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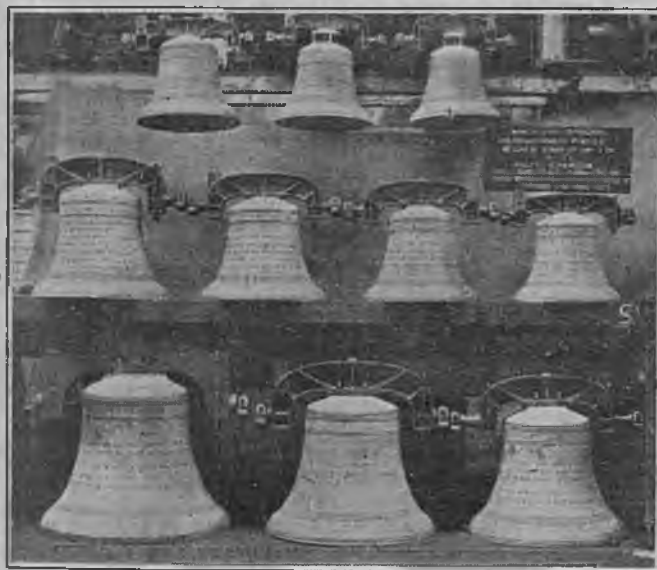
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FATE OF CITY BELLS.

It is probable that the proposals for the demolition of a number of city churches and the disposal of their sites will be advanced a considerable step further when Parliament reassembles in the autumn. The House of Lords has already approved, and the House of Commons will, in the coming session, be asked to approve of a Measure setting up the machinery by which the scheme can be carried out. 'The Union of Benefices and Disposal of Churches (Metropolis) Measure, 1926,' details the procedure to be followed when schemes are framed and it authorises the disposal of church property and the application of funds thus acquired when such schemes, after passing through the various stages, have received the approval of His Majesty in Council. For the purposes of the Measure the 'Metropolis' is defined as including: eighteen Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of London; nine Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of Southwark, and three of the Rural Deaneries in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

When this Measure becomes law, one of the first things, presumably, will be a scheme for the demolition of the nineteen 'condemned' City Churches and the disposal of their sites. Upon the fate of these churches, as churches, ringers may have their own individual views; but with the fate of the bells which they contain the Exercise at large is directly concerned. Six years ago, when this particular scheme was first mooted, the Central Council, at Northampton, passed a resolution 'urging the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells.' This resolution misfired, because, as it afterwards transpired, it was forwarded to a committee which had ceased to exist. In 1923, at Salisbury, another resolution expressing the hope that no sanction would be given to any further demolition of churches in the city, designed by Wren, was shelved by 'the previous question,' largely on the ground that such a motion was outside the purview of the Council.

We are now approaching a time when London will, in all likelihood, be faced by a scheme under the Measure (unless, as is most improbable, it is defeated in the Commons). The City is perturbed about it, and the City Council has already raised its voice in opposition. As a collective body the Exercise may, perhaps, desire to leave the defence of the churches to others; but what of the bells? The scheme, as at present projected, leaves some of the towers standing, notably, from the ringers' point of view, St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, but does it follow that the bells will be left intact and available for ringing? Although the Measure specifically deals with

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the disposal of church plate and organs, bells are not particularly mentioned, but we may presume they are covered by the words 'furniture' and 'hereditaments,' and in that case can be dealt with in common with the bricks or the hassocks. The Central Council intervened in the case of Coventry bells; there is a ten-fold reason why they should take in hand the question of the City bells, to ensure that, in the case of those where it is proposed to demolish the towers as well as the churches, the bells, even if recast, are re-erected in churches where they can be used for their original purpose; and, in the towers which are to remain, that they continue to be available for use, and that means are provided for their upkeep, or that, alternatively, these, too, may go to other churches where they can be utilised. Unless some steps are taken in time to secure these ends it is possible that many of the London bells may be lost in the wholesale clearance which is contemplated, and we urge the Central Council, not only to keep in touch with all that is going forward in this direction, but to take such action as will enable them to safeguard the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN LEE Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN F. GALYER 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
*HERBERT J. SKELT 3	*AMOS W. CLARK 7
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Frank E. Darby (a member of the Beddington Society) to Miss Salter, of Carshalton.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

LIONEL J. COLLUM Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

It was intended to ring Cambridge, but one of the band having to work, the treble man at the last moment kindly filled the vacant place, and rang his first peal of Stedman.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. BASTON Treble	FRED BIRKS 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ALBERT G. HUNY 6
THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	*BENJAMIN ROBBINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal, and belongs to the local band. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, W. J. Baston kindly taking part and making up the band.

CADOXTON.—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: H. Matthews 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, C. Lake 3, D. J. Lewis 4, G. I. Lewis 5, P. Lake (first quarter) 6.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bertholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN PARKER Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
JOHN MATTHEWS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN LEE Treble	AMOS W. CLARK 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
JOHN F. GALYER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

The conductor's 100th peal for the above association.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*HAROLD EASTOE Treble	J. BENJAMIN BODD 5
HERBERT I. MINGAY 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN KING Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 5
*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*MISS C. E. HEPBURN 3	SAMUEL BORDITT 7
HARRY BAXTER 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

* First peal in the method.

HORNINGS HEATH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	JAMES BETTS 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6
ALBERT HARRISON 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
*ALPHAEUS BERRY 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

* Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* 200th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
WALTER MALINS 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	*FRANK CORKE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JOSEPH MILNER 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	WILLIAM A. WEBB 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung on the occasion of the 51st birthday of Mr. Harry Withers.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY Treble	*PERCIVAL R. POPE 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
*DAVID HEATHCOCK 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
†WILFRED FULLWOOD 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. After the peal, the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. B. Fullwood, whose hospitality was very much appreciated.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED RICHELL Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
RIGINALD THRIFT 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
ARTHUR HEAD 4	*HARRY SHARPPINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal on eight and a member of the local band. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings, and the 'go' is very good. The ringers thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for entertaining them at the Vicarage to a splendid tea after the peal. Messrs. Lincoln (2) hail from Whittle, Head and Thrift from Chelmsford, Green and Ricell and Dr. Spencer Phillips from Great Baddow.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEDDARD Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	HAROLD V. COOPER 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	*HARRY PARKER 5
*GEORGE VERNON 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*CYRIL VALENTINE 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 107). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Oxford. † First of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SUMMERS Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
WALTER T. BENNETT 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
*FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal of London Minor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY WIBBERLEY ... Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
ARTHUR W. HALL 2	THOMAS HILDITCH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

A. W. Hall hails from Cheadle (R.C.), T. Hurd and T. Hilditch from Burslem, the rest from Norton.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Burslem, on Saturday, a date touch of 1,926 changes of Minor was rung. It comprised 126 changes of Ipswich, 240 each of Cambridge, Violet and Woodbine, and 360 each of Duke of York, Kent and Oxford, and was rung in 1 hour and 6 min. by: John Barker 1, John E. Wheelton 2, John Cartledge 3, Arthur W. Hall 4, Thomas Hurd 5, Thomas Hilditch 6. This is the first date touch by ringers 1, 3 and 5, who hail from Cheadle (R.C.). Arranged and conducted by John E. Wheelton.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE 4
CYRIL POOLEY 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ERNEST KIMM 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. With this peal, six members of the Buxton company, under the instruction of Mr. Duffield, have now rung their first peals, all at the first attempt.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	*FRED G. CLARK 5
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal in the method inside. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ronald Russell, one of the local ringers. The band wish to tender him their sincere thanks for the kind way in which he and his mother entertained them after the peal.

THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

For the third year in succession, a joint meeting of the above associations was held at Waltham Abbey, and again proved an attraction, some 40 ringers being present. From about 3.30 until 5, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Stedman Cinques were rung, and although age, represented by Mr. Joe Rayner, of St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, did not join in the ringing, youth, represented by the young enthusiast in knickerbockers from Woodford, was not at all backward, and succeeded in ringing a good touch in the last-named method, which should stimulate him to further success in the art. Tea was served at the Green Dragon, and in spite of the service being slow it was none the less sure, and everybody enjoyed a nice meal.

As usual, there was no business, but Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association) read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex Association) and Mr. F. A. Milne (president, Middlesex Association).

The hon. secretary of the latter association (Mr. C. T. Colest) spoke of the objects of the meetings, stating that the continued support given to them was a sure sign of their being appreciated. He was exceedingly pleased to see Joe Rayner with them again, in spite of his 90 odd years, and hoped he would be enjoying those meetings when he was 100.

Mr. F. J. Pittow (general secretary, Essex Association) said that he quite agreed with the objects of those joint gatherings, and he hoped they would be extended. The Essex Association had held joint meetings with neighbouring societies in other parts of their area, and it was all for the good of ringing.—Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association) also welcomed the ringers present.

After a good touch of Stedman Cinques had been rung, a well-struck course of Cambridge Maximus, arranged for the benefit of the Saffron Walden contingent, was brought round, and the proceedings were brought to a close with more Stedman Cinques, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and rounds on twelve for the boys, who, it is hoped, will next year be able to take part in something better. Mr. W. Pye proved himself a good ringing master, and saw to it that all were served, and in this he was ably assisted by 'Brother Bob' and other well-known ringers.

THE RECENT BOW BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As another 'juvenile' who, unfortunately(?), did not hear Mr. Roughton's broadcast lecture on July 31st, and its accompaniment, but has heard quite a lot about the latter, may I point out to fellow-members of the College Youths directly concerned that such a badly staged affair as this appears to have been does not enhance the dignity of the society, and even brings ridicule upon members who were quite innocent with regard to it?

Perhaps the 'Noble Scroof' now find the ordeal at Bow 'a little too much' for them; if so, it wouldn't be a bad idea if they 'sublet' these jobs. Recent events have proved that there are quite a number of people in London capable of dealing with really big undertakings at Bow, and who would not therefore be expected to come to grief over simple ones.

I enclose my name for reference, if required.—Yours faithfully,

'COFFEE POT.'

THE SOMERSET 'BAG.'

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE W. STEERE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
RONALD T. BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method and of Major on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 8, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN A. COLE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

First peal of Major on the bells.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 9, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 850th peal.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
PRYCE TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

* REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	* FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

REV. CAN. G. COLERIDGE ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, in Three Hours & Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
* OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* 350th peal. First in the method on the bells.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

REV. CAN. G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
PRYCE TAYLOR 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
* JOHN A. COLE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
* FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

JAMES HUNT Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
* FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	ALFRED H. PULLING 9
GEORGE W. STEERE 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* 100th peal.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.
MORE ABOUT OLDHAM AND ASHTON.
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.**

During the time Jonathan Wild lived at Stockport he rang at St. Mary's. In 1817 a new peal of eight was put up in that church, and the bells were opened with a prize ringing match. There were four prizes, and eight bands competed. The first prize of fourteen guineas went to the senior Mottram band. Oldham were second and won eight guineas. The Parish Church band from Manchester third, and won six guineas. The Mottram juniors fourth, and won four guineas. The Oldham men's peal took two hours, forty-nine minutes and eighteen seconds. As the tenor was 25 cwt., this was quick ringing, probably too quick to get the best effect from the bells; but, as a matter of comparison, I may mention that a couple of years ago we rang a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's, Westminster, tenor 26 cwt., in 2 hours 48 mins. That was done without any deliberate intention of ringing a fast peal. Wild taught a local band to ring Grandsire Triples, and called the first peal for them in that method.

Shortly before he died, Wild was allowed to return to Ashton, and there he was buried. There, too, are buried all the others of the band that rang in the Flixton match, one in St. Peter's Churchyard, the rest in St. Michael's. Two only of the graves are marked with tombstones. That of Aaron Walker, who rang the fifth at Flixton, has a bell and rope carved on it and the following inscription:—

'To perpetuate the memory of Aaron Walker, who died January 30th, 1851, aged seventy-six years, twelve days, and was interred on the fifth of February following. He had been a ringer at this church fifty-seven years, and had assisted in bringing round fifty-seven peals of 5,000 changes and two peals of 7,000 changes. He was the first man who rang the tenor bell of the said church single-handed in a peal of 5,000. He rung his last peal of 5,000 in his seventy-fifth year.

'No more thy hand shall ring thy favourite bell,
The ninth in St. Michael's, which none can excell;
Yet the bells of this church shall ring o'er thy clay,
As thy soul finds repose from life's troubled way.'

The other man who is commemorated with a tombstone is James Moss, who rang the seventh at Flixton.

'James Moss, sexton of this church fifty-three years, who after faithfully discharging the duties of the above situation, died April 18th, 1834, aged sixty-six years.

'Here lies an honest, inoffensive friend,
Peaceful in life and happy in his end,
Harmless in words and in his dealings just,
Constant to his friends and faithful to his trust.'

As would be expected, the match at Flixton intensified rather than allayed the rivalry between Oldham and Ashton, and attempts were made to arrange a further match for one hundred pounds, but it never came off. So great was the general feeling in Ashton against the Oldham ringers that if one of them ventured into the place he was promptly turned out of it by the indignant inhabitants.

Through the greater part of the nineteenth century there continued to be good bands and good ringing in

both places. At Oldham, on February 21st, 1821, was rung 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major in 7 hours 26 minutes. This was the composition of W. Eversfield, and was the longest peal at that time rung in the method. It was conducted by Joseph Newton, the conductor of the Flixton peal, and three others of that band—James Taylor, William Rigby and John Whitehead—also took part.

On October 24th, 1847, the Oldham men beat their long peal of Bob Major rung in 1784 by scoring 15,120 in 8 hours 46 minutes. Joseph Newton called this peal also. They did not know that in 1793 a still longer peal in the method, 15,360, had already been rung at Aston, Birmingham. This latter remains the record for Bob Major, except for James Barham's two peals rung at Leeds in Kent, viz., 20,160 in 1753, and 40,320 in 1761. These were rung by relays of ringers, and, of course, cannot count among the record peals.

At Ashton two long peals of Grandsire Caters were rung, the first on April 8th, 1844, 10,259 changes in 6 hours 10 minutes, conducted by W. Underwood; the second on January 1st, 1858, which was one lead longer and took two minutes less time. This was conducted by James Adams. On Friday, May 18th, 1883, the Ashton men rang at Mottram-in-Longdendale Thomas Day's 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 9 hours 48 minutes, at the time the longest peal rung in any method. It was conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood, who has since taken part in many other fine performances, including the 18,000, which, though it cannot rank as a peal, will stand in the history of ringing as one of those failures which only just fall short of the most brilliant successes.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

By studying the work of the three bells engaged in making a hob in Bob Doubles, as detailed last week, you will get to know the effect which a bob has upon the 'coursing order' of the bells. The 'coursing order' is the order in which the bells follow one another through a plain course, or between two bobs. For example, if the 5th is the observation bell, you will notice that, whereas, in the plain course the coursing order of the bells is 5, 3, 2, 4, after the first bob it is changed to 5, 2, 4, 3, and, after the second bob, to 5, 4, 3, 2.

To make yourself more proficient, make each of the other bells the observation bell. By comparing the alterations in coursing order and the bob lead ends, you will see that the transpositions are relatively exactly the same. Thus, if the 3rd is the 'observation,' the coursing order will be 3, 2, 4, 5 in the plain course, 3, 4, 5, 2 after the first bob, and 3, 5, 2, 4 after the second bob, reverting again to 3, 2, 4, 5 after the third.

A young conductor should be continually pricking out what he wishes to ring; this will teach him much more than all the explanations.

The first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the whole band at Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, was rung for practice on August 9th, and was a very creditable performance. The 1,316 changes were rung in 45 mins.: O. Torr 1, S. Walker 2, A. Ensor 3, T. Cooper 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Winchcombe 6, H. Mortimer (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8.

SANDIACRE.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Thornley 1, W. Halford 2, W. R. Drage 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.
HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: W. Blee 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, J. Thomas 3, H. Blee 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

A special article on York Minster Bells, with illustrations, will be a feature of our issue next week.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Whitwell on Saturday, when ringers from Carisbrooke, Chale, Freshwater, Godshill, Newport and Ryde were met and welcomed by the Rev. J. C. Orr and the local band. The bells were raised in peal, and ringing commenced with 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. O. Rymer (Whitwell) 1, A. Brading (Ryde) 2, H. Phillips (Godshill) 3, B. J. Snow (Ryde) 4, H. Barton (Ventnor, conductor) 5, A. R. Ward (Ryde) 6. The touch was arranged and conducted by the District Master as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. Touches and courses of Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, also Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Double Court were then rung, in the course of which several probationary members rang their first course, and others their first 120.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. The ringers were then entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Orr, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, R.D., Vicar of Freshwater, and president of the district, occupied the chair.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, November 27th, also a combined practice meeting at Newport on Thursday, September 30th, at 6 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Orr for their kind hospitality. Some of the ringers then indulged in a game of bowls on the Vicarage lawn, whilst others returned to the church and made good use of the bells.

DEATH OF A SHROPHAM RINGER.

On August 7th, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the death occurred of Mr. Wilfrid Allen, of Shropham. About three months ago Mr. Allen developed throat trouble, and this has resulted in his untimely decease at the early age of 44, leaving a widow and two young children to mourn their loss.

Deceased was well known and respected, and had held offices in connection with the Loyal Provident Lodge of Oddfellows, also as chairman of the Parish Council of Rockland All Saints, where he had lived for several years. He had also been district councillor for

his native village of Shropham. It is worthy of note that since the war Mr. Allen succeeded in training, unaided, a company of method ringers as far as three five-bell methods at Rockland All Saints.

Residing in a district where ringing on the higher numbers is very scarce, Mr. Allen's peals, of which he rang eight for the Norfolk Guild, were confined to Doubles and Minor. His enthusiasm, however, for ringing was none the less keen and very unselfish. He was always willing to stand in or to give place to anyone who was anxious for a pull.

The funeral took place at Shropham Cemetery, on Wednesday, August 11th, the minister officiating being the Rev. Bulman Fleming, Rector of Rockland St. Peter, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Watson. The coffin was borne to its last resting-place by deceased's fellow-ringers, who afterwards rang muffled touches as a last tribute of respect to an old comrade.

A NEW TREBLE AT SIMPSON, BUCKS.

An interesting event took place on Sunday, July 25th, at Simpson, Bucks, when a new treble was dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham (Right Rev. P. H. Eliot, D.D.), who for his address took a text from the Gospel of the day, 'I am among you as he that serveth.' He pointed out how the bells in our churches fulfilled this mission, and how our lives must bear out the truth we ring. Let our work be done to the glory of God. By regular attendance in church, by constant practice in perfecting our art, and by an honourable life, each would indeed show himself 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed' in the service of the Master.

Immediately after the dedication a few rounds were rung by the local band. After the service a touch of 240 Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the local company: H. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, R. C. Underwood 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. The ringers and visitors then adjourned to the Rectory for tea, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. J. T. Lawson) and Mrs. Lawson. An enjoyable hour was spent, and afterwards the ringers again ascended the tower, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, were brought round.

The new treble is by Messrs. A. Howell and Son, of Ipswich. It is in perfect harmony with the old five, and the 'go' is excellent. Messrs. Howell are to be congratulated on the excellent 'splice' they have made. Simpson now possesses one of the handiest rings of six in North Bucks, the tenor, of 7 dwts. 1 gr. 7 lb., in A flat, having been cast in 1630 by James Keene, of Woodstock.

On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, the first on the bells, was rung by: H. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, R. C. Underwood 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd and the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The re-opening of the bells and dedication of new ones at Penwortham, Lancs, will take place on Saturday, September 11th. The cost of the entire work is being defrayed by local Freemasons, and it is hoped the opening ringing will be carried out by a Masonic band. In this respect the whole scheme is really unique in the annals of church bells and church-bell ringing. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It had been proposed to attempt the record peal of Stedman Caters at Leeds, Kent, on Saturday, September 4th, but the event has now been indefinitely postponed.

Members of the College Youths should note the change of venue of the meeting on Tuesday. It will be at Bow, instead of Cornhill. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Thursday is cancelled.

John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the first true peal ever rung, was performed at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 26th, 1718.

One hundred and fifty years ago next Thursday, the College Youths rang 10,640 Bob Major, in 6 hrs. 31 mins., at Mortlake.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Caters, 'the second peal ever performed in the method,' on August 23rd, 1788; it is described in their peal book as '5,184 Grandsire Caters on Stedman's Principle.' It was composed and conducted by John Reeves, and George Gross and William Shipway were in the band.

Henry Hubbard, who was born on August 25th, 1807, took part in a peal on August 24th, 1868, at Guiseley, Yorks, in which the united ages of the band were said to total 553 years. If, however, the above date of his birth is correct, then the aggregate of years falls short of the figure given by three.

The record of the peal was published in 'Bell's Life,' and his age was there given as 64 years 5 months, whereas, if he was born in 1807, he could have been only 61.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob was 'rung in masterly style in 3 hrs. 4 mins. 30 secs.' by J. Hanson, Huddersfield, aged 78 years, 1; J. Kendal, Otley, 73 years 2 months, 2; C. Isles, Leeds, 74 years 3 months, 3; W. Senior, Earlsheaton, 68 years 4 months, 4; H. Hubbard, Leeds, formerly of Norwich, 64 years 5 months, 5; T. Dawson, Bradford, 62 years 6 months, 6; J. Illingworth, Bradford, 66 years, 7; W. Dumblicton, Pudsey, 63 years, tenor.

COVENTRY BELLS.

The record of all the steps taken by the hon. secretary of the Central Council in the efforts made to preserve Coventry bells has now been published in a neatly printed and nicely bound volume, which Mr. Young has compiled and circulated to the members of the Council and others interested.

As an introduction, there is a short description of the Cathedral and the bells, and the whole of the correspondence, which was very voluminous, is given in chronological order. There are extracts from articles in 'The Ringing World,' together with a reprint of the proceedings before the Consistory Court, and the whole makes an interesting volume which places on record for all time the valuable work which Mr. Young did in his endeavour to save these famous bells.

DEATH OF ILMINSTER'S OLDEST RINGER

The Ilminster ringers have lost a faithful member in Mr. Henry Raison, better known to his friends as 'Harry,' who died on Saturday, August 7th, from heart trouble. He had been a ringer for 52 years. He was not a great peal ringer, having stood in four peals only, his last being on May 10th, 1924, which was rung to celebrate his completion of 50 years' ringing, but he was a most regular service ringer, and during the past 38 years, since when the writer had been associated with him, had seldom missed a service or practice, and was hardly ever late. He was always to be found at the 'back end,' and was just the kind of ringer it is difficult to replace in these days when there are so many counter-attractions.

He came to Ilminster in 1892, and joined the local band. Previous to that he rang at Puckington (about three miles out), where he was born.

He leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son who is following in his father's footsteps, having taken up ringing in 1898, and is now ringing at Trowbridge.

The bells at Ilminster were rung muffled for the funeral.

MR. F. W. ROGERS' 100 PEALS.

With the peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil, on August 14th, Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsmouth, reached his 100th peal. A peal of Cambridge Major at Mere the previous afternoon was his 50th Surprise peal.

Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 18, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Double Norwich Major 13, Cambridge Surprise Major 14, Superlative Surprise Major 16 (conducted 1), London Surprise Major 15, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 4, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 2; total 100. Rung in 10 counties, 51 towers, for 7 associations.

SCIENTIFIC REPAIR OF BELLS.

By C. W. BRETT

(Managing Director, Barimar, Ltd., Scientific Welding Engineers).

It is only during the last few years that there has been any scientific method of restoring cracked, broken or damaged bells; indeed, there are still many bell-ringers and carillonneurs who consider that the only procedure whereby rehabilitation can be achieved is by recasting.

Now, there may be several objections to this means of repair. It involves, for example, an expenditure which is usually quite unnecessary; it sometimes entails the dismantling of a whole peal, and the carrying out of structural alterations to the belfry. It is time-wasting. Then, again, in the case of historic bells or those possessing sentimental value, there is something unpleasing in the idea of recasting. The bell as it was is gone, and in its place is a replica having the appearance of, and suggesting, newness.

It is not easy to convey the actual feelings aroused when an ancient bell is taken from the place where it has hung for perhaps 400 years and is unceremoniously flung into a patent furnace or crucible. It is difficult, too, when the bell is delivered from a one-ton Ford lorry to recognize the 'sweet-toned tenore' made by Roger Datcherde, 1642, or some renowned founder of bygone days.

The art of the bell-ringers is to a large extent bound up with sentiment, so that—quite apart from economic considerations—anything that jars on the feelings may well give place to a method which does 'less violence' to the sensibilities, especially when its employment means a rapid, economic and absolutely efficient repair.

The question of interest to all ringers is, therefore: How can fractured or damaged bells be restored so as to retain their purity of tone? The answer is by scientific welding.

AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE.

Now, without attempting to deal with the matter from a metallurgical or severely technical point of view, the following instance may serve to prove that bell-repair is simply a question of handling the problem scientifically and in accordance with the latest discoveries.



THE BROKEN BELL REFERRED TO IN THE ARTICLE.

The accompanying illustration shows a bell which is over three hundred years old. Its sentimental value was quite beyond computation on a pounds, shillings and pence basis, and those interested were averse from having it recast. A nobleman, who had seen similar restorations carried out on the Continent, suggested that the advice and opinion of a welding expert might be sought. His report being favourable, the work was put in hand without delay. At a cost of a few pounds the bell was restored to the 'ring' in just under three days. Not only was the appearance entirely satisfactory, showing no signs of having been repaired at all, but, after tuning, the tone was found to be true and perfect.

The authorities, as might be expected, were not only delighted with the job, but were astounded by the efficiency of modern metallurgical methods. The restoration was voted a positive engineering triumph.

In France, Belgium, Germany, and the Continent generally, the employment of scientific welding for this and similar purposes is by no means exceptional, and details of innumerable cases of successful bell restoration could be gathered which prove that ancient difficulties have given way before the march of modern science.

After all, there is nothing fantastic in the idea that that which has been fabricated by heat should be amenable to high temperature treatment at the hands of experts. The problem, actually, is fairly simple, and the solution is merely a question of using a selected fusive agent suitable to the purpose in hand, the utilization of the services of qualified and competent craftsmen, acting under the direction of a metallurgical specialist, who has made the high temperature treat-

ment of modern metals his special study, and the use of up-to-date apparatus giving complete control of temperatures ranging between 1,000 and 6,000 degrees Fahr.

SILENT PEALS.

There are, in this country, a very large number of peals which cannot be rung because one or more bells have been cracked or damaged, and the cost of recasting involves a larger cash expenditure than those interested feel justified in incurring, and, as we have already said, there are many among those who are responsible for the maintenance of Church fabric who, owing to a natural fear that bells of great age and enormous antiquarian value may be injured by submission to a form of treatment which is relatively new, refrain from considering the claims of welding.

To all such we would say that, so great have been the strides made in welding practice during recent years, there is now scarcely an industrial metal which does not come within the scope of this unique process of metallic reconstruction.

There is, however, one point of vital importance: the excellence of the method adopted can never counterbalance lack of knowledge and skill on the part of the operator. Scientific welding is not child's play: actually it is an extremely technical process which, in the hands of incompetent craftsmen, can do infinite damage, not only to bells but to high-grade plant and machinery of every description, used for whatsoever purpose.



THE SAME BELL REPAIRED BY SCIENTIFIC WELDING.

Now, regarded in the light of modern knowledge, there is no ineluctable mystery in bell-founding; the metals or alloys used are familiar to all metallurgists; the methods employed are no longer secret; every operation and stage in fabrication is well known to those whose business it is to deal with each and every problem which arises from the employment of metal in any capacity and for any purpose.

From this point of view, then, the devotee to the 'Exercise' or the celebrated carillonneur need have no fear in entrusting the restoration of his 'ring' to the welding specialist. His only concern need be: Is this man an expert? If proofs can be adduced to show that he is the safety of the bell or peal is assured; if no evidence of competence is forthcoming, there is no hope for an efficient restoration.

SCIENTIFIC TESTS.

Welding, which embraces no fewer than six regularly used processes, is a very simple affair, so simple, indeed, that many mechanics armed with a 'torch' and unlimited confidence advertise themselves as welders. Fortunately for them, but unfortunately for the prestige and progress of scientific welding, it is difficult, if not impossible, to distinguish between good and bad welding by superficial examination. This has compelled the specialist to devise and adopt elaborate and rigorous workshop and laboratory tests calculated to reveal instantly such faults as are commonly observed in the work of untrained operators. These include the employment of 'X' rays, radio-metallographs, and photo-micrography, and other reliable means of ascertaining the soundness of the work executed.

It cannot fail to be of interest to all concerned with metallic recreations to know that these tests prove that in something like ninety-five per cent. of the work undertaken by unqualified craftsmen, or qualified craftsmen employing an unsuitable process, the following defects are almost invariably detected: Cold shuts, hard beads, oxidation, distortion, injury to crystalline structure of parent metal, loss of specific physical qualities, warping, out of alignment, burning defects arising from wrong thermal preparation, the use of unsuitable 'filling' metal, overheating or underheating, etc.

Now, any one of these is sufficient to reduce the efficiency of any metal to a negligible quantity, and, in the case of bell repairs, to rob the unit of every quality it possesses. You cannot preserve tone,

you cannot retain true pitch by guesswork. Either a man knows precisely what he is about, when he tackles any problem in practical metallurgy, or he is groping blindly in the twilight of ignorance.

The bell-ringer, however, will not fail to see the folly of entrusting 'his cherished treble,' or any other valuable bell, to the experimental operations of the optimist. The man to undertake the work is he whose experience enables him to speak authoritatively on all questions and cases of metallic reconstruction.

WELDING PROBLEMS.

As has been indicated above, the mere junction of metals is the least difficult part of welding; indeed, to unite broken members by any of the fusive agents now commonly used is an almost inevitable result of exposure to high temperature. No special knowledge is required, no particular training is necessary. It is, in a sense, 'any fool's job,' and any fool's job is generally lacking in every desirable quality.

No man can reasonably call himself a specialist unless he is capable of dealing with each and all of the problems which arise in all cases of metallic reconstructions. This naturally does not refer merely to any one class of work, such as bell-repair. Welding specialization, nowadays, means the ability to deal successfully, and in a manner which will yield 100 per cent. efficiency, with all industrial metals.

The operator who cannot deal with modern ferrous composites, and the high-speed alloy series comprising steels containing varying proportions or combinations of zirconium, molybdenum, vanadium, tungsten, chromium, nickel, manganese, titanium, cobalt, etc., is not the man to attempt bell-repairs, simply because the restoration of peals is insufficient of itself to maintain any firm of welders in existence.

But probably enough has been said to indicate that scientific welding represents the solution of the problem of the economic upkeep (or restoration) of 'rings.' It should be borne in mind, however, that no claims are put forward on behalf of the process itself. Frankly, welding, apart from skill and experience, is just as likely to ruin a peal as it is to rehabilitate it. Its actual value consists in the competent application of the appropriate process, and not in the merits of the method.

We have written at some length upon this subject, because, if ever there existed a test for the potentialities of welding, it is to be found in its applicability to bell-construction. It has, as records will show, survived this test, so that the only question remaining for those interested in the art of bell-ringing is the selection of an expert to 'give music to the silent tongue.'

Any and every bell can be restored, but the restoration emphatically implies the services of the acknowledged specialist.

INGOLDSBY LEGENDS.

WAS THEIR AUTHOR A RINGER?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst re-reading my beloved 'Ingoldsby Legends' for the 'nth' time, the idea came to me that their author, the Rev. Richard Harris Barham ('Thomas Ingoldsby') must have been acquainted with technical terms of the Exercise, if not, indeed, an active participant.

About 1812 he was curate of Ashford, Kent, '21 Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, '24 Priest in Ordinary to the Chapel Royal, and, later, incumbent of two more churches in the capital; so, therefore, he must have known his ecclesiastical London well. Let us examine portions of 'The Legends':—

THE WEDDING DAY.

'Spare we to tell of . . .

The toot-toot-toot,
Of the tabour and flute,
Of the white-wigged Vicar's prolonged salute;
Or of how the blithe "College Youths"—rather, old stagers—
Accustomed for years to pull bell ropes for wagers,
Rang faster than ever their "triple bob majors,"
So loud as to charm ye,
At once and alarm ye,
"Symbolic," of course, of that rank in the army.'

Or, again:

Ah! well aday!
Little deem they,
Poor ignorant dears! The bells ringing away
Are anything else than mere parish bells,
Or that each of them, should we go into its history,
Is but a "Symbol" of some deeper mystery—
That the clappers and ropes
Are mere practical tropes
Of "trumpets" and "tongues" and of "preachers" and popes,"
etc., etc.

There are two other stanzas amongst the 'legends,' but space forbids my mentioning them. Are there any records to the fact that the Rev. R. H. Barham was a ringer? Presumably in the above it should read 'Treble Bob.'

F. A. Y.

Baghdad,
July 19th, 1926.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Presteign District Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Old Radnor on Saturday, August 7th. Ringing commenced at four o'clock. The Guild form of service was, later, held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Markham Evans. Tea was prepared in the schoolroom, and was kindly given by the Vicar and Mrs. Evans. Twenty-three members were present.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the Vicar presiding. The district secretary (Mr. J. Preece) reported combined practices, held on June 12th, at Wigmore, when twenty-four members were present from five towers, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and on July 10th, at Weobley, seventeen members being present from twelve towers (including Mr. C. Edwards, Guild ringing master), and Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Treble Bob Minor rung.

It was decided to hold monthly practices at Eardisland in September and Presteign in October, and the autumn quarterly meeting at Kingston in November, each meeting to be on the second Saturday in the month if possible.

The Vicar and Mrs. Evans were accepted as hon. members, being transferred from Clifford district.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and Mrs. Evans for their kindness in providing tea, and to the Vicar for taking the service.

The tower was again visited, where ringing was kept up until nearly nine o'clock, Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor being rung. Six towers were represented, and three unattached members were also present.

The church, dedicated to St. Stephen, contains a ring of six fine-toned bells, with tenor about 16 cwt. It is situated on the extreme edge of the diocese of Hereford.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Toddington, on Saturday. It was the first meeting held at this place for many years, owing to the tower being considered unsafe, but extensive repairs have now been finished, and members look forward to many pleasant visits. The church, dedicated to St. George, stands on one of the highest points in the county, and is a landmark for miles round. The bells are a very fine peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), and were a pleasant surprise to many of the younger members, who had never heard them. Some excellent ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, comprising Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, this being the first Surprise ringing ever done on these bells.

Tea was held at the Sow and Pigs Hotel. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. Ring (chairman of the branch), supported by the priest in charge of the parish (during the absence of the Rector on holiday), and members from Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Bedford, Barton Le Clay, Woburn, Husbome Crawley, Linslade, and Apsley.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Husbome Crawley, in a few weeks' time.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Toddington, and the local men for having everything in readiness. Several of the Toddington ringers took the greatest interest in the visit, and it is hoped they may take up change ringing in the near future.

In the evening the ringing concluded with a good course of Cambridge and the lowering of the bells in peal, which made an excellent ending. A course of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells in the village street evoked lively interest among the crowd which began to gather.

TWO PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By F. BENNETT, BRIGHTON.

5040				5760			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—	43652	—	—	—
46532	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—
58234	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—
				35426	—	—	—
				23456	—	—	—

This last composition contains the 6th five courses wrong and the extent at home. It can be reduced to 5,040 by omitting the three hobs at home bracketed.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

A 'BAG' OF TWELVE PEALS IN AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

By G.W.S.

The Ringing Tour last week in Somerset, although at first dampened by the accident which resulted in Mrs. Pulling being detained in hospital at Sherborne, resulted in a successful and an enjoyable time being spent, twelve peals being rung.

Another ringing week has come and gone. Spoken of in whispers at the conclusion of our tour last year as a vague possibility, it gradually took definite shape until a complete programme was set forth, comprising some fourteen towers. Mr. G. Pullinger was prevented from joining us at the last moment owing to his wife failing with appendicitis, and Mr. E. P. Duffield's business ties kept him at home. Wrington was our headquarters for the first part of the week.

On arrival there, a telegram from Mr. Pulling, stating that he had had a motor-cycle smash and his wife was injured, caused a great cloud of regret and disappointment to spread over us. The message also told us to carry on with the programme until he was able to join us.

The last of the ringers arrived at Wrington about 4 p.m., the time the first peal of the tour on the grand ring of ten at this church was supposed to start. Kent Treble Bob Royal was the method originally decided on for this tower, but owing to the enforced absence of our conductor we had to make an attempt for Major instead. Oliver undertook the job of calling the bobs, and made a good start for the tour, bringing the bells round after 3 hrs. and 40 mins. of music. It was at the second attempt, however, for three successive bobs in the first instance brought the initial effort to a standstill after about half an hour. That our ringing gave pleasure outside the tower as well as in it is evident by the following extract from a letter received by a member of the company from a lady visitor to the village, who resides in Canada, and is shortly returning to that country:—

'It was a great happiness to listen to the bells, and last night I went over to the church and stood under the tower to hear the sweet clashing! It delights me and never tires, also it will be a sweet memory when I am back in my own cold country. I never expect to see lovely England again.'

It may be mentioned here that this lady listened to the whole peal, and her letter indicates the affection people in the colonies have for the church bells in their homeland.

At night Major Hesse, who is, incidentally, a native of Wrington, took some of us out to show us the haunts of his boyhood. The remains of a tree, on which forty men were hanged in Judge Jeffreys' time, was pointed out to us; then some went further, and others who were feeling footsore stayed where they were to await their return. Unfortunately, our guide lost his bearings, and after groping our way through a narrow and overgrown lane, he was forced to admit that we should have to retrace our steps. The hour being in the neighbourhood of eleven p.m., it was decided that this was the best course to adopt. The bell founder, however, seemed rather to enjoy the joke, as he said he came with us for the purpose of getting his weight down a bit.

On Sunday morning we rang for service, and all but two went into the church. I won't disclose who the black sheep were, but it was glorious on the Mendips in the region of Burrington Combe that morning. Our friend lost about five pounds in weight while hill-climbing on this journey alone.

At Clevedon, in the afternoon, we rang Superlative, and Mr. Sippetts again had the privilege of saying, 'This is all.' Right well did he take the place of Alfred. Rain interfered with what might have been a pleasant evening here, so we returned to headquarters looking forward to the good fare we knew would be placed before us.

On Monday, we made our way to Weston-super-Mare, where we met 'old Alf' for the first time since his spill. He had been conveyed hither by Clarence Dobbie, his own bus being out of action. We learned with some satisfaction that Mrs. Pulling, although badly hurt, was making satisfactory progress. A peal of London was successful here. Thence to Wincoburne, where a somewhat hurried peal of Cambridge, owing to the 'go' of the bells, was brought round. We were met at this place by Mr. G. R. Fardon, of London, who is recuperating in the district after his long illness.

At Congresbury, known locally as 'Coomsbury,' Stedman Triples was the order for Tuesday morning. After ringing an hour, a mix-up caused another start to be made, and this time we did the job as it was expected of us. After four hours and a half on this lumpy peal (the tenor is 35 cwt.) we were ready for our lunch. We were supposed to go to Wraxall for a peal in the afternoon, but, as so much time had been taken up in the morning and we were to ring at Wrington in the evening, it was decided to just visit the tower to sample the bells and come away again. Mr. Taylor, who so very kindly put his car at the disposal of the band throughout the week, took some of us on first to find the road, as he was not sure of his ground, but Mr. Dyke, a native of the county, said he would show Dobbie a quicker way across country, as he had noticed a signpost pointing in that direction earlier in the day. The short cut was all right to start with, but after a mile or so it developed into nothing more than grass track just wide enough to accommodate a motor-cycle and sidecar outfit. First of all Dobbie, with Alf at his side and Popsie behind, got stuck in a rut. After extricating him, we made a little more

strenuous progress, when Joe had to pull up to move a lump of brushwood out of the path. By this time both passengers in the rear machine thought it would be safer to be on their feet. Then came a very sharp decline, down which it took Joe all his time to prevent the bike running away with us. This doesn't sound much, but when you consider that no one knew what lay round the next corner, it was a different proposition, especially when there was a possibility of pushing those bikes up that hill again. On pulling up, I went in front to reconnoitre, and as no further obstacle could be seen for the next hundred yards we pushed on, in more senses than one, a bit farther. A locked gate, which then came into view, appeared to put an end to our endeavours, but on inspection it was found that a smaller unlocked gate at the side gave access to open moorland country. Joe then had to unship his sidecar cargo, in the shape of young Bert, for the first time in his history, and we had literally to carry the 'Trusty Triumph' through. Then came a sharp rise up a grassy slope, with lumps of rock bulging out at all angles; the wheels would not grip owing to the recently fallen rain, so more pushing was resorted to.

At the summit of this hill, which we were now told was Rexhill, not a sign of a road could be seen anywhere. Inspection of the map showed a road somewhere close at hand, but where was it, and how to get to it? There was nothing but a sea of bracken in all directions. A track was forced through this, to the consternation of the rabbits in the vicinity, towards a farmhouse in the distance, where joy! the track of a motor-car could be plainly seen on the greensward. Another gate then faced us, on which was displayed a notice that all the ground which we had just covered was private. Fortunately for us, no one was there to question our movements, so we moved on once more. Our troubles were now at an end, for we found ourselves at the top end of Brockley Coombe, through which we descended, and a prettier little piece it would be hard to find. Once on the main road, it was not long before Wraxall came into view. Mr. Taylor's party, who had been waited patiently for us for an hour, had been indulging in Grandsire Doubles. It might be of interest to record this performance, considering the band that rang it. In fact, the editor might find room for it in the 'Beginners' column.' The band stood thus: Oliver Sippetts 1, William Beeson, sen., 2, Canon Coleridge 3, Pryce Taylor 4, William Beeson, jun., 5, Frederick Rogers 6. Here, again, the prowess of the treble ringer was exhibited.

It was a great disappointment to all of us when we heard the bells that we had not sufficient time to start for a peal on them.

(To be continued.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Finn (Brabourne) 1, G. Cullum 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, F. W. Perrins (Coventry) 4, W. Kitchen 5, Wm. Sneed (Tunbridge) 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, T. Anderson and Mrs. M. Philpott 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Chorley 1, S. E. Moye 2, L. Grey 3, T. H. Taffender 4, J. Bennett 5, W. Rogers 6, W. Berry 7, H. Taylor 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Before the dedication service, at the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 minutes: G. Thompson 1, A. D. Aldham 2, J. Ison 3, C. E. Payne 4, T. W. Wright 5, P. A. Aldham 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 1,248 London Surprise Major in 47 mins.: N. Thomas 1, C. Newman 2, J. Lord 3, H. Chambers 4, C. W. Bird (Kettering) 5, D. Vincent (Kettering) 6, W. Perkins 7, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 8.

FRINSTED, KENT.—On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of doubles (1,260 changes), being 300 of Grandsire, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, and 480 Plain Bob: L. Hales 1, G. Kenward 2, T. Jull 3, W. J. Walker 4, G. Gilbert (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, August 8th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins.: R. Walker 1, W. Hughes (first 720 as conductor) 2, J. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on August 8th, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the five victims of the balloon disaster at Kempston, on August 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 288 of Woodbine Treble Bob, for morning service, and for evening service 720 College Exercise and two courses of Bob Doubles, the following ringers taking part: Messrs. F. Inskip, L. Turner, N. Wiles, A. Waller, A. Beard, G. Hutchings (local ringers), and M. Wooding (of Bedford).

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, July 25th, 720 Bourne Surprise: G. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodard 3, A. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim 5, N. Bailey 6.—On August 1st, for evening service, 720 London Surprise by the same band, and on Tuesday, July 10th, for practice, 720 Ipswich Surprise: G. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodard 3, A. Bale 4, N. Bailey (conductor) 5, R. Pilgrim 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM, KENT.

Yes! we did have our outing on August 11th. We chartered a 32-seater for ourselves and friends (male and female), and left Rainham at 7.30 a.m. The first stop was Linton, where we were met by Mr. Sone and Mr. Edwards, of Ealing. A very pleasant hour was spent in ringing on the eight bells (tenor about 15 cwt.). Then a move was made to Hawkhurst, where our old friend, George Billenness, met us, and on this ring (tenor 23 cwt.) a little Bob Major and Grandsire were rung. The journey was afterwards resumed through some more glorious country, and brought us into Hastings by 12.45, where an excellent lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We will draw a veil over the happenings to the party until 4.30, when all except two (male members) sat down to a very nice tea. At 5.30 the old bus had its engine running again, and everybody was aboard (including the defaulters, who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves). Away we went to Tenterden, and were met by Mr. Need. The ringing was very much enjoyed by all (they are a lovely eight, with a tenor of 30 cwt.). The idiot of the company (the writer) invited a female member of the party to pull the tenor off at back-stroke. The pulling-off was accomplished, but for some unknown reason the lady in question stepped backward off the box and landed on the floor of the belfry at full length. However no damage was done other than a slight 'kink' in the lady's neck. It should be mentioned that our old friend, 'Charlie' Tribe, came up and had a pull with us. Off again to our last stop on the road (not for ringing) at Sutton Valence; then came the last stage of the journey, bringing us to Rainham about 10.20 p.m., where 'Good-nights' were said. Lieut. W. A. Cooke, R.N., is to be congratulated on his excellent arrangements, which made everything such a success. What we are now wanting to know is, 'Who went down the cellar?'

G. G.

TIVERTON RINGERS VISIT KELLY.

The Tiverton ringers had a most successful outing on Saturday, August 14th. Punctually at 7.30 the 'Cosy' left the Lychgate, passing through Witheridge and Eggsford en route for Windleigh. The Rev. J. S. Shenton and some of his ringers gave the party a hearty welcome. Several touches on the ring of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) at this beautiful church were much enjoyed. Leaving there at 10.30, the excursionists passed through Okehampton on the way to Kelly, where the Rev. Mailland Kelly, the veteran ex-president of the Guild, was on the look-out for them, and bountifully regaled them with fruit and light refreshments before conducting them to the belfry. Nearly two hours were spent in this beautiful church and the gardens, and the ringers will never forget Mr. Kelly's hospitality and welcome. The result of this stay made the party an hour or more late at Tavistock, the next stopping place, but members of the local band, who were still kindly waiting to receive them, appeared to be very long-suffering and welcomed them warmly. Good use was made of the half-hour allotted to the visitors, who thoroughly appreciated the 'go' of the newly restored ring of eight. After a good tea, they started for home through Princetown, Two Bridges and Moreton Hampstead. The weather conditions were perfect—sunshine and shadows, while 'old Dartmoor' was at its very best. Thanks to the excellent skill of the driver, even the most timid had no qualms in spite of precipitous hills and hairpin corners, and Tiverton was reached without mishap at 9.45. Hearty thanks are tendered to all who contributed in making the outing so enjoyable.

PORTISHEAD RINGERS' LONG JOURNEY.

On Thursday, July 29th, the ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead, had their annual outing. This year Southampton was the place chosen. The party started at 7.30 a.m. in a charabanc, and as the sun rose so their spirits rose. The route was through Warminster and Salisbury, a stop for refreshments being made at the latter city. The Cathedral aroused much interest, but it was unanimously agreed that the Cathedral at Wells (in their own diocese) was before it in grandeur. The destination was reached at 12.15 a.m., and the party then (through the untiring efforts made by the captain) visited the docks and saw several of the largest steamers. The afternoon was spent in exploring the place, which proved most interesting. After tea at the Cadena, the return journey was made via the New Forest. Although such a long time was spent in travelling, the ringers were just as jolly when Portishead was reached, after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

RISHTON RINGERS VISIT SOUTHPORT.

On Saturday, August 7th, the Rishton Parish Church ringers, accompanied by friends, held their annual outing to sunny Southport. After much plotting and counter-plotting, the 'old man' eventually succeeded in obtaining the back seat, and was thus able to keep an eye on the 'tribe'. Chorley was the first call, and touches of Bob Major were rung. Mr. F. Rigby and others joining in, whilst the ladies, with the exception of Miss Ellen Shaw, who took part in the ringing, explored the market. The party then proceeded to Ormskirk, but were brought to a temporary standstill by a slight argument between their driver and the owner of a coupe re 'grazing restrictions.' However, after a 'committee meeting' matters were settled amicably, and the company arrived (with a change of drivers) very suddenly at Ormskirk, with its tower and steeple side by side. Ascending to the spacious

ringing chamber (the largest in Lancashire), touches of Bob Major were rung on this ring, with its 25 cwt. tenor, Miss E. Shaw again taking a rope. Afterwards rounds, etc., for the latest recruits, in which Mrs. L. J. Williams also took part. This concluded the ringing, and the party arrived at Southport to do justice to tea at the Albion Cafe, and enjoy the diversions of this seaside resort. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., and all voted it one of the best outings ever held. Thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches, also to the ringers who so kindly prepared the bells and met the party, Mr. F. Rigby and Mr. J. Sholicar.

A SHORT TRIP TO HARLINGTON.

A few ringing friends connected with St. Paul's, Hounslow, had an enjoyable half-day at Harlington on Bank Holiday. Six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were successfully brought round, in which latter the veteran Harlington ringer, Mr. Harry Payne, took part. Mr. Ellingham also rang his first 120 of Stedman Doubles. The ringers played a selection of tunes on handbells on the Vicarage lawn, much to the delight of the Rev. Wilson and family, to whom best thanks were expressed for the use of the tower. The visit followed an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hounslow in the morning, which came to grief after 2½ hours' good ringing. A tired but happy party had perforce to walk back to Hounslow in the cool of the evening.

LANGPORT RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of Langport, Somerset, with friends, had an outing on Saturday, August 7th. The party, including friends, numbered 32, and left for Weston-super-Mare. The first call was at Glastonbury, when some good touches of Minor were rung. Then Cheddar caves and cliffs were visited and much appreciated. After stopping at Uphill for more ringing, in which Master D. Hale, aged 13, took part, Weston-super-Mare was reached, and a happy time spent until eight o'clock. The ringers wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells.

ACROSS DARTMOOR.

Monday being St. Sidwell's Day and Bank Holiday, the St. Sidwell's (Exeter), Society held their annual outing over Dartmoor to Tavistock and back. Bovey Tracey was the first stop, reached after an exhilarating drive over Haldon, and here half-an-hour's good ringing was done. Ashburton was the next halt, where the party were joined by Mr. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, and several touches on these grand bells occupied an hour, after which an adjournment was made to the Exeter Inn for lunch. In the afternoon the best of the moor was traversed by the way of Holne Bridge, Paignton waterworks, Dartmeet and Two Bridges to Princetown. Arrived at Tavistock, the party were met by the Rector, Rev. H. Lanyon Owen, and here another pleasant hour was spent on these far-famed bells, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The Rector presided at the subsequent tea at Phillips' Cafe, and expressed his great pleasure in being amongst his ringers again, a sentiment appreciated by the band and suitably voiced by Mr. Richardson. The homeward journey was via Okehampton and Crockerwell, a halt being made at the latter place for supper, kindly provided by Mr. W. Drake (treasurer), to celebrate his birthday, the members all joining in hearty congratulations. Exeter was reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to Mr. E. Shepherd for the excellent arrangements made, and to the Rector and Mr. Betts for songs which enlivened the journey home.

PENDLETON RINGERS AT MOTTRAM.

On Saturday, August 14th, a delightful afternoon and evening were spent at Mottram-in-Longdendale by the Pendleton company, their wives, sweethearts and friends, some of whom came from Glossop. The bells of the famous tower were set going first to call changes, for the benefit of one of the ladies just commencing to study the art, and who rang very well indeed on a strange bell. This was followed by what the Canadian 'guy' understood to be 'George Washington's Fire Brigade,' but which, in fact, turned out to be a very musical touch of Stedman Triples. Touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob followed. A move was then made to the local inn, where a splendid meat tea was speedily lost sight of, amidst sparkles of wit from various members. One has only to stand on the Mottram hills and look around at the surrounding valleys to see what a place it is to build up both appetite and wit, and, above all, to hear the bells, and under such conditions one does not have to wonder why this place has been selected so often for long-peal attempts.

The wind blew so strongly that even the burly leader—not Henry the Eighth, but Harry just the same—seemed to have some difficulty in keeping his coat tails from decorating his shoulders like wings ('some' angel!) especially when he locked the belfry staircase door. It is easy to believe that the present style of brimless ladies' hats might have been designed at Mottram. Anything with a brim on it would be in Glossop in five minutes. After tea, more ringing was indulged in, some of the local men kindly taking a rope, and then, after a final meeting at headquarters, where the newly-married conductor (not Allan Adair) received congratulations and much instruction, no doubt, the party took the road for home, everyone voting it a splendid outing. One lady ringer hopes to turn Mottram tenor in some day to Double Norwich, which is a laudable aspiration.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. District meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, August 21st. Tea on table 4.30 p.m. Meeting and social following. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Buses every 30 minutes from Tithebarn Street, Preston.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30; also Liss (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The meeting announced for to-morrow (August 21st) at Blackrod has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, 21st August. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fulborough on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secretaries.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Great Addington (6), on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday, Aug. 28th, for a combined practice of Minor methods at 5.30. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport and Bowden Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th, to give encouragement to the newly-formed local band. A good attendance is requested.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 3, Gower Road, Hyde.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor-bus leave Old Market at 2.15. Will those requiring a seat and taking tea kindly notify by Aug. 24th?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Aug. 28th (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. Huckerby, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, by Thursday, Aug. 26th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar after service, and business to follow. Will those who require tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Enfield (St. Mary Magdalene), on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45, but please advise me. St. Andrew's bells open from 7.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 and 6 bell towers). Service 3 p.m. in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify the hon. treasurer (Mr. Chas. Powell, 2, North Road, Brecon), by Aug. 21st without fail the number to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., National Provincial Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 24th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Harworth, on Saturday, August 28th. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? This month's method for special practice is Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at Littlehempstone. Bells available 3 p.m., short service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. Berry Pomeroy bells (8) also Totnes (8) available after 6 p.m.; those who wish to ring at Totnes please advise me by previous Wednesday, also those who intend coming to tea.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 5 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Lungallow, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, not later than September 1st.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

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