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METHOD NAMES & CLASSIFICATIONS

The report of the Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council, which was published in our last issue, will have been read with interest by our readers. The effort to bring order out of chaos was begun by the Analysis Committee a few years ago. The new Committee has carried this work a step further, and, in accordance with its terms of reference, is seeking to correct what the majority of ringers consider to have been a blunder in the expansion of a class of names for methods which, whether looked upon as picturesque or otherwise, are totally unsuited to what is, after all, a serious science. The probability is that, if the Analysis Committee had been willing, at Lincoln, to take back their proposals for the reconsideration of the method names, instead of insisting upon the Council taking the report, and nothing but the report, there would have been no pressing demand for a revision of old names, such as is now demanded, in conjunction with the desire for suitable titles for new methods.

Many of the methods with quaint and undesirable names are dying a natural death, because the ringers of to-day have something better to ring, and because of the recognition given by the Central Council only to methods of a particular standard of construction. This recognition, which finds its fullest expression in the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' has had an increasing effect upon Minor ringing in the last fifteen years, which is not a little remarkable, and whatever those who desire to belittle the work of the Council may say, there is no doubt that in this direction the central authority has done a great deal to uplift the standard of six-bell ringing. It was unfortunate, therefore, that anything should have been done, even unwittingly, by one of its committees which should tend to lower the dignity of the Exercise in the eyes of the public—and it can scarcely be denied that an action which would enable Press or public to point the finger of ridicule at it would help to undermine the dignity of the art.

The work of the Nomenclature Committee is, therefore, a very necessary one, and, since the revision of the new names is necessary, alteration of old ones, even of those of 'dying' methods, is not inappropriate at this time. But there is in the report an indication that the Committee desire to go further than dealing with simple names, and to revise the means by which the classification of methods has been distinguished in recent years. It is in this, we think, that the Committee is most likely to come into conflict with the Methods Committee. The latter is hardly likely to agree with the Nomenclature Committee that the words 'Pleasure,' 'Court,' 'Delight' and 'Bob' are non-essential words in the designation of a method, nor, we imagine, will they agree that 'Plain,' 'Treble

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Bob' and 'Surprise' are sufficient classification for all the methods (apart from Principles) which are practised. The terms used in these classifications have a now clearly defined meaning, and if, for example, one followed the Nomenclature Committee's argument to its logical conclusion, there is no use for the word 'Surprise,' for all 'Surprise' methods, like all 'Delight' methods, are included in the category 'Treble Bob.' To eliminate the distinctive names used in classification is not quite a simple matter, and the Nomenclature Committee may, we think, find it necessary to revise their recommendations in this respect.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 6
*WALTER FISHER 2	JAMES MARTIN 7
*JOHN COOKE 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 8
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	SIDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung on the eve of, and in honour of, the birthday of the Prince of Wales. First peal on ten bells. This peal was also arranged to enable Messrs. Barnes, Battle and Cooke, who hail from the Cheshire side, to score their first peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK S. PALMER, JUN. Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	EDWARD HARRIS 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*ARTHUR BENNETT Treble	†JACK BANKS 5
†ARNOLD BLACKBURN 2	†REN GODDARD 6
ALBERT MARSHALL 3	ERNEST BETTS 7
TOM SCOTT 4	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. HONGSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Major. ‡ First peal in the method. The average age of the band is 19½ years.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. O. LANCASHIRE'S SIX-PART, Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOHN CURTIS... .. 6
EDWIN H. STONELEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MADRICE SWINFELD 4	JOSEPH COTTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
FREDERICK H. SHARMAN ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by JAMES FIGGOTT. Transposed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
Conducted by GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. O. Burrows, of St. Thomas', and Miss S. Sharman, of London, Ontario, which took place at the latter town on June 20th. The bride is a native of Leicester, sister of the second, and sister-in-law of the 3rd ringer.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS... .. Treble	HENRY PRING 5
REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman and of Triples.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM Treble	DONALD FINDLEY 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
ALFRED G. HILLS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Frederick Cullum, aged 93 years, for over 50 years a ringer at the above church, who was buried the same day. Also to Mr. T. W. Kibble, for many years a sidesman, who was buried the previous day. First peal on the bells, after being rehung and quarter turned, and the 4th recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4	FRED H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in the method. † First in the method as conductor. First in the method on these bells. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Hare.

MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
HENRY W. BROWN 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

A wedding compliment to Mr. J. Gould and Miss G. Williams, who were married on June 27th at Henbury, near Bristol.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
JOHN FLINT 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 6
CHARLES MASON... .. 3	WILLIAM WAIN 7
JOHN P. TARTLTON... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 367).

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM LATTER 5
WILLIAM COLLISON 2	STAFFORD S. GREEN 6
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
FREDERICK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE W. STEBBE Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN A. COLE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was specially arranged in honour of Princess Mary's visit to the town, where she inspected a large rally of Girl Guides. * 250th peal, and first peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CH²

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all except the 3rd and 5th ringers. It is also the first in the method on the bells, and by the association. This is the annual peal.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.—On Saturday, May 30th, 720 London Surprise, in 23 minutes: G. Markwell (Wilburton) 1. A. Faux (Sutton) 2. F. Warrington (Long Stanton) 3. H. Sharp (Wilburton) 4. R. Knight (conductor, Sutton) 5. G. Few (Sutton) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

LIONEL H. PAGE... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 5
JOHN M. CORNFORD 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	GEORGE R. WILSON 7
STANLEY W. BAYBUT... .. 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

First peal on the new bells. First peal of Treble Bob in the tower. The band wish to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal, and Mr. F. W. Haslam for looking after them.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WM. PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with different callings.

*BERT SMITH Treble	FRED MEARS 4
*CYRIL ARCHER 2	†HARRY PAUL 5
CHAS. E. PETTIT 3	*TOM PRICE Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PETTIT.

* First peal. † First on an inside bell, and first peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. All are Sunday Service ringers. The ringer of the second is only 16 years of age.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... Treble	GEORGE BLANCHARD 4
*MISS NORA GRASSBY... .. 2	GEORGE HOBRINS 5
ANYAN PEART 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in nine methods, viz.: 1 Plain Bob, 2 St. Clement's, 3 Double and Single Court, 4 Double and Single Oxford, 5 Cambridge Surprise, 6 Oxford Treble Bob, 7 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN LUNN Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 2	*WILLIAM NEAL 5
JOHN H. RODEN 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in nine methods, and was arranged for him.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. — On Whit Monday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major (1,296 changes): J. Pagett (conductor) 1, S. Dawson 2, W. H. Buxton 3, P. Tate 4, A. Mould 5, J. Bailey 6, J. Flower 7, J. Lord 8.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILBY J. HAZEL... .. 7-8
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13th, the St. Clement's Youths held their fourth annual outing, when Chislehurst, Shoreham and Downe, were the places visited. The weather on the day was perfect, and the main portion of the party, including Mr. C. F. Winney, the Master, and about twelve members and friends, left Charing Cross Station at 1.30, bound for Chislehurst, where the company were joined by Mr. Sergison (secretary) and Mr. E. A. Young, who first founded the society, and their wives and a few more friends. The party were met by Mr. Tom Groombridge, who joined them for the rest of the trip.

The Chislehurst bells, a nice peal of eight (tenor about 20 cwt.) were raised in readiness, and were soon set going to Cambridge Major, and Grandsire and Erin Triples. They then rung three leads of Treble Ten on the fine peal of handbells belonging to the church. About a mile out of Shoreham the charabanc broke down. This seemed at first to be an unsurmountable difficulty, but someone suggested walking into Shoreham, which suggestion was acted upon, Mr. Young digging out a short cut, through the woods and fields, which gave the party an opportunity of seeing some most beautiful scenery.

On arrival at Shoreham they were met by Mr. Cheeseman, the steeplekeeper, and the bells were raised, and set going to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major.

After about half an hour's ringing, tea was partaken of. After tea, the party rang a short touch on handbells. The charabanc, which had been repaired by the combined efforts of the driver, and one or two of the mechanically-gifted members of the party, arrived for the remainder of the journey.

Downe was reached, where there is a fine little peal of six (tenor about 12 cwt.). Here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor. The ringing finished, the bells were lowered in peal, and outside the church gate the party rang a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells.

This concluded the ringing, and North Bromley Station was reached, without further mishap, at 9.45, just in time to catch the 9.50 train to Charing Cross.

The company, one and all, wish to thank all who made the outing so successful: Mr. Young for obtaining the charabanc at short notice; and Mr. Sergison for making all the arrangements.

HASTINGS.

On Saturday, June 13th, the ringers of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, had a very successful outing, when they visited Marden and Headcorn. Leaving Hastings at 2 p.m., the journey was made by motor, via Battle, Robertsbridge, Kildown, Goudhurst, to Marden, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Tea was served in the village, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. S. C. Driver for arranging the outing. It was decided to send letters of thanks to the Rev. R. E. Johnston (Marden) and the Rev. C. P. Dale (Headcorn) for allowing the use of the bells. The party then journeyed to Headcorn, where the bells were available for an hour and a half.

Messrs. J. Livermore and W. Franks called several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and rounds were rung for the learners. The return journey was made via Biddenden, Tenterden, Rolvenden and Northiam, Hastings being reached shortly after 11 p.m., a very enjoyable day having been spent. Those taking part in the ringing were as follows: H. Bissenden, F. Coates, J. Downing, S. C. Driver, W. Franks (Battle), J. Gallop, J. Livermore, H. Parkin, J. Penfold, E. Prior and W. Swaine.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

On Saturday, June 20th, the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, included two octogenarians, viz., Mr. E. Parker, senr., of Bleadon, and Mr. Jesse Marche—the former for 60 years a ringer, whilst the latter has attended these functions for many years past. Mr. Alec Evans (Burnham-on-Sea) again joined in the 'touches' at both churches. The party of twenty proceeded to Trowbridge, via Wells, Frome, Shepton Mallet and Beckington. The tourists reached Trowbridge at 11.30, being met by Mr. Sam Hector (late captain of the team at St. James' Church), and also proprietor of the White Swan Hotel, where lunch was served. Mr. Hector afterwards took the party to the Church of St. James, which holds a fine peal of ten—tenor 24 cwt. After several touches of Grandsire and Stedman, lasting an hour, the 'boys' thanked Mr. Hector, and a start was made for Devizes.

Bishop Canning, Calne, Beckhampton, Silbury Hill, and Marlborough, reaching Swindon at 4.20 p.m. Here the company were greeted at the Parish Church (Old Swindon) by Mr. Ernest Bishop, who had kindly made the necessary arrangements. Then came some more chiming, even Mr. Parker (81) persisting in reaching the ringing chamber, despite the heat of the day, and advanced age. Here some nice touches of Grandsire and Stedman were 'hit off.' This church contains a melodious peal of ten, recast, hung and dedicated as recently as 1924; the weight of the tenor (incidentally this bell was given by the ringers) is over 22 cwt. After tea, and the usual compliments and reminiscences, the party left Swindon, the homeward route being through Wootton Bassett, Dauntsey, Chippenham, passing the Bath stone quarries, to Box Hill, Bath, Bristol, to Weston-super-Mare. The Westonsians desire to thank everyone concerned for the use of the bells and kind hospitality shown them.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

The ringers of St. Peter's tower, Evercreech, with their captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, and accompanied by friends, went on their annual summer outing on Saturday, 20th June. Glorious sunshine prevailed throughout the trip, which was to Weston-super-Mare, by charabanc. The journey forward was by way of the picturesque country over the Mendips. Halts were made at Chewton Mendip, Blagdon, and Yatton, where the towers were visited, and touches rung on the bells. The captain of each tower warmly welcomed the party, and at Yatton the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Peart) also extended a very hearty welcome. During the incumbency of the late Hon. and Rev. E. C. A. Talbot, the Rev. F. E. Peart was assistant curate of Evercreech. Weston was reached at 1 p.m., all being ready for the splendid lunch that was prepared for them. The afternoon was spent on the Old Pier, and in motor boat trips, the latter proving a source of great enjoyment. At 8.30 p.m. the party left for home, which was reached at 10.30, after a really enjoyable day.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.

On Monday, June 22nd, the members of the above society had their annual outing. The party, numbering 14, which included the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Newbery), Mr. C. J. Goodwin (churchwarden), Mr. F. G. Lambert (hon. secretary), Mr. Jas. Howard (hon. treasurer), and Mr. H. Pratt, of Croydon, proceeded with a comfortable charabanc by road to Great Yarmouth. They visited en route Raveningham, Norton Subcourse (where the Vicar met them), and Thurlton Churches, ringing touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and had the pleasure of a pull with Mr. F. A. Finch, of Loddon. At Thurlton, welcome refreshments were kindly provided at the Rectory by Mrs. Swatbridge (wife of the Rector), and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Alexander, churchwarden. An excellent dinner was partaken of at the London Hotel, Market Place, Great Yarmouth, and the annual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. All the officers were re-elected, the secretary's report showing that nine peals had been rung since their last meeting.—The Rector and churchwarden thanked the ringers for their services, and expressed their great pleasure at being present on that occasion. Mr. Denison Hayward, captain of the Yarmouth St. Nicholas' ringers, met the party, and had kindly arranged an afternoon's ringing for them on the fine peal of twelve bells at the Parish Church, which was much appreciated. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the back eight bells, and also rounds and call changes on the full peal, several of the party ringing twelve bells for the first time. The Halesworth men were pleased to meet and ring with Messrs. R. Narborough (Wishbech), W. Cross (Peterborough) and A. More (late of Palgrave).

Tea followed, and then Gorleston was visited on the return journey, several well-struck touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and six-score of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being brought round. The last call was at Haddiscoe, to greet a few ringing friends, and the musical peal of five bells in the quaint Norman tower were heard to good advantage in Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

During the day, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the clergy, churchwardens, and towerkeepers of the churches visited, and their old friend, Mr. D. Hayward, for their kindness in making all arrangements for the ringing, etc.

Home was reached shortly before 10 p.m., one and all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE HYTHE (KENT) SOCIETY.

The Hythe (Kent) Society had their annual outing on June 22nd, to Croydon. The outward journey was via Charing, to Maidstone, Ighiteham and Knockholt, the party arriving at Croydon in time for dinner. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, where, by kind permission of the firm, they were shown over the works. At the present time the foundry is busy with carillons for Holland, bells for Manchester Cathedral, Lamberhurst, and other places. A most interesting and instructive afternoon was spent, which was much enjoyed by the members, who had the various items explained to them. The homeward journey was via Warlingham, Westerham, Tonbridge (where a stop was made for tea), Pembury, Goudhurst and Woodchurch, Hythe being reached at 10.30.

The members wish to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their kindness and courtesy in allowing them to see the foundry, and obtaining much valuable information.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th, in ideal weather. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and were kept merrily going till service time, at 4.45. The service was held in the beautiful village church, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. A. Haysom, the association form of service being used. He gave a splendid address.

Fifty members were present at tea. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Several new members were enrolled, and it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Hagley on September 18th.—On the proposition of the Ringing Master of the Association (Mr. R. Mathews), it was unanimously agreed that a congratulatory letter of the members' best wishes be sent to the Ringing Master of the Southern Branch (Mr. J. D. Johnson) upon his recent marriage, the parents of both bride and bridegroom being highly respected members of the Worcestershire Association.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, was accorded to the Rector for his address, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and also accompanying the hymns on the organ. He coupled with this also all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons.—In reply, the Rector thanked them very much for their vote of thanks, and said it was the first meeting of bell ringers he had ever attended, and he hoped it would not be the last.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower until about 8.30, touches in all the standard methods were brought round, and this concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT MEDLAND AT NETLEY ABBEY

Although the above name is not generally known to the readers of the 'Ringing World,' the news of his death will, I am sure, be read with regret by those ringers who have had the pleasure of spending several week-ends at Netley Abbey for the purpose of peal ringing in the past. He was of the most cheery disposition and obliging in the way of making any arrangements. Mr. Medland was a native of Devon, but left his native county before change ringing had developed, and although not a change ringer he had been entrusted with the leadership of the local band and care of the bells since their opening by the Cumberlands on October 13th, 1886. Although the deceased used to take a great interest in the visits paid by the Winchester Guild, he was never able to get his own band to take up change ringing.

A meeting of the Guild was held there only about a fortnight previous to our old friend's death, to endeavour to get the Netley tower affiliated, when the present Vicar (the Rev. R. E. H. Summers), himself an honorary member, promised to use his best endeavours. This was the last time the writer saw the deceased, who passed peacefully away on Saturday, June 20th, and was interred at Hound Churchyard on Tuesday, the 23rd. In addition to the family mourners, representatives of the bell ringers and Oddfellows were present, as well as former employees of the late Miss Rashleigh, with whom he served for many years; also the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, who was a very intimate friend of Mr. Medland.

The floral tributes were numerous, and the breastplate was inscribed: 'Robert Medland, died June 20th, 1925, aged 83 years.'

The bells were rung muffled by the local ringers.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

A very successful combined practice of the above district was held at Church Stretton on Saturday, June 20th, ringers, numbering 18, being present from Acton Scott, Bromfield, Church Stretton, Knighton, Ludlow, Stokesay, Shrewsbury, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (District Ringing Master).

The bells were set going at 3.15 p.m., and during the afternoon some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were rung.

After tea, touches of Grandsire Doubles, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

The bells were finally brought down at 7.15 p.m., which brought to a close a very instructive afternoon.

RINGER'S SON ORDAINED.

At St. Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, June 11th, for the special service, arranged for the festival of Corpus Christi, a touch of Stedman Triples (252 changes): C. I. Davies 1, J. Waghorn, senr. (London), 2, J. Wilkinson 3, G. R. Newton b, E. Caunce 5, T. Hammond (conductor) 6, E. Bounphrey 7, A. Lintott 8. At the conclusion of the service, in honour of the ordination of the son of Mr. W. Bond, leader of the local company, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Caunce 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, G. R. Newton 3, A. Lintott 4, J. Wilkinson 5, C. I. Davies 6, J. Martin (conductor) 7, W. J. Wheadon 8. Mr. W. J. Wheadon hails from Dartford, Kent, and has recently taken up an appointment in Liverpool.

COVENTRY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing there is a suggestion to recast the famous Coventry bells, I feel I must say a few words.

On Whit Monday, 1864, I had the pleasure of ringing at St. Michael's, in company with Henry Haley, Matt. Wood, W. Cooter, G. Ferris, E. Lansdell, J. Pettit, J. R. Haworth, G. A. Musket, on an outing from London, and also Henry Johnson, and others, from Birmingham.

It was the general opinion that the bells ranked amongst the very best we had ever heard. Ned Lansdell's words were, 'They are all brothers and sisters, every one of them.'

I hope the authorities will never agree to allow such fine bells to be destroyed for the sake of a so-called carillon, but that they will work in the opposite direction, and make provision for them to be properly rung, either in the stately steeple of St. Michael's, or in a separate campanile, as at Chichester.

As I am most likely the only one living who rang on that day in 1864, I trust the opinion of the old ones will bear some weight in preventing the destruction of one of the finest peals in the country.—Yours truly, E. HORREX.

24, Combermere Road, Stockwell, S.W.9.

Dear Sir,—I for one contend that it is a thousand pities to break up the famous ring of ten bells of St. Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, having had the pleasure of hearing and also ringing on this splendid peal on many occasions. I also took part in the last peal rung on them, which was on June 9th, 1883, being one of Stedman Caters, in which the late Henry Johnson also took part, and I can assure you that the harmony, and especially the power of tone, is all that can be desired, and most enchanting, so that there is no need for recasting them, as far as a peal of ten are concerned. But they have got to make room for a carillon of 14 bells. More's the pity. At one time the citizens of Coventry would have made a strong protest against having their famous bells broken up, but for many years the people of Coventry have not heard their bells rung to advantage.

In consequence of tower trouble, the bells have come to be forgotten, as it were. In conclusion, I might say that it would be a good idea if they could be transferred to the neighbouring Cathedral of St. Philip's, Birmingham, which, of course, is in the same county, for the bells of the last-mentioned Cathedral are extremely bad, and the tower is just the place to take them on one level.—Yours faithfully, T. MILLER.

AN OLD RING OF FOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sending you dates and inscriptions of a very old ring of four bells.

These are from ancient bells in the old Parish Church of St. Mary's, Fairstead, Essex.

Treble bell.—Diameter 27 inches.—'Thomas Gardiner Fecit (made me) 1725.' This Gardiner was of Sudbury. He has also bells in the towers of Cressing, Terling and Witham, Essex.

2nd.—Diameter 28 inches.—'T. Osborne Fecit 1785.' Osborne was of Downham, Essex.

3rd.—Diameter 30 inches.—On the crown of this bell, X 'Vocor (I am called) Johannes.' Petrus—De. Wiston made me. Petrus—De. Wiston bell, founder of London, died in 1348. This bell, therefore, is particularly valued from its antiquity, being a Pre-Reformation bell. In the Deanery of Witham, Essex, there are only five bells, which date before the Reformation, the Fairstead bell being the oldest of the five.

The fourth bell, or tenor.—Diameter 33 inches.—Ricardus Bowler me Fecit 1601. Ricardus Bowler was of Colchester, Essex.

Yours truly,

D. W. FISHER.

Vicarage Road, Terling, Essex.

FIRST PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the committee's report on first peals, etc., appearing in last week's 'Ringing World,' I am at a loss to understand how it comes about that the Midland Counties Association is bracketed with the Warwickshire Guild for the first peal of Cambridge Court Bob Major.

When the peal was rung at Nuneaton on July 19th, 1923, several of the band, including the conductor, were not members of the M.C.A., and the peal was published in your journal as purely a Warwickshire Guild peal. Furthermore, whatever credit may be attached to first peals in new methods, should, I think, in this instance (if my memory serves me correct), be accorded the Cambridge University Guild, who were the first, I believe, to ring a peal in this method on handbells.—I am, yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WILKERSON,

Late Hon. General Secretary, Warwickshire Guild,
68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton,
June 28th, 1925.

GRUMBLEITIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in a recent issue your article re those who grumble about the 'scientific matter' which you publish. I should say off-hand, that if you succeed in pleasing 'all' your readers you will be the first Editor to achieve such signal success. I believe I can, without boasting, lay claim to have rubbed shoulders with a greater number of different ringers than any other of the rank and file of the Exercise, and I trust that my small experience of a matter of thirty years' listening to their grumbles will not dishearten them, and cause them to refrain from their grumbles, for, really, if they did stop, one of my only sources of amusement would be cut off, and I should spend many weary hours listening to twaddle of no interest to even a ringer who reads his paper from cover to cover.

A great many people are unable to wax eloquent, unless they are having a grumble, a good hearty growl clears their chest, and one gets a good laugh at their inconsistency, for ringers can never be consistent in their grumbles. They grumble at reports of meetings. Who wants to read such stuff, they say. Next week the 'R.W.' is full of matter on method building, then we get the grumble that no one wants to read that 'twaddle,' then the week after comes a copy giving the Sunday Service touches—a big show—and the selfsame good old grumbler turns up with the—'Who wants to read this trash?' I have repeatedly asked the disgruntled ones what they really wanted, and the invariable reply is, 'Why, something useful and interesting, of course'; and when I ask them to define what they would require, not one in each hundred can offer even a weak suggestion as to the sort of matter they call 'interesting.' I remember once reading a complaint signed 'A constant reader,' because some pseudo funny man had tried his hand, and when the P.E.M. retaliated by asking for some of Mr. A. C. R.'s 'better than the best,' the matter dropped.

If only ringers would remember that all matter in the 'R.W.' is the product of their own fraternity, that if the matter is poor and uninteresting it is entirely the fault of some of their own friends, and it behoves the grumblers to try and improve on things. But, personally, I prefer to hear their grumbles, for those are to say the least of it—more interesting than their logic. So keep on with the 'uninteresting' stuff, Mr. Editor, and you will at least please

CHANTICLER.

WHY NOT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As several ringers have been asking the meaning of the sentence, 'We fortunately still have Lavenham, etc., one can hardly now add St. Mary Redcliffe.' Assuming this to be St. Mary Redcliffe, one may well ask, why not? It can claim a record, I expect, in one direction. On the great festivals, Christmas, Easter and Whitsun, it is no unusual thing to hear Stedman Cinques being rung between 5 and 5.30 a.m.

Practices are held on the third Tuesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. If 'Temple Bar' would like to pay us a visit we should be only too pleased to see him. Any 12-bell ringer who may be visiting Bristol on holiday or business, and would like to ring there, please communicate with Mr. Guise, at 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, or to, yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Hereford district was held at Woolhope recently, 28 members being present from Allensmore, Madley, Fowahope, Holmer, Hampton Bishop, Mordiford, Tarrington, Stoke Edith, Hereford Cathedral, and the local tower. A service was held in the church, with an address by the Vicar.

Tea was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.—It was proposed to hold a combined practice at Much Dewchurch in June, and at Tarrington in July.

One life member, three hon. members and eight probationary members were elected.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. C. Edwards (Master of the Guild) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for his excellent address.—The Rev. G. W. Turner (general secretary) also expressed his appreciation of the interest the clergy were taking in the ringers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

An enjoyable time was spent at Langley and Horton on Saturday last. Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob were rung at Langley. A short service was held, which included the ringers, and an address was given by the Rev. H. Shepherd, whose wife officiated at the organ. A splendid tea was provided by the steeplekeeper, through the unexpected generosity of a friend, who paid the bill, and was gratefully appreciated by the company.

Afterwards, at Horton, Grandsire Doubles, Kent, Kent and Oxford Spliced, Cambridge, London and Morpeth Surprise were rung.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, May 9th, a meeting was held at St. Mary's, Ealing. The Ringing Master got the bells going soon after 3 p.m., and short touches was the order of the day. At 5 p.m., a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Hatch, and in the absence of the organist, it gave the ringers an opportunity to demonstrate their ability as choristers, which made the service more interesting, and a real ringers' service it was. After service, the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Sharp) entertained the ringers to tea in the Church Hall, with the vice-president, Mr. C. S. Bird, presiding, supported by the Rev. Hatch, the Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Beadle. The vice-president received the meeting's congratulations on his election to that office. Mr. Beadle received same on attaining his 75th anniversary. A peal of Stedman was also rung at Isleworth to celebrate this jubilant occasion.—The usual business meeting was conducted, and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the Rev. H. G. Hatch, the vice-president, Ringing Masters, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett and Fred Goodfellow, and the ladies, who assisted with the tea. Three ringing members were elected, and the Rev. E. G. Sharp was elected an honorary member for his liberal hospitality, courtesy and help to members of this association. The tower was again visited till 7.30; then a visit to Christ Church, where ringing was indulged in till 9 p.m.—Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Christ Church and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

A meeting was held at Ruislip on June 13th, when over 30 members attended, including the Ringing Master, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Herbert, F. Goodfellow, J. R. Mackman, T. Beadle and J. W. Fruin, the lady ringers being Misses P. Moss and G. Baker. Methods up to Cambridge were practised, and Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on handbells. The usual business was held, with thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Cornwall Jones), and to the host, Mr. Basil Fabb, for the excellent tea served, and his accommodation.—The July meeting will be held at Harlington; Sunbury in August; September, Staines.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SURPRISE MEETING AT CURDRIDGE.

A meeting for Surprise methods was held at Curdridge on Saturday last, when, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Slater), the fine peal of eight were placed at the ringers' disposal during the afternoon and evening. Three districts of the Guild were represented, viz., Portsmouth, Winchester and Christchurch, and among those present were the Master (Mr. G. Williams), general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), and Messrs. W. T. Tucker and F. W. Rogers, secretaries of the Winchester and Portsmouth districts, respectively. Full opportunity was made of the time afforded, during which several courses of Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, the latter the first in the method on the bells. During the afternoon and evening, members were present from Curdridge, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Southampton, Swanmore, and Mr. F. S. Bayley (Fareham). It is hoped to continue these practices at regular intervals during the year.

LADIES' GUILD. SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The sixth annual meeting was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Garth Ireland), and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Crichton Melville. Sergt. Trumpeter Lawrence Beach, L.R.A.M., Royal Engineers, presided at the organ.

A party of about forty sat down to tea at the Parish Hall, prepared by Miss B. Mills, Miss Fisher and Miss Denyer.

Mrs. Pulling (president) presided at the business meeting. Miss Wyman, of Woking, was elected a member, and the secretary and committee were re-elected. Guildford was chosen for the next annual meeting. There were twelve ladies present, including Miss E. K. Parker, general secretary. Ringing was indulged in from 'rounds' to London Surprise.

Special thanks are due to Sergt. Trumpeter Lawrence Beach, L.R.A.M., for his splendid musical programme.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On June 4th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York to Rowley: R. J. Hackett 1, H. Dowell 2, W. Hy. Detheridge 3, E. Horner 4, G. Hy. Detheridge, senr., 5, G. Hy. Detheridge, junr., 6, A. Timmins 7, A. Taylor 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original occurs next Tuesday, for it was on July 7th, 1751, that the famous composer, sitting in the belfry with his manuscript in hand, called the great one-part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A year before, namely, on July 8th, 1750, John Holt took part in, and probably composed and conducted, a peal of Double Bob Major, on the same bells.

Indeed there would seem to have been some event to celebrate at St. Margaret's round about this date, for on July 9th, 1749, Holt took part there in a peal of 6,000 of Bob Major. Was it, we wonder, some royal, national, or campanological anniversary? Perhaps one of our historians can tell us.

James Barham, the renowned Kentish ringer, rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817, when he took part in a peal of Leeds Treble Bob at his own tower of Leeds, the scene, many years before, of the peal of 40,320 Bob Major. Can those who are now conducting researches into method names tell us what variation of Treble Bob 'Leeds' was?

The new bell at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, was dedicated on Sunday last.

Referring to a note in this column that recently a ringer rang a bell without a stay to two peals in one day, Mr. W. Pole Routh, of Reading, writes that in his first peal, rung at the Parish Church of Eccles, near Manchester, on the afternoon on Christmas Day, 1870, none of the bells had stays. The bells were rung up in peal, the 5,000 was brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. He adds, 'We did not consider then that we had done anything of special note.'

'Little Bob' is informal that New Cambridge will not run true in Minor, as it produces repetitions in the plain course.

Mr. Conor O'Brien's return from his long and adventurous voyage round the world, created great excitement in Ireland, and the gallant skipper of the 'Saoirse' had an extraordinary reception. Congratulations were heaped upon him, and his old ringing friends of St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, sent him a telegram congratulating him upon his successful and safe return.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.

The 302nd anniversary of the Saffron Walden Society of Ringers was held on Saturday, June 27th. Ringers attended from various parts of the country, including London, Romford, Luton, Cambridge, Hitchin, Halstead, Feering, Earl's Colne, Northampton, Irthlingborough, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Stansted, Castle Camps, Trumpington, Royston, Little Munden. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. Roper.

During the day, touches were rung in the various methods on the eight, ten and twelve bells. Luncheon was held at the Temperance Hotel, the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presiding, supported by Dr. E. L. Taylor. In welcoming the visitors, the Master specially mentioned Dr. Taylor, who was formerly an active member of the society. His father (Mr. Edward Taylor), so well remembered, was Master of the society for a number of years.

Dr. Taylor, in responding, thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and said that he hoped the anniversary would be continued unbroken in the future, and conform with the procedure of many years past.

A congratulatory telegram was received from Mrs. Edward Taylor. Service was held in the Parish Church at 12.30, conducted by the Rev. T. W. Coomb. The choir attended, and Mrs. Mahon kindly presided at the organ.

RINGING ANNIVERSARY AT LAVENHAM.

On Saturday, June 20th, the 114th ringing anniversary was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Superlative and London. A large number of ringers attended this gathering, which commemorates the addition of two trebles in 1811 by Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, the following places being represented: Islington, Clapham, Tooting, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Clement's), Sudbury (St. Peter's and All Saints'), Bury St. Edmunds (Cathedral Church), Cornard, Polstead, Shelley, Long Melford, Cavendish, Glemsford, Assington, Great Waldingfield, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Great Tey, and Maldon. Included in the above were F. G. Symonds, Islington; J. Lee, Clapham; W. R. Grimwood, Tooting; C. Sedgley and A. Howell, Ipswich; D. Elliott, Assington, and many others.

During the middle of the 19th century, this ringing day was often the scene of upwards of 100 ringers, including such 'notables' as W. Haley, J. Cox, H. Hubart, J. Marven, Capt. Moore and Squire Proctor, with his band of change ringers and handbell tune players. The last-mentioned band on several occasions ascended the tower on the next morning to give a 'farewell touch' before departing to ring elsewhere.

During the afternoon, many of the ringers and friends climbed to the summit of the tower, which is a landmark for many miles around.

Among those present was one who had attended and rung at 47 successive anniversaries. At 8 o'clock the bells ceased, and farewells were exchanged, all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 410.)

Mr. T. H. Beams, in seconding, drew attention to the desirability of reducing the number of classes into which methods were divided. For ringing purposes, it was only those who liked to strain at the gnat and miss the camel, that were not satisfied with three classifications. With regard to the confusion of names, Mr. Beams referred to the method rung variously under the names of Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Merchants' Return.

Rev. H. Law James: They are not fit to be rung, and are rapidly dying out.

Mr. Beams: But they are still rung.

Rev. H. Law James: And 'Churchyard Bob' is still rung (laughter).

Mr. Beams went on to ask those who were not satisfied with three classifications to tell them how many more were needed. He submitted that if they were to get rid of the objectionable names, there could be no better time than the present. He understood that the present edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was nearly exhausted. The new edition should be published with the new names, and he was quite sure that in twenty years' time they would be the names under which all these methods would be rung. If they looked at the Press, which knew little about ringing terms, they saw the way some of these names could be 'screwed,' and this made them a laughing-stock. That was what they wanted to avoid, and if they could do that they would do something which would help forward the movement.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards pointed out that no place was allowed in the classification for 'Principles.'

ANCIENT RIGHTS.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said he understood that, if they adopted the report, the names would, ipso facto, change over. He thought, therefore, it would be fairer to everyone if they could give it further consideration by having the report published and dealing with it next year. He came there that day with certain instructions from his Guild. The Chester Guild knew that the committee had been formed, and had tackled a very difficult problem, but at the same time they had reminded him of the old custom under which ringers named the methods which they had first rung. The Chester Guild had rung many methods for the first time, and were not prepared to admit that any body of gentlemen had the right to alter and revise the old names on behalf of the Exercise. They felt themselves as well able to choose the names as anyone else. It was felt the committee might confine itself to choosing one of the names in those cases where a method had more than one name, so that it might be known by that one name in future. Another thing was, he was not sure that flower names were not as good as some others. For instance, he preferred 'Daffodil' to 'Dartmoor' (laughter, and a Member: Dartford, not Dartmoor). He did not see that it much mattered if the Press did laugh at them. Outside individuals understood little about ringing, and only fools laughed. The idea in his Guild was that existing names of Minor methods should be allowed to stand, and that where there was more than one name the committee should choose which name the method should be known by. He moved that consideration of the subject be adjourned until the report had been published.

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded. He said if the report was to be taken as an expression of pious opinion, they of the Methods Committee had nothing to say, but if it was going to tie the Council and the Exercise they would have to go into it and move amendments to practically everything. Mr. Trollope added that with regard to the use of the word 'Bob' in the names of methods, it was given because it distinguished the classification. It was not redundant at all.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in supporting the amendment, said he recognised the committee had presented a report of great gravity, which, nevertheless, admitted of being treated with a certain amount of levity. They recognised the earnestness and pains that the committee had been put to produce this report (hear, hear), and he for one, who was inclined at the last meeting to treat the subject as one scarcely deserving the attention of the Council, had now rather modified his view. He could not help recognising it was full of debatable matter, and they ought not to adopt the report in its entirety without a little more consideration. It was very easy to say what ought to be done; it was another matter to get things done. Ringers had habits which they could not well alter by legislation. They had a habit of calling methods by certain names, and the Council would find it difficult to get them to alter names when the Council said they were undesirable. He would like to see the report in print, and reserve his decision until that had been done.

BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CONFUSION.

The Rev. H. Drake said when he signed the report he was under the impression there were three classes of methods and a class of 'principles.' With regard to the amendment, he certainly had no objection to it, and he did not think the other members of the committee had. They had no wish to try to be autocratic; what they wanted to do and what they were asked to do at the last meeting

was to try to bring order out of confusion, and also to avoid, if they could, any names that seemed to be causing ridicule. They had done that in this report, and they would be very glad indeed if it could be published, and be considered next year; but one had to remember that they were told at the last meeting, and previously by correspondence, that it was a very urgent matter, and that those names should be fixed as soon as possible, because people were waiting to ring the methods, and did not know under what names they should be rung. The amendment to some extent took away from the value of the rider he suggested, viz.: 'That in the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names proposed to be altered, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, to approve of the proposed new name.' He had not been able to get his fellow-members on the committee to go with him and support the rider, because they thought it would be impracticable. He would suggest something on these lines: that when the list of names, such as those the committee put forward, were agreed to, they should be published for a certain length of time, so that the people who were interested, that was those who had rung the method, and the ringers in the place after which the method was called, could have the opportunity of objecting to it; that these objections should be considered by the Council or the committee; that if no objections were made within the period, the changes should be absolute. These riders did not exactly come within the terms of reference, but they were things which might be adopted as resolutions, so that they might know what they were to do in future. This matter of terms was one that went beyond that of names. The committee's reference at present was only in regard to names of methods. Mr. Trollope had spoken of names like 'Bob' and 'Treble Bob.' They could not call them names of method, they might call them descriptions or descriptive terms. What they required was an authority to deal with terms as well as names. He did not think it was quite right that a man should be able to say, because he had used a name, that that name must always be used in future. They, as a Council, should exercise their authority as to what terms should be used, and as to the actual meaning of the terms.

Mr. Burton said with regard to Mr. Trollope's inquiry as to whether the committee were penning a pious report, that was not the case—the committee were absolutely out for it.

The proposal to adjourn the discussion until the report had been printed was then put to the meeting, and carried.

Alderman Pritchett said he would like to propose a vote of thanks to the committee for their labours. Personally, he had been rather at variance with them, but the subject was one of great controversy, and the committee were likely to get more kicks than halfpence, but the Council would all agree that the committee had endeavoured to do well by the subject, and deserved a hearty vote of thanks (hear, hear).

The motion was put, and carried, and on the suggestion of the President, a vote of thanks was also accorded to the other committees for the work they had done during the year.

INSTRUCTIONS ON PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the 'Card of Instructions' as to the care of church bells had been printed, and the Rev. H. Drake had given them £5 towards the expenses. There were three thousand or four thousand towers in England and Wales where these cards might well be put on the wall, but that would cost a great deal of money and involve a great deal of time. They could, however, make a start, as he had got 500 copies. It was the desire of the Standing Committee that members present should take a card with them, and it was suggested that it would be a very good start in the distribution if they sent one of the cards to each of the Archdeacons in the various dioceses, and also one to each of the secretaries of the Guild and Associations affiliated to the Council.

Mr. T. H. Beams said if they asked each of the secretaries to take enough for their own affiliated towers they would get over the difficulty of distribution quite easily.

The President pointed out that secretaries had no authority over towers not connected with their associations, and that was why the Standing Committee suggested that a copy should be sent to every Archdeacon in England and Wales, so that they might know about it, and bring it before the different clergy and churchwardens.

Mr. James George said it was a pity the instructions were not printed on one side of the card only. Many people would not bother to look at the back.

The Hon. Secretary said that would have necessitated a very cumbersome card.

The Hon. Librarian said the Standing Committee recommended that the card should be sent to each Archdeacon, and that each secretary of association should have one or more sent to him, in order that he might discover from his branch or district secretaries how many cards were wanted.

The Rev. H. Drake said he hoped the Archdeacons would be asked to see that each Rural Dean got one. He suggested that recommendations should also be sent out with regard to the duration of ringing at churches where there was only one bell rung, and he put forward what he thought should be recommended.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn thought the Council would be wasting time to consider anything of that sort.

The President said practices differed so much that he thought it would be ridiculous to put forward any suggestion, but if Mr. Drake wished to bring the matter forward at the next meeting, he hoped he would put it on the agenda.

It was resolved to send a copy of the card to all Archdeacons in England and Wales, requesting them to bring it to the notice of their respective Rural Deans; and to hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations, with the request that they will bring it before their district secretaries with a view to getting the card placed in all helpries.

BROADCASTING BELL RINGING.

Mr. E. W. Elwell moved the following resolution: 'That, considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.' Mr. Elwell said this resolution was drawn up by the secretary of one of the branches of the Chester Guild, and was brought forward at the Guild's annual meeting when he was asked to submit it to the Council. He said that on one or two occasions bell chiming, carillons and efforts to make a noise on bells by hammers worked by machinery had been broadcast, and the public had got the impression that bell ringing came from Belgium. On the top of that one frequently heard certain bell chiming which took place at a London church, and which was not bell ringing. He thought the public were getting rather too fond of it, and it was time the Press and Literature Committee took the matter in hand and watched this, among other things. He believed the B.B.C. would be very considerate to any suggestion, and would be ready to have their co-operation to broadcast good change ringing, rather than chiming and foreign music.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and said he once listened to the bells of a certain church, and he had never heard anything more 'footling.' It was nothing but Ellacombe hammers pulled against the bell, and now and again the performer broke out into tune ringing.

The motion was carried, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that Mr. A. Paddon Smith should be entrusted with the task of approaching the B.B.C.

Mr. Paddon Smith: I have on many occasions communicated with the B.B.C., and it is just as much a waste of time as some of that we have done here to-day (laughter).

THE AUGMENTATION OF RINGS OF EIGHT.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett next proposed 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.' He said the eight bells of his own parish church, King's Norton, were recently recast, and it was suggested that they should be augmented to ten. He was happy to say that suggestion fell through, and instead of having what would probably have been an indifferent peal of ten, they had a beautiful ring of eight. There was, he continued, an idea among ringers generally that it was a great thing to have ten bells instead of eight in a church tower. Very often it was a great mistake. The only reason apparently was that ringers got opportunities of ringing on a larger number of bells than they otherwise would, but there were many other considerations to be taken into account before it should be decided to augment a ring of eight into ten. The suggestion was usually made, when a peal of eight was going to be recast. 'Why not have a peal of ten while we are about it?' They went to a bell founder, and he said, 'Oh yes, nothing easier (laughter). We can make you a lovely peal of ten out of the metal of your eight, and with a little contrivance we can get them into your tower.' It presented no trouble to him (laughter). But there were other considerations. It was often difficult to get ten bells into an eight-bell tower, and it so taxed the ingenuity of the bell hangers that they often had to put two bells above the others. In that case they found in the ringing chamber that the sounds of the two small bells were drowned by those underneath. In one tower, he remembered it was scarcely possible to hear the two trebles in the ringing chamber. On the ground of expense there were often objections. The metal of the eight bells was split among the ten, and they had a light peal of ten, which, in his opinion, was always unsatisfactory. It was also very difficult to form a proper ringing circle, and a great many expedients were resorted to, and they had to have an ingenious arrangement of rails and guides. It was often a great makeshift to get ten bells into an eight-bell tower. Moreover, if they were going to augment the weight of the bells by using additional metal, the consideration of the safety of the tower presented itself. Bells have been placed in towers without due consideration of the safety of the fabric; consequently, in a short time, the tower had been declared unsafe, and the ringing of the bells had been stopped. That was a thing they wanted to guard against. In his view the ideal of change ringing was change ringing on eight bells—eight fairly heavy bells, tenor from a ton to 25 cwt., or even more. The music of eight heavy bells when properly rung in changes was extremely dignified; it created a far greater impression upon the people outside than did the music on a

lighter peal of ten. The music in all standard methods, he thought he was right in saying, was originally devised for eight bells; the music of an octave was the most satisfactory to the listener. The man outside could count eight bells as they were rung in changes; it was extremely difficult for him to count ten, and almost impossible to count twelve in a change. Methods for eight bells were legion, inviting scope for ingenuity. Very few of the odd-bell methods, however, were capable of extension to nine bells, and there were few, if any, true extensions of the Surprise methods to ten bells, the so-called extensions being really specially constructed methods. It was a laudable idea on the part of ringers to desire to be able to ring on ten bells, but it was also a fact that at some towers, when the bells had been augmented to ten, they were not regularly rung as ten. It was only occasionally they were so rung in changes, such as when visitors came for an opportunity of ringing a ten-bell peal. The words of his motion did not exclude the making of ten-bell rings altogether, where a tower was suitable, and where bells were being put in for the first time; but where it was a question of augmenting eight into ten merely for the sake of having more bells it was a very unwise course to take.

Mr. E. A. Young (the hon. secretary) seconded. He said he had only intended to second the motion formally, but after the cogent reasons put forward by the proposer he had been converted against his own previous opinions. There was much to be said in favour of eight bells, and there was another point which was in his mind, and that was the question of the strength of the towers. This was a phase of the question in which he was particularly interested, and he remembered a case where, through extra bells being put into a tower, the building had become unsafe.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said when he saw this motion on the agenda he experienced a feeling of amusement; he did not think anyone could have put it down seriously. When he now saw who it was that had put down the motion, that feeling had changed to one of absolute amazement. Mr. Pritchett was his (Mr. Smith's) Presiding Ringing Master, and felt very keenly about this particular ring of bells at King's Norton. He (Mr. Smith) did not agree with a single word Ald. Pritchett had said (laughter), and the motion did not stand the slightest ghost of a chance of being passed (laughter and applause). If they must pass a resolution on these lines it should be simply 'that this Council, as a general rule, approves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten' (applause). He could not conceive that this motion was really intended to be serious. Would Mr. Pritchett propose that peals of six should not be augmented to peals of eight, or peals of ten to peals of twelve? All their famous rings of twelve were peals that had been augmented at some time or other. With regard to King's Norton, Alderman Pritchett admitted that they had a very beautiful peal of eight. He said the tenor was only 14 cwt. That might be true, but it sounded a lot heavier, and in any case he (Mr. Smith) believed there was some danger of two trebles being added in the not too distant future (applause). If he could do anything towards bringing about that development he should certainly do so, although he would have a very formidable opponent. How could the bells at King's Norton be spoiled by putting in two equally good trebles? The King's Norton men were already well able to ring ten bells, and if they did not ring the ten, the beautiful eight would still be rung, and the two beautiful trebles would be there to be rung when he went over (laughter and applause). He would much prefer to ring ten to ringing eight. He did not, he added, believe Mr. Young really meant to second the motion (laughter).

Mr. T. Faulkner: When I first saw this motion on the agenda I wondered what it was all about. Now I can see what it is. There is a conspiracy between the Presiding Ringing Master and the secretary of St. Martin's Guild to pull the legs of the Central Council (laughter).—I move we proceed to the next business.

Canon Elsee said if it was a question of choice between a really good peal of eight, with a heavy tenor, and a light peal of ten, then he was with Alderman Pritchett, and would have a heavy peal of eight. There was a real objection to encouraging the augmentation of peals that are too light to produce the full music. If a peal was to be recast it might be suggested that ten bells should be cast from the same metal as the old eight. That meant a loss of tone; but if the weight was not to be decreased he saw no objection to increasing the number of bells.

The Rev. H. Law James invited Mr. Pritchett to go to Surfleet. The tenor was 12 cwt. 9 lb., and the treble 2 cwt. 2 lb. It was a ring of ten, and everyone who listened to the bells imagined the tenor was a ton in weight, and the bells were beautiful music.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said if they were to follow Alderman Pritchett he did not know where they would be. Had it not been for augmentation they would have had no Painswick bells, and no Cheltenham twelve either. He entirely disagreed with Ald. Pritchett. Two more bells gave a lightness and buoyancy that was rather wanting in an octave. Twelve was, perhaps, rather more of an open question, but if they had acted in the past upon Ald. Pritchett's contentions, he did not know what they would have done. They certainly would not have got some of their finest and most famous peals of ten and twelve in the country (hear, hear).

(To be continued.)

'STEDMAN' AND 'DUFFIELD.'

By GEORGE BAKER.

There is very little doubt that Fabian Stedman, who was born in Cambridge in 1631, was the first individual to produce a principle, and, what is more, he produced it symmetrically.

Anyone would have thought that Stedman Doubles being the first principle discovered, would for that reason, if for none other, have been exempt from attack but, no, that Principle, like 'Duffield' and 'Leek,' was being described in 1913 and 1914 as 'illegitimate'!

The false definition that made the attack possible has now been exposed, but I venture to think that had anyone told Fabian Stedman, in his day, that his Principle was 'illegitimate' there would have been something more than a 'jovial dog fight,' and the individual, whoever he might have been, would have been given the choice of swords or pistols, and a meeting-place near Cambridge in the early morning to settle the difference.

'We are not now quite as savage as our forefathers.' I mentioned this fact in my first contribution to the late controversy on 13th June last, and at that time I made up my mind I would endeavour to bring to an end the constantly recurring disputes about the subject of method construction.

There is no evidence that Stedman extended his Principle to seven bells and upwards, and the individual who did is not likely to have known that such a thing as a 'pivot bell' existed, but, whether or no, he produced the only correct extension possible without making additional 'moves' and the round blocks and transpositions that follow will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Principle is the same on all numbers, in spite of the fact that the division heads in Doubles have, coursing order, and in the higher numbers they have not.

STEDMAN DOUBLES.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
12345 x 53412 =	53412	53412
21354 x 35421 =	34512	41253
23145 x 34512 =	24531	15324
32415 x 43152 =	31452	31245
23451 x 34125 =	23514	12534
24315 x 31452 =	34251	53241
42351 x 13425 =	53124	12534
43215 x 14352 =	41253	31245
34251 x 41325 =	25134	15324
43521 x 14235 =	51423	41253
45312 x 12453 =	45123	53412

54321 x 21435 =	45231	12345
53412	24153	

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234567 x 6347251 =	6347251	6347251
2135476 x 3642715 =	3751624	4126537
2314567 x 3467251 =	2467153	1637452
3241657 x 4376521 =	3175624	3124567
2346175 x 3475612 =	2367451	1267453
2431657 x 3746521 =	3725614	6324517
4236175 x 7345612 =	6317452	1267453
4321657 x 7436521 =	7125634	3124567
3426175 x 4735612 =	2617453	1637452
4362715 x 7453162 =	5172634	4126537
4637251 x 7541326 =	4617352	6347251

8432715 x 5743162 =	7523614	1234567
6347251	5471326	

The halfway transpositions from Doubles to Cinques are as follows, and compared with the Doubles the progression is equivalent to 312 on all numbers to infinity.

Doubles	53241
Triples	6324517
Caters	632451789
Cinques	6324517890x

It will not be out of place to mention here that the late Rev. H. Farle Bulwer was the first gentleman to give me encouragement in the subject of method construction, but, it is to the late Sir Arthur Heywood's writings that I am chiefly indebted for what I know at the present time, and it seems to me that it was a cruel fate, after all that he, Sir Arthur, had done for the Art and for the Exercise, and no man had ever done more, that the last few years of his life should have been clouded by a false definition, according to which, his interesting and perfect method? (Principle? or System?) was illegitimate

I was able in 1914 to prove that 'Duffield' was produced by two Quick Double Bobs, and my one regret is that I had not then the foresight to see what I have discovered since, i.e., that all methods, principles and systems consist of round blocks, produced by making single 'moves' in the Primary Principles or the Treble Bob Principle.

Could it have been possible for Sir Arthur to have learned this before he passed on, he would have had the satisfaction of knowing that all the care, time and money spent in preparing his book on 'Duffield' (a copy of which he presented to me) had not been thrown away.

DUFFIELD MAJOR.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
12345678 x 25136847 =	25136847	25136847
21436587 x 52318674 =	61427533	82354671
12463578 x 25381647 =	26581437	26418537
21645387 x 52836174 =	51763284	82354671
12654378 x 25863147 =	24836157	25136847
21563487 x 52681374 =	31472586	12345678
25136847	56218734	

DUFFIELD ROYAL.

	Rd. Blocks.	Transpositions.
1234567890 x 2513684079 =	2513684079	2513684079
2143658709 x 5231860497 =	6142759303	8235467190
1246357890 x 2538164079 =	2658143079	2641853079
2164538709 x 5283610497 =	5176329408	8235467190
1265437890 x 2586314079 =	2483615079	2513684079
2156348709 x 5268130497 =	3147259608	1234567890
2513684079	5621803947	

The mathematical progression in Duffield is equivalent to 312 on the back end to infinity.

N.B.—There was one little printer's error in the transpositions of Grandsire Doubles, the halfway transposition row should be 51234.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGE.—On Saturday, May 30th, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, Miss C. Fields 3, H. J. Hazell 4, W. Ibbett 5, A. E. Austin 6, B. D. Buttress 7, A. G. Rivers 8. Longest length in the method by all except 2nd and 8th, and longest length by the Ely Association by a band of all resident members.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Whit Monday evening, June 1st, at All Saints' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, C. W. Woolley 3, F. Warrington 4, H. J. Hazell 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6, George E. Crisp 7, E. Wakeling 8. Ring with tenor covering, and with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Harry Croot, who for 24 years was churchwarden of All Saints, and was buried there the same afternoon.

BRAINTREE.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Parish Church, with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect to Miss Gault, who was buried on that day, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Webb 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, for practice, 720 Burton Treble Bob.—Also on Tuesday, June 9th, as being appropriate to the season of the Holy Trinity, 720 Trinity Sunday: W. C. Lawrence 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. Corfield 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. This is the first 720 in each of the above methods by all.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 minutes: E. P. Duffield 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, G. Noakes (first in the method) 3, E. Haw 4, J. Ballard 5, J. Chesterman 6, R. Philpott (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, Q.M.S. G. Gilbert 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Michael, for Empire Day celebrations, on May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: E. Harding 1, B. Hawkins 2, F. Marchant 3, F. Ewins 4, F. Nye 5, H. Hunt 6, J. Smith 7, H. J. Hunt 8. First quarter on the treble, conducted by F. Nye.

At Sproughton, on Friday, May 22nd, 720 Double Court Bob Minor: C. E. Mee 1, A. Rodwell (Bramford) 2, W. Brown (Bramford) 3, E. J. Trimmer (London) 4, F. Bowell (conductor, Ipswich), 5, H. Shennings (Ipswich), 6. Also 504 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by E. Rivers. These touches were rung to oblige E. J. Trimmer and Ernest Rivers, who were on holiday in the district.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EARL SHILTON.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 28th, in 45 minutes, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Ernest E. Pickering 1, Chas. Hy. Webb 2, Arthur Waters 3, Geo. Newton 4, Percy Aldham 5, Thomas K. Deacon 6, Harry Wright 7, William Reynolds 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor for W. Reynolds, and first quarter in the method for E. E. Pickering.

MARLOW-ON-THAMES.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 minutes: J. Watkin 1, H. W. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, H. H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rang on the annual outing of the St. Luke's, Chelsea, ringers.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, T. Farr 4, W. Henley 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, G. Adecock 8. Rang for patronal festival, the preacher being the Rev. J. H. Ellison, late Vicar of Windsor, and now Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 755 Grandsire Caters: A. Martin 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, J. Bass 4, H. Martin 5, H. V. Cooper 6, H. Price 7, W. H. Cooper 8, W. Gibbs 9, A. Barrett 10. First touch of Grandsire Caters by the treble, 6th, 8th, 9th and tenor ringers.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 874 Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, A. D. Wilson 2, H. C. Balls 3, Reggie Kersey 4, A. Keeble 5, C. F. Bailey 6, J. M. Bailey 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. Longest length by 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, June 14th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, A. Prior 4, G. Wiffen 5, E. J. Butler 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. George, 720 Poynton Treble Bob: L. Clough 1, J. P. Fidler 2, H. Langley 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 14th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Frayne 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, E. G. Locke 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. V. Selby 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

PONTYPRIDD.—On May 31st, at St. Catherine's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., in honour of a visit of Mr. W. Knight, of St. Stephen's, Bristol: I. Mitchell 1, S. Ridgway 2, F. J. Thyer 3, A. E. Gray 4, A. Burgess 5, W. Knight 6, J. Dartch (conductor) 7, C. Williams 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: A. White 1, P. S. Parker 2, J. T. Tansom 3, S. Gardner (first quarter-peal of Major and first attempt) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8.

CROMER.—On Whit Sunday, 720 Bob Minor, for evening service: S. Love (Norwich) 1, Miss D. E. Lewis (Chilvers Coton) 2, E. Wilson (Cromer) 3, M. V. Godderidge (Chilvers Coton) 4, G. A. Black (Woodford) 5, W. Tennant (Cromer), conductor, 6.

HENDON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, R. Bevan 2, E. Yeung 3, E. Bonfield 4, E. Pratchett 5, C. H. Martin (conductor) 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: J. Wells 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, R. Hall 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6. First 720 in the method by all.—For evening service, 300 Grandsire Doubles, with G. Gattward taking part.

FEERING.—On Whit Sunday, for early service, at 7 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob.—For Matins, at 11 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob, 42 Singles: J. C. Newman 1, W. Knopp 2, G. Hayward 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

BRATTON, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great, for evening service, on Whit Sunday, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Cook 1, C. H. Lawrence (first quarter-peal) 2, H. G. Smith 3, W. Chapman (conductor) 4, B. Cook 5, A. J. Smith 6.

WALLINGFORD.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Zululand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. Dyke 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodward 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Button 7, F. Davis 8.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On May 24th, for anniversary services, in the morning, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major.—For evening service, 1,200 Kent Major: T. Wilcock (longest length in method) 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, H. Haigh 3, A. Gill 4, T. A. King 5, F. Hopwood (Bolton) 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson 8.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, after service, on May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: T. Tooley 1, P. Sumner 2, W. Collett 3, F. Taylor (conductor) 4, H. Tooley 5, F. Beckett 6.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Lines 1, D. Meadows 2, J. Saddington 3, A. Smeathers 4, M. Norton 5, J. Leamark 6, L. Chapman 7, G. Lines (conductor) 8. This was arranged for Mr. Leamark, of Irchester, and was his first quarter-peal.

ACKWORTH, YORKS.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday morning, May 17th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lindsey 1, W. Beetham 2, W. Lindsey 3, W. Palmer (Badsworth) 4, P. Atkinson (Wragby) 5, C. E. Lamprey (conductor) 6.—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th ringers belong to local band.

DOVER.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 46 mins.: H. Jones 1, A. S. Binfield 2, S. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, H. Saunders 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, R. H. Stevens 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 56 mins.: J. Preston 1, G. E. Large 2, H. C. Spencer 3, W. J. Meers 4, J. W. Pomberton 5, M. J. Morris 6, G. F. Garrison 7, G. F. Swann (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method for front five.

DORE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, May 17th, for Matins, 224 Bob Major. For evensong, 360 Bob Minor and 448 Bob Major.—On Friday, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: R. Johnson 1, N. Fisher 2, A. Robinson 3, H. Bell 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, J. W. Sykes (conductor) 6. First 720 by the band.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, 872 Bob Major: R. Johnson 1, H. Bingham 2, J. W. Sykes 3, H. Bell 4, A. Robinson 5, J. E. L. Cockey (conductor) 6, R. Smith 7, N. Fisher 8. Longest touch by all except ringers of 3rd, 6th and tenor.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 640 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Dyson 1, C. H. Howard 2, F. Claydon 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, H. E. Hammond 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. Saunders 8.

PONTYPRIDD.—At St. Catherine's Church, in 45 mins., on Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hallett 1, Iver Mitchell 2, F. J. Thyer 3, A. E. Gray 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Dartch (conductor) 7, C. Williams 8.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for morning service, on May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Steward 1, H. Reason 2, A. H. Farrow 3, A. Shuffelbottom (conductor) 4, W. T. Farrow 5, H. Ebert 6, J. Wood 7, H. Fuller 8. Rang to commemorate the 50th birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, E. Hunt 4, A. Parnell 5, W. Richards 6, G. Large 7, E. Coles 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feast Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,300 changes), being 360 Original, 400 Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire, in 48 mins.: A. Turner 1, W. Stockford 2, P. Asplin 3, T. Wise 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: B. C. Mann 1, A. C. Langford 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, E. Rutter (Chelmsford) 6.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Crowder 1, J. Dafters 2, H. James 3, J. Lawson 4, R. Thompson (Woolwich, conductor) 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to R. Kynaston, and a farewell to H. T. Hughes on his leaving the district.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Cutsforth (Bolton) 1, R. Allred (Tyldesley) 2, J. Howarth (Worsley) 3, B. Welsby 4, J. Freeman (Worsley) 5, F. Grundy (Worsley) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 51 mins.: H. Elke 1, E. Day 2, L. Fidler 3, F. Bacon (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, H. Day 7, W. Croft (conductor) 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Cramp 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Neve 3, W. Tickner 4, C. Tribe 5, L. Honess 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8.—Recently, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,925 changes): Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. E. Pitman 3, W. Tickner 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8. Composed by L. Head.—Also 504 in same method.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Sunday, for morning service, the society rang 1,000 changes of Stedman Caters. Mr. Waghorn, aged 83, of London, taking part, and proved himself a veteran of the Exercise.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors). The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5. and tea at 5.30. All visitors welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members).—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 (unveiling of first peal board). Tea to follow.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Owing to its importance, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 4th. The bells will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford. Tea at 5. We hope all who possibly can will try and attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, July 4th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells), tenor 12 cwt., ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, about 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Treas., 'Leamwood,' Dore, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Swanage, on Saturday, July 4, from 2.30 to 7.30, and at Wareham from 8 to 9 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 6th, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1537).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; St. Magnus the 9th and 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral the 14th; Southwark the 21st; *St. Mary le Bow the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 7th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by July 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 11th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Darvill.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by July 7th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty on Saturday, 11th July. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 bells). St. Mary's, Swansea (8 bells), and St. Catherine's, Gorseinon (8 bells), also available. Service 3 p.m., preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at 4.30 p.m. by kind invitation of Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart. Meeting to follow. Please notify me by 4th July, without fail, number to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, July 11th. Buses leave Royston at 1 o'clock and 3.20 p.m., returning at 5 o'clock and 7.55 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea at 1/- each should inform Mr. W. Mansfield, Church End, Barley, near Royston, not later than Thursday July 9th.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 11th. Tea will be provided for those who advise me not later than July 8th. (Bells 8.) Meeting after tea. The foundry bells will also be available after 7 o'clock onwards. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Cranford on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 7th?—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, July 11th, bells available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service at 4.15, tea afterwards. All ringers cordially welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th?—T. Tebbitt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton, on July 11th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Intending visitors should notify me, in order that adequate tea arrangements can be made.—J. T. Dyke, Branch Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton, on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45; short meeting follows tea. The following bells will be available on that date: Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), from 3 till 4.30; Enford (6), Upavon (6), from 6 till 8; Marden (5) Chirton (5), from 8 till 9.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Midsummer meeting will be held at Laxton, Saturday, July 11th (Tuxford or Dukeries Junction Stations). Bells (6) will be ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Dove Court Inn at 5 p.m., 1/6 per head for those who notify Mrs. Price. Dove Court Inn, not later than July 8th. Members please note this is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet, on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hadley (8) will probably be available during the evening.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 18th (not 11th) as intended. Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Prittlewell (10 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2/6 members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant cheap tickets from any station in the Diocese. The G.W.R. will grant return tickets for single fare from any station in the Diocese on application for same 'to attend Bell Ringers' Festival.'—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting in the Infants' School at 3 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Will visitors who wish to ring early let Mr. G. Aitkins, 125, Cher, Minehead, know the time they wish to ring.

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TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS' OUTING.

The Truro Cathedral ringers held their annual outing on Whit Monday. The ringers, with their wives and friends, numbering about 40, left Truro at 7.30 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop being made at Lanivet. This church contains a light ring of eight, lately augmented from six. Touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. The next stop was Liskeard, where the ring of eight were found to 'go' rather stiffly, and after a short time the bells were lowered, and a ride of eight miles brought the party to the beautiful old church at St. Germans. This church was originally attached to a monastery of Austin Canons, founded here in 1050 by Bishop Leofric. The ring of eight (six of which were cast in 1775, and two added in 1913) were found to be an excellent peal, the 'go' and tone of which are perfect. Touches of Grandsire Triples were again rung. The next stop was at Looe, where the afternoon was spent by the sea, and, after tea, the party visited Fowey. The handy ring of eight were set going, and 336 Grandsire Triples brought round. The last stop was made at St. Austell, where the church contains eight fine-toned bells (tenor 19½ cwt.). The 'go' is excellent, and touches of Triples were brought round. Truro was reached again at 10.30 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and those who made the trip such a success.

EALING.—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, at Christ Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Burton 1, G. Harbour 2, E. W. Elwell 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollops (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Mr. Elwell is the hon. secretary to the Chester Diocesan Guild.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor: S. Gregory 1, J. Key 2, W. J. Cope 3, A. Bowler, senr., 4, F. Cope, junr., 5, F. Cope, senr., 6, J. H. Gallimore 7, A. Bowler, junr., 8. Rung on the 82nd anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the 2nd. Mr. Key was heartily congratulated by his brother ringers.

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