about the 'Toxeter job; you got him?' 'No,' was the reply. 'Oh dear, how did you lose it?' The jovial one led his interrogator on one side and said, 'Look here, if you must know, the — tower fell down.' On Saturday last, however, no such calamity happened, and a grand peal was rung.

The energetic hon. treasurer of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild (Mr. A. M. Hall) is organising a campaign to improve the finances of the association, by a direct appeal for honorary members.

Mr. William Rock Small writes to say that the first peal of Major rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, was on April 1st, 1872, when a band, all born at Wednesbury, rang a 5,040 Bob Major, composed by Sottanstell. It was conducted by Thomas Foster, and Mr. Small is the last survivor of the band.

Mr. Small, by the way, is in very indifferent health, and cannot leave his home. He will be very pleased to see any ringers who can call upon him at 244, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton. He will be 85 years of age on November 5th next.

On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1897, a peal of Bobb Major Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, in 4 hours 23 minutes, by the Society of Coventry Youths. A board recording the peal is, we believe, stowed away in the crypt. 'The unknown art despised by the ignorant' is the comment added beneath the record.

When, by the way, will Coventry people replace their bells in a suitable steeple? For years now they have hung 'dead'—the bells, not the people—in the octagon, and can be chimed only. To place them in the present beautiful tower seems out of the question, and there appears little prospect of any scheme for once more making the bells a 'ringing' peal being considered—at any rate, in this generation.

John Holt took part in a peal of Bob Triples at St. George's, Southwark, on September 9th, 1750.

The Crowfield Society rang '5,040 Gathrine Triples' (Garthorn's peal of Grandsire), at Coddendam, Suffolk, on Sept. 10th, 1741. The treble was rung by Theodore Eccleston, the squire of Coddendam, who had given the bells, and also the ring at Stonham Aspell.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Cheshire was rung on Sept. 11th, 1844, at Christleton. It was a 5,376 by John Lates, and had the 6th 24 times right, and 24 times wrong.

A correspondent suggests it is time that some of the towers in the Winchester district should 'wake up.' A district meeting of the Winchester Guild was held last Saturday at a tower three miles from the Cathedral city, but only one company, in addition to the local band, was represented out of the 13 or so towers in the district. There were visitors from neighbouring districts, two enthusiasts cycling just on 40 miles, but Winchester itself, only three miles away, was unrepresented!

By the Rector's order, all applications for the bells or ringing at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East must be made to Mr. T. H. Taffender, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

Another set of bell ropes to be given away! We have been asked to say that Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Sussex, have a set of eight bell ropes to give to a tower with a ring of eight bells. The ropes are of 45 feet length, and are suitable for a peal, with a tenor about 20 to 25 cwt. Applications will be considered only from a voluntary band of ringers who are in need of ropes, and should be sent to Mr. J. Livermore, 2, Hughenden Road, Hastings, Sussex.

Leiston, and not Friston, is the place where the peal of London, published last week, was rung.

'Some time ago,' writes 'Sim Pull,' a contributor to your valuable paper, 'explained the reason for "tired" bells. I would that he gave us the formula for tired ringers. I do not mean physically, but mentally tired. One sees in the peal reports men who ring perhaps three peals a week, and then, like the song of the soldier, they do not die, they fade away. Could anything be gained by either re-hanging with ball bearings or quarter turning and Simpson tuning?'

Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, is another ringer who has rung two church bells to a touch. His name should have been included with those given last week in the paragraph on 'double-handed' tower bell ringing.

BARLBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, in 26 minutes. 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: L. Hibbard 1, H. Hibbard (first in the method and first attempt) 2, P. Morris 3, R. Reece 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT BOURN.

The Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Bourn, a small village, about nine miles west of Cambridge, now possesses what is considered by many to be the finest peal of eight bells in the county outside of Cambridge. A new steel frame has been provided, the six old bells rehung, and two new trebles added, the whole of the work having been splendidly carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The two trebles were given by the Rev. Canon G. H. Kidout, M.A., St. Alban's, Ferreiras, Johannesburg, South Africa, in memory of his parents.

The dedication of the bells took place at a service held on Saturday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely. During the service the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers, and immediately after the conclusion of the service a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by York Green (Cambridge) 1, Ernest G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 2, Percy Webb (Ickleton) 3, Herbert Fields (St. Neots) 4, Christopher Woolley (Longstanton) 5, Basil D. Buttress (Fulbourn) 6, T. Reginald Dennis (Cambridge) 7, Alfred G. Rivers (Dry Drayton), conductor, 8. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise, were rung by various visiting ringers.

At five o'clock the ringers had tea in the school, presided over by Bishop Price. This was followed by a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Bishop being in the chair. Fen Ditton was decided upon as the place for the next meeting.

Mr. A. G. Rivers pointed out that there had been occasions when visiting bands of ringers had come into the Ely Diocese and rung peals there, but that such peals had not been rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. He considered that it was only right and fair that a peal should be credited to the Association of the Diocese in which it was rung. He proposed, and Mr. T. R. Dennis seconded, that the general secretary should write to all incumbents in the Diocese asking them, when they were approached by a visiting band of ringers for the use of bells for a peal, to inform such ringers that the peal should be rung for the Ely Diocesan Association.

After some discussion Bishop Price mentioned that the 'Diocesan Gazette' had a large circulation in the Diocese, and he suggested that instead of writing to the incumbents it might be better to put the matter in the 'Gazette.' The Bishop's suggestion was agreed to.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bishop Price for presiding, to the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Joyce) for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their services in arranging tea. — The Bishop, in reply thanked the ringers for their vote of thanks; he was glad to get into touch with the association, and hoped to be able to get into closer touch in the future. — The Vicar thanked the ringers for coming, and also responded on behalf of the ladies.

The weather was rather unsettled, but about 40 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, including Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. J. Saddington, Loughborough.

On the following day (Sunday) the first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on the bells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH AND MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The third quarterly meeting of the branch for the year was held at New Mills on Saturday last, and, despite the unsettled state of the weather, was fairly well attended, some thirty members and friends being present. The Rev. J. L. Knowles, Vicar, conducted the service, and gave a most helpful address. The assistance of the organist and choir to lead the singing was very much appreciated. Through the kindness of Mrs. A. T. Beeston, the visitors were entertained to tea in St. James's Schoolroom, instead of on the lawn at Watford 'Castle.' After a very cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Beeston, a collection for the branch funds realised £1 3s. 2½d.

Under the able chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Jackson the business of the evening was transacted. A report on the Guild's annual festival was given, and, arising out of this, much discussion took place on the names of Minor methods.

In view of the fact that it is chiefly due to the activities of the members of this branch that Minor method ringing has reached the standard it has, and that they have first rung and named a large number of methods, which names have not been given haphazard, but with a view to assisting the Analysis Committee in their work, the secretary was instructed to forward to the hon. secretary of the Central Council a copy of the following resolution: 'It is the opinion of this branch, that the existing names of Minor methods should stand as at present.'

No new ringing members were elected, but on the proposal of Mr. E. W. Elwell (Guild secretary) Mrs. A. T. Beeston was elected a hon. member. — The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Further ringing took place on the tower bells, and a number of members took the opportunity of visiting Watford Lodge to see 'the chair.'

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday last, about 30 members attending from the various towers. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 4.30 the members adjourned to All Saints' Mission Room, where tea was taken. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Gibson. — The Secretary presented the annual report for 1923, and the accounts were passed.

Sympathetic allusion was made to the Master of the Association (Mr. J. D. Drewett), his continued illness giving great concern to the ringers, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be able to attend the meetings with his former good health.

The meeting for next year was fixed to take place in January, and hope was expressed that secretaries of towers would make their returns so that the report could be got out more promptly. It was also suggested that conductors of peals rung in the last week or so of the year should send a report of such peals to the secretaries.

The officers of the association were re-elected as before, namely: Master, Mr. James D. Drewett, J.P.; treasurer, Mr. C. F. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. Charles Dean; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. Reading; central district secretary, Mr. A. J. Trappitt; southern district secretary, Mr. Henry Ewins; western district secretary, Miss Nora E. Shorter; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. Dean and Johnston.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Gibson for presiding at the meeting, concluded the proceedings, and the members then attended evensong at the Parish Church, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. R. F. Hyslop, who afterwards showed the ringers the improvements which had been made in the church, more especially in the renovated chapel, the expense of which has been borne by the East Surrey Regiment.

The Secretary expressed the appreciation of the members to the Vicar for his kindness, and the members concluded an enjoyable afternoon by ringing various touches on tower bells, including Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF GUILDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading article this week prompts me to pass my no doubt unacceptable opinion, even as you have done, on the abilities and membership of our various Guilds, the Truro Guild in particular. You note that about 'one-tenth' of the total membership are change ringers. What of it? Have the other nine-tenths not got a right to membership of a Guild whose primary object is the fostering of the art of change ringing? Of course they have! And when our Bishops have looked into the facts of the case they will say, 'We will have a word in the formation of these Guild rules; you shall place no criterion of fitness on the price of membership; every wight who pulls a bell to call people to worship shall be eligible for membership, or else—our patronage will cease.'

I dare, Mr. Editor, say now to the austere few who govern each association that the time has come to change their names to Diocesan Guilds: associate themselves not only by name, but by nature, with their Bishop, and follow out in every way the teaching of our Master, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.' Our Master meant, not those of scanty years only, but those of every walk of life who were in need of enlightenment, and there it stands. I would ask you, sir, why should A, who cannot ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, be shut out from membership of his Bishop's Guild, and B elected because he can? Certainly not, sir, let all who call the faithful to worship join our Guilds, and let our Bishops see that our Guilds are serving the purpose they blazon from their rules—the forwarding of the art. If they become real 'change ringers,' the peal records will show their abilities. But—do away with the senseless qualification for membership; let all who call folk to worship join our Guilds, leave none out in the cold, obey our Master's edict in this as in all other matters.

I have the temerity to predict that my 'passing of opinions' will emulate the old adage re coming events; it will be the shadow before them. Too much stress is laid on this fitness for membership. Let us be broad-minded and embrace each one who sends out a call to worship, whether he rings on three bells or twelve; if he prefer call changes it matters not. Our Master laid down no rules as to the legitimacy of methods. He told His followers that 'those who gathered' together would He receive. Let our pompous Guilds do likewise. —Yours faithfully, ONCE A BEGINNER.

Our correspondent has misconstrued the intention of our article. If he will read it again, he will see we made no suggestion that those who are not change ringers should be excluded from an association. The statement which he quotes, that apparently not more than about one-tenth of the members of the Truro Guild are change ringers, was given to show that the organisation has a big task before it in cultivating change ringing.—Ed., 'R.W.')

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

The Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association had an extremely pleasant meeting at Cotgrave on Saturday. Far from the madding crowd, the village is snugly situated on the borders of the Nottinghamshire Wolds. As visitors approach, the church spire is silhouetted against the sky, and the bells are going to a merry tune. There had been, some time before, a jangling of the bells, when an indifferent attempt at hymn playing had been made, and this had led to a controversy on bells and ringers appearing in the local press. Ringing had been described by one correspondent as an 'autocratic calling,' but the critics' letters appeared to emanate from those quite uninterested in the church. There is evidence, however, that good ringing, like good music, receives a large percentage of approbation. The Kent Treble Bob sounded well as the church was reached. 'They would make just a splendid octave,' says a colleague, and he is right. It is a consummation devoutly wished.

Many scores of ringers responded to the hearty invitation by the new Rector (the Rev. A. Chaplin), and greetings were extended to the visitors by Messrs. White and the local stalwarts. Many touches were brought round prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton. Mr. Walter White ably presided at the organ, and the address was given by the Rev. A. Chaplin, who based a masterful sermon on Haggai ii. 9. At the close of the enjoyable service the visitors were conducted to the Rectory, where they received an individual welcome, and found a bountiful tea awaiting them. The Rector's hospitality and the kindness of the ladies who waited upon the guests were much appreciated.

Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president of the district) presided over the business meeting which followed, at which there were present members from St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham; Beeston, Bulwell, Bottesford, Basford, Barton, Radcliffe, Orston, Greasley, etc., as well as the Cotgrave ringers.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Sawley: Greasley being defeated by one vote.

The vice-president thanked the Rector for his kind invitation to Cotgrave, and the Rev. A. Chaplin, in reply, spoke of the value of such meetings to the organisation and the excellent training which they afforded the younger element. He thanked the ringers for their response to his invitation, and expressed pleasure at making their acquaintance.

Mr. Coppock had an interesting story to tell the members. He told them of a dream he had once had, in which he had seen a man, whom he had never met in his lifetime. This man was short of stature and broad of build. He had, in a sense, made a mental note of his cut and colour, but beyond this, he thought nothing further of it. But one day, with Mr. F. Blood (the secretary), he visited the Castle Museum in Nottingham, quite ignorant of the fact that there was anything on view that could be associated with bell ringing. There, however, was a portrait of the man he had seen in his dream: the portrait of none other than the great William Doubleday Crofts, the celebrated old Nottingham ringer. Mr. Coppock hopes to have some further interesting statements to make at a later date.

Before the close of the meeting a discussion took place on the lackadaisical methods of some ringers in not keeping abreast of the times. If ringers supported their own paper, they would see what others were doing, and would find that it conduced to a healthy organisation and to sociability.

The meeting having closed, some went back to the tower bells, others enjoyed handbell ringing, and the Rector introduced the remainder to various games on the lawn, including bowls, bumble-puppy and clock golf. It was interesting to watch Mr. John Hobbs trying conclusions in clock golf with 'Happy Tommy' from Bulwell; and later on there should be some amusing pictures to be seen of certain of the visitors, photographed astride the strange looking, but artificial, and therefore harmless animals, which were found in the gardens.

It is pleasing to put on record that the Rev. A. Chaplin permitted himself to be elected an honorary member of the Midland Counties Association.

Under the rapidly approaching canopy of night the visitors took their departure from Cotgrave with recollections of a most enjoyable visit, and with the thought that the weather had been most friendly for the occasion.

Mr. F. M. MITCHELL'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, rung 1: Minor, 1 method, 2 (conducted 2); Minor, 2 methods, 1 (1); Minor, 3 methods, 1 (1); Minor, 4 methods, 4 (3); Minor, 5 methods, 4 (4); Minor, 6 methods, 3 (1); Minor, 7 methods, 19 (15); Minor, 10 methods, 1 (1); Grandsire Triples, 2 (1); Stedman Triples, 11; Plain Bob Major, 1 (1); Double Norwich Major, 13; Victory Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19 (9); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (1); Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Plain Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; total, 100 (conducted 40). Rung in 34 towers, in five counties, for five associations, with 140 ringers.

REHANGING AT GREAT TEW.

It is proposed to rehang the fine ring of eight at Great Tew, Oxon, as they are at present quite unringable.

A large sum of money has been raised, but still about £300 is needed, as the amount required for the work is over £1,000.

The church is a very old and most beautiful one, with a fine tower situated in about as picturesque a village as can well be imagined.

The bells are well worthy of the church, tower and village. The founder and date of the treble are unknown, but the 5th was recast in 1842 by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford. The remainder are all by Rudhall: the 3rd by John, and the others by Abraham. The tenor is a grand bell of about 23 or 24 cwt. Probably the last peal rung upon them was in 1893, viz., 5,040 Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

CLOCKING OF BELLS: ARCHDEACON'S INTENTION.

This Guild held the first of its quarterly meetings at Woodbridge on Saturday, August 23rd. There was a good representative attendance of ringers from all over the east of the county. The Ven. Archdeacon Darling (vice-president) was in the chair.

The question of 'clocking' of bells (i.e., the tying a cord round the clapper for ease in ringing) having been discussed, the Chairman said he would get the matter brought before the Archdeacons and Rural Deans in the Diocese, in order that they might inquire in their visitations whether the bell or bells were clocked, and see that such a dangerous practice be stopped. This offer was gratefully accepted.

It was decided to hold the next meetings at Eye on September 20th, and at Lavenham on October 4th.

Mr. Stedman Symonds, of Lavenham, was elected assistant secretary pro tem.

Touches in a number of different methods were rung both at Woodbridge and at Ufford. It was remarked that it was a pity that so fine a ring of bells as those at Woodbridge are not heard to better advantage. They were all cast by Osborn at the end of the eighteenth century, and are an unrivalled instance of the work of that able Master of his craft. If rehung in a more secure position in a lower part of the tower, they would be better heard everywhere, and not be so noisy in the neighbourhood of the church. Also, in a place the size of Woodbridge, proper efforts should be made to form a permanent band of change ringers.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ENCOURAGING MEETING AT SIX-BELL TOWER.

A district meeting of the West Tyne division was held at Newton Hall on Saturday, when nearly 40 ringers, representing Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond; All Saints', Gosforth; Whitley Bay, Chester-le-Street, Newburn, and Winton towers, attended, also members of the local band.

The ring of six bells were set going early to Stedman Doubles. Bob Minor, London Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and several other methods were practised, conducted by Messrs. Giffons, J. E. R. Keen, E. Lowery, J. Symm, and J. Bird.

At the interval the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Vicar, and the members of the local band, who were ably assisted by their lady friends.

The Vicar (Canon Nicholson), who presided, cordially welcomed so many ringers, and was especially pleased with the ringing on the handbells kindly provided by the Whitley Bay contingent.

Hearty votes of thanks proposed by the late president of the association (Mr. W. Story), and seconded by Mr. A. Payne, were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Symm and the ladies for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated.

The Vicar very kindly escorted a party round the Vicarage and its beautiful gardens, where there were to be seen red rambler roses in great profusion. Before the close one of the local members kindly took a photograph of the party. The outing altogether was most enjoyable, and a very successful one.

The meeting was supported by Mr. E. E. Ferry, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. M. Hall, hon. treasurer of the association, and the opinion was expressed on all sides that such gatherings at six-bell towers in other districts would considerably help to remove the feeling that the smaller towers were ignored by the association. As evidence of what can be done, this splendid meeting has proved, beyond question, that the association can achieve something when the officers make their minds up to do it. It was noticed that the towers of Wylam, Hexham, Corbridge and Allendale were not represented.

It is hoped the local secretary will now be encouraged to get some good ringing in his division in the future, also more meetings, the latter to be duly announced in 'The Ringing World.' They are sure to receive plenty of support from their other brethren.

The last meeting of the association prior to the general meeting in October, is at Wylam-on-Tyne on Sept. 20th, where all members are cordially invited, and it is hoped there will be a good response.

It was interesting to hear that one of the party of three who courageously set out on foot to walk home was more than rewarded for his daring.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the letter from the Rev. Ll. Edwards in your issue of August 22nd, I feel I should like to add a few words to the very practical and useful suggestions therein outlined. Although I am ready to agree that the idea of facility for change ringing practice is an important feature, I think we must not lose sight of the fact that the 'Washbrook Memorial' point of view should have by far the greater consideration.

I have been acquainted with St. Giles' tower (though not a member of the band) for some considerable time, and have never heard of any complaint being raised by the Radcliffe Infirmary against the ringing, and should feel rather inclined to think that the inmates of the infirmary would be more pleased at hearing the bells than wishing to complain of them.

The Rev. Ll. Edwards is quite right in stating that the tower contains pits for two trebles, and one could not wish for a better ring of six, which, with the addition of two trebles, would undoubtedly constitute a memorial worthy of so great a ringer as the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

In conclusion, I would beg to say that the suggestions contained in the Rev. Ll. Edwards' letter have the unanimous approval of a fair number of Oxford ringers.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER F. JUDGE.

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the article contributed by Mr. J. R. Jerram to your issue of the 15th inst. under the heading, 'Ancient Norwich Bells,' there is a serious omission as regards the peal tablets in the belfry of St. Michael Coslany, as no mention is made of the three following peals recorded on two tablets:—

TABLET, No. IV.—This Tablet was erected by the Churchwardens and a few Gentlemen of the Parish to commemorate a Great Performance of Oxford Treble Bob, rung in this steeple on the 18th November, 1824. This great Task, containing 8,448 changes, was perfectly completed in the space of 5 hours and 18 minutes, without the Bells being misplaced or changes alike, and for Bold and regular Striking, the harmonious changes and the Number of them must be allowed by all Impartial Judges to be a performance if ever equalled, never to be excelled on eight bells. The Peal was conducted by Samuel Thurston, with his usual Ability and Precision, and will long stand a Master Piece untouched by the lovers of the Ancient and Ingenious (sic) science of Ringing.

TABLET, No. VI.—May 5th, 1843, was rung in this Steeple 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 6 minutes. Composed by H. Hubbard.

Thos. Hurry	Treble	Robt. Palgrave	5th
Edwd. Goose	2nd	Geo. Smith	6th
Jas. Thorpe	3rd	Jas. Truman	7th
J. R. Sharman	4th	Hry. Hubbard	Tenor

Conducted by Jas. Truman.

Also, on March 3rd, 1853, was rung an excellent Peal of Triples, on Stedman's Principle, consisting of 5,040 changes, in 2 hours and 57 minutes, composed by T. Thurston, Birmingham.

Edwd. Goose	Treble	Hry. Hubbard	5th
Jas. Truman	2nd	Chs. Middleton	6th
Jas. Thorpe	3rd	Geo. Smith	7th
Robt. Cole	4th	Robt. Palgrave	Tenor

Conducted by C. Middleton.

J. A. Gorell, J. Howes, Churchwardens.

Mr. Jerram gives details only of tablets of Nos. I., II., III., and V., taking them in chronological order. There are six tablets in all, recording seven performances. Furthermore, the two peals last quoted in the article, viz., 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, July 21st, 1832, and 5,248 Oxford Treble Bob Major, June 10th, 1834, are NOT recorded on tablets in the belfry of St. Michael's.

The tablet No. I. starts off: 'Whereas by Publick Contribution two smaller bells were hung up in this Steeple, making therein a Peal of Eight, on the 5th day of February, Anno 1725. Mr. Charles Harwood and Mr. James Cobb, Churchwardens,' and then continues as Mr. Jerram's article. (The date is old style.)

Tablets Nos. I., II., and III. are surmounted by a bell raised. While all the inscriptions are still perfectly legible, yet the boards would be all the better for a coat of varnish after a very careful cleaning.

May I also point out the following typographical errors in the text of Mr. Jerram's article:—

- (a) The name of the treble ringer, peals (1) and (2) is Richard Barnham.
- (b) In peal (2) omit the word 'ever' in last line of column.
- (c) In peal (3) the tenor ringer should be 'Jno. Trowse.'
- (d) Peal (5) should read 'that intricate method of Norwich Court,' and the word 'extensive' should be followed by 'science.'
- (e) In peal (6) the last line of the column should read 'Double Method of NORWICH Court Bob.'

Yours very truly,

Bracondale, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

An interesting letter by Mr. J. A. Trollope upon the construction of plain Major Methods will be given in our next issue.

DUBLIN COMPLEX.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Keeble, re Dublin Complex. The peal was rung on September 27th, 1913. I have no idea as to the date on which I received it from Mr. Lindou.

We rang it with 4th's place bobs, and I think it is the only Plain Major method yet rung with lengthening leads.

The 6th's place bob is more suitable to this method, as it cuts out the repetition work of the bells in 5678.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. BARBER.

A MUCH PUBLISHED METHOD.

Dear Sir,—I regret occupying your valuable space and time, in publishing the method under the name of 'Double Fakenham Court Bob Major' in your issue of August 8th, 1924. At the time, I was not aware it had previously been rung or published, but in addition to the instances pointed out by Messrs. Keeble and Trollope, I can now find the same method, row for row, in the 'Ringing World' of March 21st, 1913, under the name of 'Netherton Complex Major,' by Mr. Alfred Davies, so altogether it has had quite a good advertisement.

I am unable to trace 'Dublin Duplex' in print, but can find 'Dublin Complex' by Mr. G. Lindoff in the 'Ringing World,' October 3rd, 1913, the latter being first rung at Gosforth, conducted by Mr. W. H. Barber.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM E. BASON.

A QUIET WEEK AT SURFLEET.

AND SEVEN HANDBELL PEALS.

Saturday, August 23rd, saw the arrival at Spalding of the people of 'luggage' fame, but, to their surprise, no 'rubber bus' awaited them, instead style and finish was the order. Sunday afternoon welcomed the remainder by a 'refreshing' shower for the last 'three miles,' but as they were well protected, nothing resulted. This year there were two additions to the party, but as yet they have not mastered the art of ringing. Tea-time was a real family gathering, with the mere males in minority, only 3 to 15.

Monday morning, Rupert 'rolled home' his favourite, Pritchard's 5,056, which gave great satisfaction, as this was Mrs. Hairs' 150th peal. The afternoon was taken easy, and in the evening, Treble Bob was essayed, and a good peal resulted—the conductor's first of Treble Bob 'in hand,' and Rupert's 100th peal on handbells.

Tuesday morning was spent in Spalding, where the ladies went shopping, and the gentlemen visited the pig and poultry markets, later adjoining to the Club for billiards, etc. In the afternoon the new house was christened with Groves' Variation, and then the family gathering once more sported themselves round the table. The evening was passed with songs, recitations, pianoforte solos, etc., the younger element causing an early retirement. Wednesday was a blank day—Stedman Triples being lost after 45 minutes' good ringing. In the early evening two of the members tried 'picking' hand-tied oat sheaves, and found it good for neither wind nor limb.

The orders for next morning were, 'Be ready for a peal at 8 a.m.'—which meant moving weary limbs for an early breakfast. A clean start, peal and finish and Bob Major again rolled home, leaving time, as we imagined, to get the two Rotherham ladies to Spalding to catch the 11.9 Parkstone to Liverpool express.

Gents! Be warned—don't let the ladies look up trains. It went at 10.30!

Friday morning another peal of Bob Major was safely piloted home, and in the evening, Frank, after much persuasion, had the satisfaction of completing his first peal as conductor.

Saturday should have been an excursion day to Skegness, but evidently we had upset the Clerk of the weather, for he severely frowned on us. However, we had to go, so came back as soon as possible. The afternoon, being decidedly more cheerful as regards weather, was spent roaming round selecting various articles to be 'sneaked' into 'trunks,' and making preparations for long Sunday journeys, but the week was completed by another peal of 'Robert,' with F. I. H. in charge.

All good things come to an end, and all were up early next morning to ensure an early start for home. As of yore, the luggage had somehow managed to increase, but all was safely stowed away—the party moving off with regrets at the end of a quiet but happy week.

Friend Rupert and his worthy spouse cannot receive too many thanks for their manifold kindnesses at all times.

W. A.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held on Saturday last, at Kimbolton and Keysoe. A goodly number were present, though the weather was very stormy. Most of the members did the journey on bicycles, but two or three were rather more fortunate, being taken in Miss Steele's beautiful car, and feeling safe with her at the wheel.

At the business meeting, Mr. A. Robinson presiding, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, on August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Shobbrook 1, B. Shepherd 2, E. W. Biffen 3, T. J. Stokes 4, A. Monkley 5, J. Moss 6, C. G. Routley 7, A. H. Goad 8. First quarter-peal conducted by E. W. Biffen, and from his own composition.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Stadden (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, J. Nisbet 3, Miss D. Willett 4, Miss G. Dobbs 5, J. H. Collier 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. E. Colbourn 8. Mr. J. H. Collier hails from Flixton, Manchester.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Waters 1, W. G. Cook (conductor) 2, W. C. Cuss 3, H. Gassor 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, 629 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. C. Eden 4, H. Gassor 5, W. C. Cuss 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, J. Hope (longest length of Caters) 9, W. H. Hayward 10; and on Sunday, August 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, H. Gassor (longest length) 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, S. R. Hicks 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

LAVENTHAM.—On Sunday, August 31st, was rung, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, A. Symonds 4, F. A. Poulson 5, L. Poulson 6, S. H. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. L. Leeks 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, F. A. Turner 6, W. Faiers 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evensong, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Upton 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, H. Jennings 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

HABBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 31st, 504 Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, A. H. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, H. K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Longest touch of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples, for evening service, 480 Stedman Triples: R. Foddy, C. Read, D. Chexfield, F. Case, L. Smith, T. Read, T. Roberts, G. Green, J. Green, taking part.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, L. A. Wilson 4, H. A. Hearn 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, T. Townsend 7, S. Palmer 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Carter's Odd and Even Bob, in 50 mins.: E. Spiller 1, L. Head (conductor) 2, A. Tawney 3, H. Way 4, A. Gasson 5, L. Mantering 6, J. Morton 7, A. Amos 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For morning service, on August 31st, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. Overall (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, E. Sharpe 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. C. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Cook and J. Willmott.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Bibby 3, J. E. Bibby 4, G. W. Harris 5, F. Bibby 6, E. J. King 7, J. R. Gammon 8. Messrs. Bibby are from Frodsham, Cheshire.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 594 Stedman Caters: L. H. Page 1, G. Bacon 2, J. H. Hunnisett (South Ealing) 3, J. Barrett 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, L. Babutt 6, W. Bedwell 7, S. Corden 8, W. H. Judd 9, W. A. Hunnisett 10. J. H. Hunnisett hails from South Ealing.

NOTICES.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Wimborne (St. Giles) to-morrow (Saturday), September 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Service at 6; address by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Bouquet).—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Dedication by the Bishop of Hereford of two trebles to complete the octave on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing on old six at 2.45 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Eight bells available after service. Tea for ringers free to those who notify me not later than September 10th.—W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, September 20th. Further particulars next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again put their Bowling Green and Athletic Ground at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, September 20th. Please let me have names (wives and friends included) by September 17th.—Peter Crook, Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A highly successful meeting was held at Solihull on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, when, despite the inclement weather, a good muster of members was present. The holiday season accounted for the absence of several of the regular attendants at these meetings, including Messrs. T. Chapman and A. Wilkerson, the Master and secretary, respectively, but amongst the welcome visitors was Mr. A. E. Parsons, of the Worcester and Districts Association.

A bountiful tea was provided, through the generosity of Mr. G. A. Martineau, to which full justice was done, and the thanks of the Guild are due to him for his kindly action. The fine peal of ten bells was made full use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich, and Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Fortunately the weather improved during the evening, thus enabling the cyclist section to journey homeward in some degree of comfort.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Monks Kirby, in September, due notice of which will be given, and a record attendance is requested and anticipated.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday last at Stoke Poges and Farnham Royal. The following towers were represented: Beaconsfield, Burnham, Caversham, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Hitcham, Chalfont St. Giles, Windsor, Old Windsor, Slough, Stoke Poges, Waltham St. Lawrence, Reading (St. Lawrence) and Maidenhead. Touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, but although London was attempted, only the Minor was accomplished. The members were honoured by a visit from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of the Devon Guild, who was staying in the neighbourhood, whilst Canon Barnett extended a hospitable invitation to the branch to visit Stoke Poges again.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE IN NORWICH.

The peal of Superlative Surprise rung last week at St. John de Sepulchre's Church, Norwich, was the first in the method rung by a Norwich band since the peal at St. Giles' Church, 1835. This peal was claimed as the first true peal of Superlative, as will be seen from the following record on a peal board in St. Giles' tower.

ST. GILES', NORWICH.

On Feb. 6th, 1835, was rung in this steeple 5,376 changes of that intricate method, Superlative Surprise; this great achievement was perfectly completed (at the first attempt), in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and was rung by the following persons:—

JOSHUA HURRY Treble	ROBERT BURRELL 5
ELIJAH MASON 2	JAMES TRUMAN 6
FREDK. WATERING 3	CHARLES PAYNE 7
HENRY HUBBARD 4	SAMUEL THURSTON 10

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by S. THURSTON.

Third peal ever rung in the method, the first one known to be false, and composition of second not known, the ringers mentioned above claimed their peal to be the first true one rung.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Arthur Craven's letter in your issue of August 22nd, and his examples of Surprise Methods; it set me wondering whether his discoveries followed upon reasoning similar to my own, when thirty years ago I worked out the following, as to which I am curious to know whether anyone claims to have since discovered it.

	12345678
	21436587
58	12346857
	21438675
16	24183657
	42816375
12	42183657
	24816375
38	42861735
	24687153
14	26481735
	62847153
58	26487513
	62845731
16	68254713
	86527431
78	68254731
	86527413
16	85672431
	58764213
58	85674123
	58761432
14	57864123
	75681432
38	57613342
	75163824
12	75618342
	57163824
16	51736842
	15378624
58	51738264
	15372846
12	15738264

When a bell strikes in the same place in two successive changes I call it a stationary bell; the figures in the margin show the sequence of pairs of stationary bells, and it is by varying that sequence that so-called methods are evolved. It will be observed that in the lead given above stationary bells occur only in alternate pairs of changes, so that each pair of changes are alternately in and out of course. If you mark the stationary bells in Superlative Surprise you will find that this method has the same structure, differing from the above only in the sequence of stationary pairs. So far as I know these are the only two methods having this characteristic that will run a full course. I consider them to be perfect methods in the sense that they are formed with a minimum of stationary pairs. In my view, Cambridge is not a perfect method, as two pairs of stationary bells occur in two successive changes twice in the same lead. In all of the four methods given by Mr. Craven it will be found that pairs of stationary bells occur in three successive changes, so that, instead of in course and out of course changes occurring always in pairs, they occur sometimes alternately, while as before the number of stationary places is not a minimum, and consequently those methods are theoretically imperfect. Moreover, unless the method is a perfect one in my sense of the word, the difficulty of peal composition is greatly increased as, for instance, in Cambridge, where only one peal (with its variations) has ever been composed with tenors together!

I have only to add, that if one is content with an imperfect method one can 'discover' an almost infinite number by employing one or both of the deviations from perfection I have mentioned, i.e., by having two pairs of stationary bells in two successive changes, or by having stationary bells in three or more successive changes. It was by observing that Superlative was a perfect method in the sense I have explained that I was led to inquire whether it was possible to obtain other perfect methods and succeed in discovering the one I have given, which, however, is inferior to Superlative in that the latter is a double method, while mine is not. I would add that Double Norwich is the only perfect plain method so far as I am aware.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

BELLTHORPE.

Dear Sir,—I have received a letter from Mr. Geo. Baker informing me that he produced the figures of 'New London' Surprise on Oct. 5th, 1921. In that case Mr. Baker has the prior claim to authorship, as my date was April, 1923. Mr. Baker named the method 'Bellthorpe.' I congratulate Mr. Baker, for the method is exceptional, and affords scope for compositions containing the 6th's 18 times home with the 4th 6 times in 7th's place.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

NOTICES.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lymminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available all day. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea will be provided. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at the County Tavern (opposite Shire Hall), High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7 p.m. St. Mary's Tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. All M.C.A. members welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, the 6th September. Tower open 2 p.m. (6 bells). Glasbury bells (8) also available. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlsey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8), tenor 18 cwt., available throughout the day. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1/6 per head will be made, must reach Mr. F. Robertshaw, 38, North Gate, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, not later than first post Tuesday, September 9th, 1924.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their annual meeting at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea, election of officers. Subscriptions due. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than September 10th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Lydeard on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Tea provided by the Vicar, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (12) from 3 o'clock. Meeting, 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Hawarden on Saturday, September 13th. Service at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present, please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson (near Bawtry L.N.E. Station) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, only for those who advise Mrs. D. Williamson, Church Street, Misson, Bawtry, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8, tenor 16 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Peacock and Verity's Cafe (members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d.) at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be at tea must notify the secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, Sept. 10th, or will not be provided for. Trains for Masham leave Melmerby Station 9.23 a.m. and 12.20 noon.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halberton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s., 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 9th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Witleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at

Kington Magna on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, past secretary of the Central Council. Tea in the School Room at 5.45 (members free, visitors 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Will all who wish to have tea inform Rev. F. L. Edwards in good time? Bells available: Kington Magna from 2 p.m., Buckhorn Weston after 7 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Important business. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, will be arranged for all who notify Mrs. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th. All at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning, on Saturday, September 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Please send word by the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Mitcham, on September 20th. Tower open 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business after. All will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 16th?—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise me by the 17th at latest. Harrow Weald bells open after tea. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Sept. 20th. Tea, 4.30, in the Reading Room (1s. for all sending names by Sept. 15th to Mr. Hubert J. Day, Eye, Suffolk), followed by meeting. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Brading, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must communicate with me not later than the 17th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christow on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The following towers will be open: Christow, Bridford, Trusham, Ashton, Dunsford and Ide. Convenient train service. Full programme next week.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford (Hornchurch not available) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each, to members and friends who notify me by the 16th inst. Will the secretaries of towers kindly collect outstanding subscriptions for the current year and forward to me as early as possible?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kemerton (by invitation of the Rev. J. A. B. Mercer) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Will all those wishing to attend please notify me not later than the 16th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Craven's new address is 79, Carver Street, Sheffield, and not 70, as previously published.

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