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It is certainly strange that more than ten years should have elapsed since his death before any scheme was put on foot to perpetuate in the Exercise the memory of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, for it is only now that a proposal has been made to erect a tablet to place on permanent record some acknowledgment of what the art owes to one of the most predominating figures in the history of ringing. It was probably due to the fact that Sir Arthur's death took place in the years of war that nothing was done at the time in the way of providing a memorial, but, although belated, it is no less desirable that at this date some steps should be taken to make good the omission. The proposal, which is referred to by Canon Elsee (the President of the Lancashire Association) in a letter elsewhere in this issue, is a modest one. It is merely to record, by a suitable inscription, the last peal rung by Sir Arthur, which was in his own tower at Duffield, and the necessary funds for this purpose will, we have no doubt, be readily forthcoming now that the matter has been ventilated.

We hope that, in addition to the formal record of the peal, which in itself was one of interest, opportunity will be found to express something of what the Exercise owes to the founder of the Central Council. Had he done nothing else, his investigations of Stedman would have earned for him a niche in the edifice of the science, for his long and painstaking researches and his contributions to this subject made him one of the leading authorities in this particular branch. But his work of exploration went far beyond this, and not the least of the services rendered by his pen was the volume which he published on 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging.'

His work in establishing the Central Council, and which could only have been consolidated as it was by a man of his standing and ability, leaves the Exercise for ever indebted to him. In his conduct of its affairs for many years he may have appeared an autocratic ruler, but no one ever doubted that he was animated always by a desire to do what he considered best for the art of ringing. He was a mainstay of the Central Council from its formation until his death; he was for an even longer period a pillar of strength to the Midland Counties Association, of which he was president, and it is not too late to repair the omission which was caused by the overshadowing events of the war. Canon Elsee's appeal will doubtless be widely and readily responded to, and it is both seemly and fitting that the memorial should be erected in the belfry where Sir Arthur rang regularly for the services of the church.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 8
*GEORGE R. PYE... ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
*CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	*PERCY MAY... ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	*WILLIAM PYE 11
*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCKE ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
*WILLIAM COLLETT ... 3	*JOHN NOBES ... 7
RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL

* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

RAYMOND OVERY ... Treble	FRED BOWDEN ... 5
*BARRY ELLIOTT... ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
JOHN P. McDERMOTT ... 3	JOHN A. COLE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 900th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally, who was inducted Rector earlier in the afternoon.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	*DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
ALFRED PRIOR ... 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM J. LEGGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD WORTHY ... Treble	JOHN C. HALL ... 5
WILLIAM JONES... ... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 7
WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 4	*SAMUEL YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal and first attempt for a peal in any method. First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Laura Lancaster, the band congratulating her afterwards. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	HARRY HARRIS 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
R. PHILPOTT, F.S.M.C., F.I.O. 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. John Harold Greig, D.D., first Bishop of the new diocese of Guildford, who was enthroned in the above cathedral church on Tuesday, July 12th.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

HARRY LONG Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
EDWIN C. BOWLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	CHARLES N. LEMAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. E. Parsons, the new Vicar of Oxhey, who was inducted on the 17th inst.; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES COTTING 5
ALBERT HARRISON 2	WALTER BARRETT 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
* CHARLES SAVER 4	EDWIN GOATE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
* HARRY MORGAN 3	* WALTER MALINS 7
* JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal in the method on the bells.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
WILLIAM L. NEWTON 2	JACK BRAY 6
* FREDERICK ROBSON 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
SIDNEY BREEZE 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for the 6th ringer, who was on holiday in the Cleveland district, and hails from Scunthorpe, Lincs.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Tuesday, June 14th, for the Dedication Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: H. Gray 1, R. Oliver (first quarter inside) 2, F. Dedman 3, F. Buttrum 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, T. Dixon 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, W. Jeffs, jun., 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 8th. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Barnabas'.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
CHARLES J. CHOORT 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBINS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	EDWARD J. CAWSE 6
HAROLD KENT 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

This is the 100th peal J. Holman, of Sheffield, and J. Flint, of Boleover, have rung together.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
PERCY PARSLOW 2	GEOFFREY C. RICE 6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3	MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	* WILLIAM S. GILKS Tenor

Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
WILLIAM T. BRESON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

* HARRY C. HAYWARD Treble	† JOHN R. HUMPHREYS ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	† ROBERT G. HOARE 6
HUGH R. THORPE 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
WALTER CLAYDON 4	* ARTHUR HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Alan Redford, a ringer at the above church.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*ERIC G. HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JAMES MARR 4	†THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 4
HARRY PHULPS 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
ARTHUR HARMER 3	THOMAS PRICE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*WILLIAM HUXTON 4
JAMES MARSH 2	†JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
JACK GARDNER 3	†EDWARD BLUNDELL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal inside. † First peal of Minor. † First peal. Treble ringer from Blackburn, 2nd and 3rd from Aughton, 5th from Southport, 4th and tenor of the local band.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent and four of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES R. BELTON ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 4
CHARLES ROBT. CLIFFORD ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
*HARRY HILL 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal inside. This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration of the spire, and was specially arranged for the festival of St. Margaret.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*ALFRED MOULDS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
*JOSEPH BROOKS 2	WILLIAM SHARPE 4
J. WILLIAM SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to tenor ringer. Specially arranged for Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, to ring a peal at this church. He was elected a member of the above society before starting.

CAMPTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's, arranged by A. J. Pitman, and twenty six-scores of Grandsire and ten of Bob Doubles. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	LEONARD WILLIAMS 3
ALFRED PRATT 2	*GEORGE R. DILLY 4

*HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles. The band wish to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*CLAUDE ALDERTON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal at first attempt; elected a member of the Guild in the tower previous to commencing peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Four Minutes.

AT 4, HILL'S VIEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*WILLIAM A. TACK 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal on handbells.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bridgend on Saturday, and was well attended by members from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. The bells, a lovely ring of eight, by Taylor, were made good use of, both before the service and after the tea and meeting.

Service took place at St. Iltyd's Church, Canon Phillips, the Vicar, officiating, his most fitting address being much enjoyed. Tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed, and then the business meeting was held, over which the Vicar presided.

The report of the representatives to the Central Council was presented.

Instructors' reports showed that good progress is being made in change ringing at Penhow, where formerly call changes were rung.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Penmark and the Monmouth meeting at Tredunnoch in lieu of Penhow.

The Hon. Secretary read the Vicar of Aberdare's letter explaining the reason why the meeting was held at Bridgend and not at Aberdare as proposed, and also explained why the proposed meeting to be held at Penhow was in abeyance, hence the reason for selecting Tredunnoch.

New members were elected from Penhow and Merthyr.

The Hon. Secretary next read the report in 'The Ringing World' of the tragic death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and moved a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives, which was carried by the members standing for a few moments in silence.

A vote of thanks to Canon Phillips for his exceptional kindness and hospitality was passed, and the Canon, who replied, said what an immense pleasure it was to him.

The bells were then kept going until late, and terminated a most pleasant and successful meeting.

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LADIES' GUILD. NEW BRANCHES FORMED.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, which was held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th, resulted in the attendance of a large number of members and friends. Ringing commenced at St. Giles' Church, where the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who, after welcoming the Guild to Northampton, gave a very helpful address on 'Reverence.' The lesson was read by Mr. F. Wilford, the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Tea was served at Adams' Cafe to a party numbering 63, the members of the Guild being the guests of the president, and, after the dismissal of the gentlemen with many thanks for their attendance, the business of the day was commenced.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, the chair was taken by Mrs. Thursfield, of Cranford.

The secretary's report was as follows:—

This is the fifteenth year of the Guild's existence, and there is not the slightest doubt that it is gradually progressing. Although members drop out in some districts, still new members are elected to fill the gaps. The district secretaries report that there is still room for improvement in the attendance at meetings, but on the whole these are fairly well supported. One new district has been formed—the Northern—under the secretaryship of Miss Molly Davenport. This promises to be very active, and the members are most keen. Another district in Lincolnshire is in course of formation, and we hope to hear by the next annual meeting that this is also flourishing. No peals have been accomplished, but there are rumours in various districts of forthcoming attempts, so perhaps next year's report will contain several successes. The first peal of Major for the Guild has still to be rung. The accomplishments of individual members are too numerous to mention, but the standard of ringing is much higher than it has ever been, and there would be no difficulty in raising a band of Guild members for London Surprise Major or Cambridge Royal, providing distance was no object.

A DONATION FROM AUSTRALIA.

As shown in the accounts, a donation of £1 has been received from Mr. Harry Henden, of Orange, New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Henden saw an account of the Guild's peal of Stedman Caters in the 'Overseas Daily Mail,' and immediately wrote a letter of congratulation to the band. He had seen no mention of ringing in any paper for years, and had quite lost touch with the art. The secretary wrote and thanked Mr. Henden for his letter, and gave him an account of the Guild. He then forwarded the donation with his best wishes. It may interest members to know that Mr. Henden was made a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1867. He has been away from England for about 43 years. There are still a good number of ladies who are not members of the Guild, and I would again urge members to do their utmost to rope them in. This is where individuals can do good work for the Guild. The thanks of the Guild are due to the district secretaries for their valuable work during the year. Also we must not forget the various county associations and brother ringers who assist us at our meetings. This help and interest is greatly appreciated.

The accounts were presented duly audited, and showed a surplus of £2 15s. 10d. on the year's working.

The officers were re-elected, and are as follows: President, Miss Evelyn Steel; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss E. K. Parker.

It was decided to amend Rule 1 for districts, so that each district could have its own vice-president. A committee consisting of the general and district secretaries was appointed to revise the existing rules and report at the next annual meeting. The printing of reports was deferred for another year, so as to embody the revised rules.

Considerable discussion took place as to the next annual meeting, and it was decided that as two new districts had been formed in Lincolnshire and the North, and to further encourage the advancement of the Guild in this part of the country, the meeting should be held in this area.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of the three churches at which ringing took place, to Mr. Wilford for making arrangements, to Mrs. Thursfield for presiding at the meeting, and to Miss Steel for her kindness in providing tea. The general and district secretaries were also thanked for their work during the year.

Ringling afterwards took place at the churches of St. Edmund and Holy Sepulchre until 8.30, when the best of friends had to part. The London contingent proceeded by way of Blisworth, where an hour's wait was made less tedious by handbells. The ringers were rewarded with one penny from an onlooker, after being interrupted in a course of Stedman Cinques by an express. They now consider they have lost their amateur status.

WESTERN DISTRICT SUPPORTS NEW PROPOSALS.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Owing to a local function taking place near the church at the time of meeting, no touches were rung until late in the afternoon, when good ringing was obtained, the methods being Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

A service was held at 4.30, and the Vicar, addressing the ringers, gave to the members of the Ladies' Guild a very hearty welcome. The able support from the organ happily enabled the singing to be more in the 'community' style than is sometimes possible on these occasions.

After tea, at which about 20 were present, the business meeting took place, Miss Smith, of Bristol, being in the chair.

The hon. secretary (Miss Williams) read the minutes of the last meeting, and was then unanimously re-elected as secretary for the coming year.

The place of the next quarterly meeting was discussed, and Corston and Wraxall proposed, Wraxall being finally chosen as a good centre for all ringers in a wide area.

Miss Williams also asked for the opinion of those present on a suggestion from headquarters that the president of the Ladies' Guild should remain in office for a longer period than one year—a time that was hardly more than sufficient for a thorough grasp of the duties of the position—and also that vice-presidents should be appointed in the different districts who could on occasion be called on to take the place of the president.

With these suggestions, the members present at the meeting agreed, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward to headquarters the expression of their opinion, even if the time for a formal vote on the subject was past.

Although, owing to the difficulty of reaching Burnham, the numbers present were not as large as on some previous occasions, the fine weather, the beautiful ring of eight bells, and the kindness and heartiness of the welcome given to the party, both in church and town, made the meeting a very enjoyable one.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ENJOYABLE VISIT TO OLVESTON.

The members of the Bristol Branch held a most enjoyable quarterly meeting at Olveston on Saturday last. The Bristol party journeyed by motor, and stopped on the way at Horfield for a ring on the five bells, also to do a little propaganda work, which it is hoped will have satisfactory results. Reaching Olveston in good time, the local enthusiasts were awaiting the arrival of the visitors, who included a well-known Bristol ringer who first saw the light at Olveston. It was a case of 'The return of the native.'

The bells (a fine-toned ring of eight) were raised in peal, and special practice was provided for the learners. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. H. Fisher), and tea followed in the workshop of Mr. R. A. Pitcher, the local hon. secretary, the building having been turned into an ideal dining room for the occasion. Thirty members were present. While tea was in progress, the chairman and his good lady, with the pride of the household, arrived, after attending the wedding of their son, and was given a hearty reception.

After tea, the Chairman, before commencing the business meeting, said they had no doubt read in 'The Ringing World' of the sudden death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was so well known to them all in Bristol, and who was with them on the occasion of their last annual dinner in January. He proposed that the secretary write a letter of condolence to the relatives expressing their deepest sympathy.—This was seconded by one of the oldest members, Mr. Wm. Knight, in a few well-chosen words, and was carried by all standing in silence.

By kind invitation of the Vicar, Almondsbury (already chosen) was fixed for the August meeting. Henbury was chosen for the September meeting. It was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange a bye-meeting at Warnley on September 10th.

Mrs. Conders was elected an associate member.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to Mr. Pitcher for making such excellent arrangements for the tea and meeting, were carried by acclamation. The kindness of the Vicar, who had thrown open his gardens for the use of the members, was taken full advantage of, as also were the gardens of an old friend, Mr. George White. The kindness was especially appreciated by the ladies, who returned laden with all kinds of flowers. Excellent practice was continued on the tower bells till 9 p.m., the ringing ranging from call changes to Cambridge Major, a special touch in the latter method being rung as a wedding compliment to the son of the chairman. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGERS VISIT OXFORD.

Members of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to the number of 42 were favoured with fine weather on July 2nd, when they united for an outing to Oxford. The vehicles started from Stonehouse with ringers from Frocester and Haresfield, proceeded to Stroud, where they picked up ringers from Bisley, Painswick and Stroud, and then went on to Minchinhampton, where the motors were filled up. A halt was made at Lechlade, where the party were met by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. H. Bowrigg, who extended to them a hearty welcome. This peal of six was soon going to touches of Double and Minor. Faringdon was next visited, and here the peal of eight were rung to touches of Triples and Major. Arriving at Oxford, the party proceeded to St. Ebbe's, and then to Christ Church Cathedral. Several touches were rung on these bells, and several members ascended the tower to see Great Tom. After a tour round Oxford, a start was made for Witney, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. The next and last stop was at Burford, where more ringing was done. The members wish to thank the various clergy for permission to ring, and the local men who met the visitors and gave a hearty welcome at all the towers.

BRAILES AND ITS TENOR.

A FAMOUS BELL AND ITS FOUNDER.

On Saturday, ye ninth daye of grace, ye Worthy Convener did sound 'ye boot and saddle' in ye parish of Exhall, and, when all were assembled with our worthy Vicar aboard to act as official Plimsol Mark, ye Convener did order ye Lodge to Brailes to test what he did call 'Men's Bells,' and the hapless writer of this screed can aver that ye Convener was not a thou' out. Brailes boasts a church and steeple that would put many a minster in the shade, and its splendid ring of six, with tenor by Blews, weighing 31 cwt. 22 lb., is worth a long journey to hear. As tenor of a ring of six, it is second in tone only to Queen Camel, and it is to be regretted that nothing much could be attempted on these bells as the young band, all learners, have only got a ring of 6½ cwt. They were, therefore, plucky to ring rounds on such metal, but all were agreed that the bells alone repaid the pilgrimage. Only one hour was spent at Brailes, and then on to Evesham. On climbing into his 'Panthard' the writer's 'beste of spouses' did ask him, 'Did you see those three dear little swallows in their nest in the church porch?' Ye writer said, 'Yes, and I'll show you one big one when I get to Evesham.' Truly a tribute of respect to the abilities of Brailes tenor. Tea was ordered at the Golden Heart at Evesham. Host Moreton has two golden hearts, one which warms when he sees a crowd of ringers arrive at the door of the other, and he certainly knows what ringers want and how to administer it unto them.

Just at this point ye writer showed ye beste of spouses that other swallow, and illustrated to her how true was the old saying that 'One swallow does not make a summer!' Enuf said. Our young swallows essayed to build their nests at the Evesham carapanele. They tried with Stedman Caters, but that did not seem to stick, so they tried with Plain Bob Royal, which laid a foundation to Treble Bob, just to oblige one of the 'young 'uns' who had once or twice heard about this interesting 'melange,' after which he propounded the problem, 'If you call, "Go, Kent," when the treble dodges 3-4 up, are you ringing Kent or Oxford until it dodges 3-4 down?' Q.E.D. What a swindle splicing is (otherwise than the main brace). At this point ye Grand Convener did adjure ye members to gather on ye Green and face ye G.P. Physog Desecrater to enable him to perpetrate yet one more for ye Blue Book, with our respected Plimsol Mark as Pledge of Resistance. Time did not permit of a call at Norton or Bidford, but at Stratford-on-Avon one hour was spent by a contented party, some of whom bought a new house, others had new clogs—very necessary, as ye writer well knows. He once wore a pair when walking from Warwick to Stratford one Sunday even, and nary a 'Coffee Pot' by the wayside, arriving in Stratford just as Boniface of ye Red Lion banged the door in his face. What a reminder of the Plimsol Laws to a whole summer full of swallows!

Ye tit-bit of the Stratford sojourn was supplied by ye Grand Prime Cake Incinerator, who boldly walked up to the door of the house where 'Stratford's Popularity' was born and enquired, 'Is Bill in?'

'Bill who?' demanded ye astonished custodian.

'Bill Shakespeare, of course,' quoth ye C.I.

'Im? Why, he's been dead centuries,' quoth ye Stratford worthy.

'Great Dimplin's! Don't time fly,' gasped ye Official of Cake Incinerating fame.

I have heard many and varied, and certainly garbled, accounts of Brailes bells, thanks be that I went and saw, and—no, ye beste of spouses did that. I live to fight that glorious fight another day—with Brailes tenor. Thanks be that I visited and learned that those who had told me their versions were of no value, because they had either never been or had not used their rations of grey matter.

Brailes bells are rung regularly by an enthusiastic Sunday band, who love their bells; their ropes are in fine condition, and their priceless treasures are pealable, but, as our convener said: They are men's bells; none but really practised heavy-bell ringers could inscribe in 'The Ringing World': 'First on these REAL bells.' In the writer's opinion, only one thing is needed to make change ringing go, and that is, three boxes for the back bells! Verb. sap.

History hath recorded the coming and deplored (or speeded) the passing of many notable sons of this ringing isle. Some have left glorious landmarks to act as memento moris of their progress down this vale of tears. Others left milestones in their tale of years; but I doubt if any one of Britain's ringing sons ever left such a glorious sample of his craft for 'those who ring to read,' as did that bouncing baby boy who called his first call on February 4th, 1824, at Loughborough. On coming to man's estate, he practised his craft as a bell moulder in a cherry orchard (perchance he learnt it there), for the princely sum of 18s. per week, but not waxing fat on such wealth he migrated to Brum and took service with the firm of Blews. His name was Steve Main, but his new employer, when in moments of choler, referred to him affectionately as 'that old bell-casting humbug.' How little he merited this appellation is shown by the milestones he left behind him in his tale of years, and I have no hesitation in referring Herr Blews in his moments of choler to the Nomenclature Committee for a reprimand. Steve used to wend his way to his daily toil, garbed in a long black undertaker's coat and a tall hat which Dame Rumour hath it was furnished with a rule pocket.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A REUNION AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne were visited by the Sheffield Cathedral company for their annual outing. Proceeding by train to Oldham, the visitors were met on arrival by members of the local company, headed by Mr. Vernon Sykes, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and a course of London Surprise on the back eight were indulged in. This nice ring of twelve, erected in three tiers, caused a little embarrassment to the visitors owing to the long draught of rope to the higher bells, but, nevertheless, they earned the comment of having disported themselves very creditably.

After tea, which was taken in a nearby restaurant, the journey was resumed to Ashton-under-Lyne, where a most cordial welcome was extended by the local ringers, including Mr. Ben Thorp, and an old friend in Mr. Sam Wood, whom the visitors were pleased to find recovered from a serious illness. Touches in various methods from eight to twelve were fully enjoyed on this grand ring until late in the evening, when an adjournment was made for further refreshment, and a most pleasant and convivial hour was spent in a reunion with the ringers of the district, a special feature being the interchange of toasts from the loving cups of the hosts and visitors, which brought to the minds of the older members vivid recollections of their historical fame.

The journey home was made by train, after a very pleasant if somewhat damp day. Thanks are due to Mr. V. Sykes and Mr. Ben Thorp for their kindness in obtaining the use of the bells and for their efforts in making the visit a most enjoyable one.

LEISTON MEN'S LONG EXCURSION.

St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, held its annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. Leaving Leiston at 7.15, Sudbury, nearly fifty miles away, was reached in good time, where the party were met by Mr. A. Scott. The bells of St. Peter's Church, where the back four bells have recently been rehung, were soon going to Double Norwich, Bob Major, Rochester and Stedman Triples. A visit was then made to All Saints', where Stedman and Double Norwich were the order, but before the latter was completed the rope slipped the tenor wheel, and made the stay with this lovely peal, with a tenor 28 cwt., a brief one. The party then proceeded to Halstead, where the local hand had the bells ready, Double Norwich, Oxford and London Surprise being rung. At Earls Colne, where dinner had been prepared, the local men were ringing a welcome to the visitors, and on joining them in the tower, Double Norwich and Bob Major for the junior members, and Rochester, Bristol, Superlative and London Surprise were rung, some of the local men taking part. A move was then made to Colchester, where the visitors were met by Mr. W. Button, a former member of St. Margaret's Society. Cambridge, Double Norwich and Rochester were rung on this splendid peal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. St. Leonard's, with its peal of six, on which Oxford and Stedman Double were rung, was visited, and then on to Ardleigh, which was reached at eight o'clock, and Double Norwich, Bob Major, Rochester, and Stedman Triples rung. Tracks were next made for Ipswich, where a quiet half-hour was spent, and home was reached at 11.30. The society wish to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, and all brother ringers who helped to make this outing a great success.

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Good Master Bannister worked as a bell tuner at the same place and wore the same attire. And, indeed, such a coat exists to-day, and rambles, when of good cheer, in the purlieus of Turn-Again-Lane, and, good readers, be it known, it is stuffed full of Stedman Cinques, and I hear on good authority that it is threatening to look up 'the Original.' What? No, not the coat, the peal! What is a Similae? Why, an honest garb for an honest man! Would that more men qualified for such an honest garb.

But, forgive me, I ramble: as is my wont, even as Steve and his confreres will. Steve moulded and cast the trebles at Lichfield Cathedral; the fourth and fifth at the Bull Ring were recast by him; he cast Shoreditch tenor, and with the same sweeps he struck that wonderful bell, Brailes tenor. Steve worked for Taylors as a craftsman in 1845. What a memento mori, what a journey down this vale of tears! Loughborough in 1824, that cherry orchard in 1845, Brailes tenor in 1877. And now, life's journey o'er, has his spirit, armed with those beloved sweeps still in that master hand, wandered back to its Alma Mater to spend its eternity, imparting that well-known hum to the modern product of that famous orchard? Methinks it must have done, for that orchard is freehold, even as its cherries are free toned.

But I have rambled too far, through a county or two, through your patience and much history. Suffice it for me to say that my 'Panthard' dropped me, once again, in the parish of Exhall, where I found a good friend to all pilgrims ready to give me the chance to prove to ye beste of spouses, nigh on the witching hour, that, even as 'one swallow didn't make a summer,' neither did one libation make a decent swallow! At which she did reply, 'Swallows, like those possessed by the Grand Prime Cake Burner, Rope Smith, Clapper Turner, Physog Desecrater and G.P.P.S., are the only examples that exist of perpetual motion.'

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

LONDONERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on Saturday, July 2nd, when a party of 18 visited Loughborough. On arriving at their destination, they were met by Mr. Horace Stubbs, one of Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representatives, who conducted them over the Bell Foundry, where they had a good view of bells, in various stages of production, and rang on the Foundry peal. After much laughter, caused by the antics of the 'heavyweights' on the light bells, Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. The visitors then paid a visit to the Parish Church, where Stedman, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung.

The next move was to Belgrave and Leicester. Going by bus, the party had a most enjoyable ride, much enlivened by community singing ably conducted by Mr. J. C. Truss. At Belgrave the visitors were met by Mr. W. J. Willson, who had kindly made all arrangements, and at St. Peter's Church Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge were rung. A tram ride then brought the company to St. Martin's Cathedral, where Mr. F. H. Dexter and others welcomed them. Here Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were successfully brought round. Then came a visit to the Co-operative Stores, where an excellent tea awaited the travellers. Soon afterwards, the return journey was made, and a splendid run to Marylebone was enlivened by change ringing and tunes on handbells. The Guild took this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Taylor and Co., Mr. Horace Stubbs and Mr. W. J. Willson for their kindness, also the Rectors for the use of the bells. The outing was voted the best that has been held by the Guild.

After an excellent lunch at the Great Central Hotel, cigars were handed round, through the kindness of the Rector of St. Andrew's, whose health was heartily drunk.

RINGERS UNITE.

On Saturday, July 16th, after a lapse of two years, ringers from Norton, Kingsley and Cheadle united for the usual excursion, three towers being visited. Leaving Cheadle about 12.40 p.m., the bus set its nose to the hills, and the way led past Denstone Church, where rests that once famous ringer, Sir A. P. Heywood. Ellastone was reached about 1.30, and here 1½ hours' good ringing was indulged in. Then on to Mayfield, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Tudsbury, who kindly explained the points of interest about the church, which was mainly Norman of A.D. 1160.

Here an hour's ringing sufficed for all to have a pull, then away to Ashbourne, where the party stopped for tea, after which the ringers sought out Bradbourne, five miles up the Bakewell Road, where the bells were raised and set going to Cambridge Surprise.

The ringing throughout had been of very good order, good 'striking' being maintained at all the towers, and the methods rung included London, Cambridge and York Surprise, and Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Passing Ashbourne Church on the way home brought to mind the story told in 'The Ringing World' of the band of Nottingham men who, after walking all the way, and ringing their peal, fought the local ringers in the churchyard. This was in 1831. Cheadle was reached, after a successful outing, at 10 p.m., but it was near the 'witching hour' before the Norton contingent could seek their beds.

GRIMSBY RINGERS' PLEASANT EXCURSION.

On Saturday last the ringers of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives, were guests for the day of Mr. and Mrs. J. Budd, and enjoyed a charabanc outing to the Dukeries. A start was made at 6.34 a.m. in beautiful sunshine, the party being supplied with button-holes of cornflowers grown in the suburbs by the 'old veteran.' Gainsborough was the first stop, where touches of Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung at the Parish Church, where they were joined by an old friend in Mr. Butler. The next stop was Retford, where a touch of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round. Here the veteran's home-made marlinespike, which someone said looked more like a 'disguised corkscrew,' came in useful. Then on to Worksop to the Priory Church, where touches of Kent and Plain Bob were rung. Here a 'unique historical' find was made, the redoubtable 'Arthur' being found reposing in an old stone coffin in the churchyard listening to the bells. Some interesting snaps were also taken here, and a stay made for luncheon. Then the party went on to Cresswell Parish Church, where they were delighted with the new peal of eight hung on ball bearings in an iron frame. Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob were rung. Then they journeyed to the Forest and rang a touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, under the famous 'Major Oak.' The next stop was at Lincoln, where tea was served, and after a look round the ancient city, they made for home, which was reached at 10.45 p.m., everyone tired but happy. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. and Mrs. Budd, the incumbents of the churches for the use of their bells, also the steeplekeepers and the worthy secretary. It is hoped that friends at Wasingborough will forgive them for not keeping their appointment, as they arrived in Lincoln town late in the evening.

CLEVEDON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. by the following Portishead ringers: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. Edwards 3, Miss Stadden 4, Miss Orchard 5, Mr. Nisbet 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Colbourn 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

What has developed into an annual tour in 'Somerset' will be undertaken again this year, although the ground to be covered will extend from Devon to Wiltshire. A programme covering fourteen towers, with Exeter Cathedral to lead off with on August 6th, has been arranged by Mr. J. T. Dyke, and it is hoped there will be some successful 'Pulling' during the week.

A team of change ringers is visiting the city of Dublin this week-end—from Friday to Tuesday—and one or two 12-bell peals are proposed to be attempted. We wish the Irish Association the best of luck.

We have been asked if it is true that the famous veteran 'Rugby George,' of Birmingham, has rung the two tenors to a peal on tower bells. We should not care to deny it, knowing the stamina of that young gentleman.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society's meeting, which was to have been held at Glossop on August 6th, has been transferred to Mossley, for the opening of the bells at St. George's Church.

On this day in the year 1785, William Shipway arrived in London. The Exercise probably owes a good deal to this event, for it was undoubtedly the greater experience in ringing which the wider field of the Metropolis gave him that enabled Shipway to take the place he did among the foremost pioneers of the art.

A party of ringers are visiting Quex Park this week-end, and it is interesting to recall that this ring of twelve bells was opened on August 4th, 1819, and that Shipway was one of the party that made the journey from London for this purpose.

A MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A suggestion was made after the last meeting of the Central Council that a peal board should be put up in the belfry at Duffield to commemorate a peal of Stedman Caters rung in that tower in 1901, after the meeting of the Central Council at Derby. The peal was the last in which Sir Arthur Heywood took part, and it was also remarkable for the fact that six of the ringers were at the time presidents or Masters of their associations. It has been pointed out that there is no ringers' memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood, to whom the Exercise owed so much, and it is suggested that this peal board in his own tower, and telling of the last peal which he rang, would form a simple and suitable memorial. A number of subscriptions have already been given, but I think there may be some ringers who knew Sir Arthur and would like to subscribe, who were not present when it was mentioned in London. If so, will they send any contribution to Mr. H. W. Wilde, Belgrave, Pulford, near Wrexham, who himself took part in the peal; and who now has the matter in hand.—Yours, etc.,
H. J. ELSEE.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Congratulations from a large circle of ringing friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smith, of Eastbourne, and formerly of Hackney, who on Saturday, August 6th, will celebrate their golden wedding.

Until his retirement from the post of superintendent at the G.P.O., London, a few years ago, when he migrated to the South coast, Mr. W. D. Smith was closely and actively associated with the College Youths. He has held the office of Master three times. Mr. Smith has had a lifelong connection with ringing at the Church of St. John-at-Hackney, where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him were associated with the tower. He now devotes his ringing energies to the Sussex County Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will spend their jubilee with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, at 32, Whitechapel Road, and Mr. Smith will be pleased to see any of his old friends at that address on August 6th or 8th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT COLEORTON.

A splendid attendance marked the first association meeting ever held at Coleorton, Leicestershire, when the Burton District of the M.C.A. met there on Saturday, July 23rd. Methods, chiefly Bob Minor, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles and Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Seales. Twenty-six sat down for tea, after which the Rector, the Rev. J. N. Philpott, R.D., welcomed the association to Coleorton, and encouraged the local company to become members. Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore suitably replied on behalf of those present.

The local Secretary mentioned that the Rev. D. J. Davies, of Appleby Magna, had asked to have a district meeting at that six-bell tower, and Appleby was duly selected for the next meeting, to be held on September 3rd.

The Rev. H. E. Worthington concluded the meeting by referring to the loss sustained by the association and the ringing world in general by the sudden death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, a vice-president and Central Council representative for the M.C.A.

THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR. WIDESPREAD REGRET.

The news which 'The Ringing World' conveyed to the Exercise last Friday of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor was received all over the country with the most profound regret.

At the annual festival of the Oxford Guild, at the Llandaff and Monmouth Association's quarterly meeting at Bridgend, at the Gloucester and Bristol Association's meeting at Olveston and at other ringing gatherings, votes of sympathy and condolence with the widow and relatives were passed.



THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were brought to England by the liner 'Berengaria,' and were landed at Southampton, the young widow being among the passengers.

The funeral service was fixed for last Wednesday afternoon at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, and the interment in Loughborough Cemetery.

Mr. Pryce Taylor did not begin his peal ringing career until the year 1921, when he opened his list with Cambridge Surprise Major, and, although business and other claims did not permit him to take part in a great many peals, the total of 46 included Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. The details of his peals are as follow:

Minor (three methods)	1
Stedman Triples	6
Stedman Caters	6
Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	8
Cambridge Surprise Major	11
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1
Total	46

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should be very grateful if all those towers who ring either muffled peals or touches (especially the M.C.A.) in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, will kindly send full details to me for recording purposes.

ERNEST MORRIS,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

Gen. Sec., M.C.A.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Ilminster, on Saturday last, when a service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Boughton). Nearly 30 sat down to tea in St. Mary's Hall. There were several lady ringers present, and the towers represented were Ilminster, Langport, Yeovil, Curry Rivel, Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Buckhorn Weston. Six ringers from Kingsbury were elected members, and it was decided to hold the next meeting there.

Mr. D. G. Taylor gave an interesting account of the discussion which took place at the annual meeting of the association, recently held at Wells, with regard to the insurance of ringers.

The secretary (Mr. F. Parvart) was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in their loss caused by the lamented death of Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed by the secretary to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his excellent address, to Mr. G. Fowler Sharpe, organist, and to the ladies who had provided tea.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My letter was not, as Mr. Hunt suggests, written on behalf of the committee, but gave my own personal opinions.

Mr. Hunt seems to be under the impression that the minutes record that at Ipswich Mr. Burton moved the whole 13 resolutions 'en bloc.' Reference to your columns for April 15th last does not bear this out, and, in fact, he did nothing of the sort. He moved the report as printed in 'The Ringing World' for April 2nd, 1926. This begins by explaining why the committee had altered the form of their report into resolutions instead of statements, and the explanation ended with these words: 'The resolutions, on the other hand, as now proposed, and as given below, enable the subject to be more easily dealt with piecemeal, and, what is also of consequence, to be more readily assimilated by the associations.'

Now, Mr. Hunt cannot expect us to believe that he is not intelligent enough to understand that 'to be dealt with piecemeal' is the exact opposite to taking them 'all at once,' as he puts it.

So far, I have only quoted the official records to which he refers us. But the report of the meeting shows that Mr. Burton was prepared with some amendments to move when we got to them: while I made a point of having been entrusted with others, when the time should come. How could we speak like that, if the time had already come, and all the resolutions were being moved together?

Moreover, why does he go back to Ipswich? At the Mansion House I asked the chairman to put each resolution separately to the vote without debate, and he got up to do so, when the opposition, who were so anxious that the opinion of the Council should not be taken, carried another wrecking motion.

Mr. Hunt writes: 'Had the committee used a little more diplomacy, they would have carried some of their resolutions, but to ask the Council to swallow resolutions such as altering Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first peal of which was rung 156 years ago, was expecting too much.' He used these same words both publicly and privately at the Mansion House. I pointed out to him then, both publicly and privately, and I now repeat to him for the third time in writing, that we never so much as mentioned Double Norwich at all. Must I repeat it a fourth time, or is it at last understood? Does Mr. Hunt really see that he has been repeating an argument which has no existence outside his own heated imagination? Or is he one of those people who believe that if he repeats a mistake three times, he makes it come true?

As a matter of fact, the only name of any interest which Mr. Trollope could find in our report was 'London Scholars' Pleasure,' and the Council could have struck that out in a quarter of the time he took to talk about it.

There is this also to be said: others used this same argument, if not in the same blundering way that Mr. Hunt did. But what is there in it? Do they suppose that we were out to aggrandise ourselves? We only want to help the Exercise. We were, and are, quite ready to hand over our work to others. If these objectors really wanted to do what they profess, why did they not move themselves the proposal they are so ready to tell us we ought to have done? It was, and still is, quite open to any or all of them to move that the resolution be considered *seriatim*. I have invited Mr. Trollope to give notice that he will do this next meeting, and I now invite Mr. Hunt to do the same. If they will not, they cannot expect us to believe in their sincerity.

Mr. Hunt concludes thus: 'I beg to say the Council never had the opportunity to select any one suggestion made by the Nomenclature Committee.' This is quite true: it is the very point I insisted on in my last letter. It is true because, before I could (as arranged) get up to second the first resolution at Ipswich, Mr. Trollope introduced his silly amendment, which was no amendment, while at the Mansion House it was Mr. Hunt himself who prevented us doing the very thing he blames us for not doing.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, a quarterly meeting was held at Wem, there being some 20 members present from the following towers: Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, Alberbury, Hodnet, Stanton, Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Wistaston, Wellington, Ightfield, Ruyton-Eleven-Towns, Wem, etc. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and short touches were rung until five o'clock, when tea was partaken of at Kynaston's Cafe.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. F. A. Barnett presiding. A number of new members were elected, and certificates distributed.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bridgnorth on October 8th.

Members were grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, and a message of sympathy was sent to the relatives.

The members were sorry to hear that the Rev. R. B. Faulkner, of Ightfield, is leaving the district in September. He takes with him the good wishes of all ringers in the district.

The ringing during the afternoon consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A BUSY DAY IN THE UNIVERSITY CITY.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday once more drew a large attendance of members to the university city from the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and numerous visitors from further afield, including Birmingham and Coventry, and a party from Hillingdon, Middlesex, who made it the occasion of their annual outing. Oxford is well equipped with bells, with the ring of twelve at the cathedral, the tens at Magdalen and New College, the eight at Merton College, the new octaves at St. Ebbe's and St. Giles', and the numerous rings of six. All these were available at some time or other during the day, and the visitors found plenty to occupy their attention, for, in addition to the ringing and the proceedings of the festival, the attractions of the Colleges themselves were by no means overlooked. The service in the cathedral was an impressive one, at which the Rev. Dr. Longford, Rector of Caversham, was the preacher. The offertory was devoted to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been adopted,

The Master said before they commenced the business of the meeting he would like, in the name of the Guild, to propose that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Taylor, the widow of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who, as most of them had read, died quite suddenly while in Canada, where he had gone, as also to the United States, for business. He had an operation, but it was not successful, and he died in a few days. He (the Master) was glad to say Mrs. Pryce Taylor was with him, and she was now on her way home. Many of them knew Mr. Taylor, either as a ringer or as a bell founder. He came into the business as a young man, after the death of his father and three brothers, the latter having been killed in the war, in which Mr. Pryce Taylor was himself wounded. During his connection with the firm, Mr. Pryce Taylor had certainly not let down the foundry. He had done some fine work, but his life had been cut short.

The motion was carried in silence.

VIEWS OF YOUNG RINGERS INVITED.

The Master presented his report as follows, and it was adopted:—
I have attended meetings of one kind or another of all the fourteen branches of the Guild, and on the whole can report well of them. It has been the exception not to find a good attendance. There are one or two that seem unable to really get going in spite of praiseworthy efforts by the few who are keen. Football is one great obstacle. At the festival, all parts of the diocese were represented, but the number attending was small. It would appear that the Guild as a whole does not appreciate the spiritual and material advantages of Oxford. I have given advice as to rebelling, etc., at Abingdon St. Nicholas, Adderbury, Appleton, Bledlow, Deddington, Faringdon, Goring, Hagbourne, Henley, Hughenden, Hungerford, Oxford St. Giles, Minster Lovell. Augmentation or restoration has been completed at Appleton, Faringdon, Farnborough, Heyford, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Simpson, Woughton. The great piece of work has been done at Faringdon, where there is now a new ring of eight hung in the most approved fashion and a new clock and chimes, and, moreover, a band that can ring Grandsire Triples. At the same time, the Vale of White Horse Branch has passed from very near death to a vigorous life. All this is due mainly to the influence of two men, Rev. W. Carey Ward, Vicar of Faringdon, and Mr. G. Webley, branch secretary. Some skilful work has also been done in our world-famous Appleton tower, with the result that the bells now go better than perhaps they have ever gone before. Our peal total is certainly a small one, and I think it will be found that there is a drop in the total number of peals rung by the Exercise generally last year. There is such a thing as overdoing it, but in the Oxford Guild at present there is no danger of this. The majority of our peals have been rung by mixed bands—and all credit to them—but it is a pity that the days seem to have gone by when we had several local bands ringing peals on their own or on neighbouring bells. One result of this was good service ringing, and another that the young and keen beginner had an opportunity of achieving his natural and laudable ambition and proving himself a ringer by taking part in a peal in the method he had been learning. Speaking of young ringers, it will have been noticed that the question of recruits which I dealt with in my last report has since figured largely in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' It has been, and is to be, the subject of conference whenever possible at all large and representative gatherings of ringers. In view of this, and at the same time in order to help if I can the many perplexed and despairing foremen of towers in this Guild, I invite letters from any young ringers stating their views as to why there is not a better supply of young church bell ringers, and why those who do take up church bell ringing so often turn it down after a comparatively short time. I do not intend to do more than briefly acknowledge the letters, but I want the information, which I intend to use without reference to the source from whence it comes. I acknowledge with gratitude the great help I have again received from the treasurer and secretary.

HOW FUNDS MIGHT BE EXPENDED.

The Hon. Treasurer, in his report, said the statement of accounts for 1926 showed a balance of £116 9s. 10d., as compared with £86 7s. 2d. the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the small

attendance at the annual festival—a decrease of 61 as compared with 1925—and no grants were made from the Restoration Fund. The total expenses were £24 less than the previous year. Attention was again called to the importance of members paying their subscriptions at the beginning of the year, instead of at the end. The balances in the hands of the branches amounted to £155, which showed that the Guild had been very generous in allowing half the subscriptions for expenses. The various branch balance sheets showed that care had been taken in spending funds, and although it was necessary to have a balance in hand, there was no special object in accumulating a large sum. The Treasurer reminded the branch committees that one object of the Guild was to cultivate the art of change ringing. The Master had called attention to the fact that there was considerable difficulty in obtaining young men as ringers, and that many who began to learn gave it up in a very short time. If the branches would carefully consider the question and see if they could not do something in the way of organising bands of change ringers to go to the towers in need of instruction, and give a helping hand to young ringers, they might spend a portion of their funds in contributing towards the expenses, and thereby assisting in carrying out this important work. The branch treasurers deserved a word of praise for the work, often-times difficult, they did in carrying forward the interests of the Guild.

This report was adopted, as was also that of the secretary, as follows:—

Another year gone, and, on the whole, we can congratulate our Guild on maintaining its efficiency and usefulness. Our membership is well up to average, and although we have lost a few towers we have gained more than we have lost, the Banbury, Witney and Woodstock, and Vale of White Horse Branches being chiefly the sources of increase. Our membership for 1926 works out as follows: Towers 184 (increase of two), hon. members 194, ringing members 1,547, unattached and non-resident members 420; total 2,161. Ringing members increase 32, hon. members less 23, life and unattached 20 decrease. The peals, though far short in numbers compared to a few years ago, are interesting to think about. We have scored the whole gamut from 'London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major to Grandsire Doubles.' After referring to some of the more noteworthy performances, the Secretary added: 'One is sorry to see members' names "starred," especially when the whole band belonging to a tower forget to pay their "halfpenny per week." This is a thing I would ask foremen of towers to see to. If ringers generally could only realise the work and anxiety that their branch secretaries put into their job I am sure the rank and file would be at more pains to help keep things going.' The Secretary concluded with thanks to the secretaries of branches for the help they gave him, and for the hearty welcome extended when he visited them.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master was re-elected by acclamation, and the hon. treasurer and secretary were similarly re-elected.

There were twelve members to be elected to the committee. The Secretary moved that the eleven following be re-elected: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Cudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humphrey, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. The twelfth, Mr. F. Webb, had gone from them, and that left one vacancy to be filled.

The name of Miss Vera Robinson was proposed, and the Master, in endorsing the motion, said they would welcome Miss Robinson, not only for what she herself did for the Guild, but her election would be just something which they could do to show they had not forgotten one who was a prime mover in starting the Guild, and was their first and great Master.—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge gave his customary interesting review of the Central Council meeting. He had, he said, attended every one of the 35 meetings which the Council had held since it was inaugurated, and had reported to the Guild upon each of them. Canon Coleridge commented on each item on the agenda. The Oxford Guild had again been honoured, because for the third time the Council insisted on re-electing him as president, and they had also re-elected the Master of the Guild as the honorary librarian. Mr. Young remained as hon. secretary and treasurer, and they were, therefore, a very happy family at the head of it. Referring to the motion on the extension of Superlative, Canon Coleridge said the subject was discussed by the learned bigwigs of the ringing world, but it was far above most of the members. As far as he could say, there were about three on one side and three on the other, and as opinions seemed to be pretty evenly divided the discussion was closed without any definite agreement being come to, but they parted quite amicably (laughter and applause). Canon Coleridge also referred to the question of diplomas for young ringers, and hoped it would be considered by all the associations before next year. He also touched on the important work before the two new committees which were appointed to deal respectively with the question of broadcasting of bell ringing and the legal position of ringers. The meeting, said Canon Coleridge, was a very interesting and useful one, and many of those who were able to attend, apart from the actual business done, were able to enjoy themselves, thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. Young and others. The next meeting was to be held at Hereford, and he hoped he might have the privilege of reporting to the Guild upon that meeting next year.

The Master moved a vote of thanks to Canon Coleridge for his report. He said it was a most difficult meeting to preside over, and the Canon did it extremely well.

The meeting then considered the various recommendations of the committee, the first of which was that the festival in 1928 be held at Oxford. Slough to be the alternative if Oxford was unavailable.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that the meeting be held at Slough, but on being put to the vote Oxford was selected by 70 votes to 15.

MEMBERS HONOURED.

The Master proposed the adoption of the next recommendation of the committee, viz., that Mr. J. F. Parker be made a vice-president of the Guild. He said he was very pleased to do this, because last year he had to refuse the proposal for reasons which he would not now go into, but which reasons no longer existed. Mr. Parker was one who was not only a great ringer, who in the past had done so much for the Guild, but he was a talented composer, and had been a prominent figure in the Exercise.—Mr. J. Evans seconded, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis supported the motion. Mr. Parker and himself, he said, were the only two survivors of the original committee formed in 1881, and he was particularly glad that Mr. Parker should thus come back into touch with the Guild.—The motion was carried with applause.

The Master said he had a matter which he was going to throw at the meeting. Canon Coleridge had been a worry to him for many years, because he had never known how to deal with him (laughter). He ought to be something far higher than he was (applause). He proposed, with the consent of the meeting, to ask Canon Coleridge to accept office as vice-president (loud applause).

The Secretary asked to be allowed to second the motion. 'I have known him many years,' said Mr. Hibbert, 'and he was a tall chap when I first knew him (laughter). I knew, when the Master said he was throwing this at you, that you would catch it (laughter). We shall never get a much bigger chap than Canon Coleridge to sit on our committees or give us good advice when we need it' (laughter and applause).—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his election, said the honour had come upon him quite unexpectedly. He was perfectly content to serve the Guild as a humble trustee, with two others, as he had done for some years, and he was chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch. He was content, and always had been, to hold the most humble positions and do anything he could for the good of the Guild. If his name might add force to anything the Guild did, he was only too pleased that they should print his name in an exalted position. He thanked them very much for associating him with Mr. Parker as vice-president. Mr. Parker was one of the first members of the Guild, and had been a mainstay of the Guild in the past. He felt greatly honoured at being coupled with him on the roll of the distinguished officers of the Guild.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

The Secretary moved the next recommendation of the committee: That the names of all non-resident life members should go together as new members of the general Guild. This, he said, was not intended to cause any ill-feeling with the officers of any branch, but to try to bring their annual report up to date. In practically every association when a man from outside the area became a non-resident life member he became a member of the Guild or association as a whole and not of the branch in which he was elected. In their own Guild these members were shown in the report as members of the different branches, and he hoped they would now alter that so that the names should all come together in the general Guild list. This would not affect the unattached resident members.—Mr. Trollope seconded.

Mr. A. D. Barker opposed the proposal. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch they had as non-resident life members a good many ringers who were visitors from London, and who looked upon themselves as members of the branch, which was an association in itself before the Oxford Guild was formed. At present, the branch took half the subscriptions, and only one half went to the general funds. If the motion were passed, the branch would lose its share of the subscription and would not be quite so eager to invite ringers into its area in order to make them members. It would cut off a useful source of income to the branches, and might interfere with the grants which they could make to the bell restoration funds. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch there were a number of non-resident members who, he thought, would dislike being taken from the branch list and put into the general Guild list. In addition to that, there were resident members of the branch who might remove and retain their membership with it by paying the non-resident subscription. If they were to lose their connection with the branch they might drop out altogether.

Mr. C. C. Mayne supported Mr. Barker, and referred particularly to the financial loss which the branches would sustain.

In the course of further discussion, the Master said that if the principle objection was the loss to the branches of the half of the subscription, they might get over the difficulty by allowing the branches still to retain the half-crown per member, and putting the names in the general list as proposed by Mr. Hibbert.

The motion was carried by 62 votes to 7, it being understood that the suggestion of the Master would be followed in regard to the division of the subscription.

BELL RESTORATION GRANTS.

The meeting next discussed grants for bell restoration. The Master said when the committee met the only application they had before them was that from St. Giles', Oxford, and they recommended £3 3s.

Since then they had had recommendations from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting, held directly after the committee meeting, that grants should be made to Hughenden and Old Windsor. From the Banbury Branch they had had support for an application from Adderbury, and a few days ago they received applications from Hinton Waldrist, East Garston and Deddington. There seemed to be a good deal of restoration going on. The Guild had in the restoration fund £32 7s., of which they promised last year to give to Hagbourne £5 5s., subject to the work there being completed to his satisfaction. Having pointed out the claims of the various towers, the Master said he hoped they would not think the Guild was bound to spend all its money at once, nor that they were bound always to give more than a branch did. They had a great many applications, and their mistake in the past had been, in his opinion, that they had sometimes given big sums because they had only had one application.

Asked which parishes had got to shoulder the biggest burden, the Master said he thought Deddington, East Garston and Hughenden, and perhaps Old Windsor, where they had to restore another part of the church. He said, in reply to another question, that he would be surprised if the work in each case was not done before next year.

The Treasurer expressed the view that as a general principle they ought not to spend more than half the funds available in each year, but as they had such a big list he supposed they should deal with it in a special way. He would have no objection to meeting all these applications, but with smaller grants.

The Secretary said they had about £27 to spend on the best thing they could possibly spend it on, and that was the restoration of bells that were unringable. He suggested they should vote £3 to each of the seven towers.

Mr. Pole-Routh seconded.

The Treasurer said the branches held about £166 between them, and he thought they might give more generous grants to restorations. As long as the branches had enough in hand to pay their expenses for, say, two years, they might well give generously to these restorations. He added, in reply to a question, that no money was paid over until in each case the work had been carried out to the satisfaction of the Master.

The Secretary: All the while your worthy Master keeps going to towers and saying, 'You ought to have these bells rebung,' and the church authorities say, 'We will,' you will have these applications coming in (laughter).

The grant of £3 to each tower was agreed to.

The confirmation of the election of 179 new members was agreed to, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the preacher and organist, and to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for allowing the use of the cathedral and Chapter House.—Dr. Longford briefly replied.

The members then adjourned to the Carfax Assembly Rooms for lunch, and afterwards visited the various towers in the city for ringing.

PRESENTATION TO A LADY RINGER.

MISS D. G. FELTHAM LEAVING FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Ringers of the Middlesex County Association, especially those of the South and West District, will regret to know that one of their lady members is leaving England for South Africa. Miss D. G. Feltham, of Hillingdon, has volunteered for work in the mission field, and sails from Southampton on August 5th to take up the post of music mistress in St. Peter's School for Girls at Grahamstown. Miss Feltham will be greatly missed in the parish in several branches of church work, and most of all in the belfry.

Her fellow ringers showed their appreciation on Saturday last, on the occasion of the annual outing of the Hillingdon band. During luncheon, the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Kitcat, on behalf of the members of St. John's Guild, presented a camera to Miss Feltham. Whilst expressing regret at her departure, he wished her good luck in her new venture.

Miss Feltham will no doubt carry happy memories of this day. Leaving Hillingdon at 7.30 a.m., the party journeyed by motor to Oxford. The ride was very chilly, and hot coffee and rolls were in demand on arrival at the university city. After visiting the cathedral belfry, the ringers attended the Oxford Guild festival service at the Cathedral. The singing was greatly enjoyed.

An appetising luncheon was served at the City Restaurant, during which the presentation took place.

The Vicar, an old Keble man, took the party round that college, and Mr. Holman Hunt's picture, 'The Light of the World,' was greatly admired. After visiting some of the towers open for ringing, and, under the Vicar's guidance, the college chapels, the party adjourned for tea. After facing the camera in Christ Church quadrangle, a stroll through Christ Church meadows brought the party to the river and the college barges. Later, the motor was again boarded, and, after a halt at Henley, Hillingdon was safely reached at 10 p.m. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in guiding the members through the highways and by-ways of Oxford.

BIGESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Clifton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Hatfield 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, W. Scarrott 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8.

DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE.

A JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.

A joint meeting of the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Districts was held at Ryde on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight at All Saints' Church was available during the afternoon and evening. Some good ringing was indulged in, and useful practice obtained by some of the members in the higher methods.

After tea at the Welby Institute, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) gave the members an outline of the proposed constitution of the new Guild. The sanction of both the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth had been obtained to form a joint diocesan association, and it was proposed to hold a special general meeting in the autumn to launch the new association, which will take effect as from January 1st next.

It was also mentioned that proposals were on foot to make a larger number of districts with a maximum of 12 towers in each, so that they could be more easily visited and worked.

As this was not a recognised district meeting, no action could be taken, but the chat amongst the members was much appreciated.

At the conclusion, touches were rung on the handbells by several of the ringers. Further ringing was indulged in on tower bells until 8 p.m.; the methods rung including the standard methods and Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. During the day, ringers were present from Brading, Carisbrooke, Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Newport, Southampton, London and Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd, and was attended by some 30 members. The ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.) was, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. R. J. King, M.A., available during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., at which a very helpful and instructive address was given by the Rector, and was much appreciated by those present.

An excellent tea was afterwards served in the girls' school, Hungate, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. Two new members were elected—Mr. P. Thompson, Market Weighton, and Mr. S. Fisher, of Beverley Minster. It was proposed that the place of the next meeting be Pocklington, and that permission be also asked for the bells of Nunburnholme, failing which the meeting be held at Eserick.

Reference was made to the long illness of the hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), who is now happily convalescent, and whose duties were kindly taken over by Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull).

On the motion of Mr. F. Cryer, Selby, seconded by Mr. A. Sellars, Beverley, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the ladies for serving tea, and to Mr. J. W. Kueshaw and the local ringers for their very efficient arrangements. The Rector, in responding, spoke of the very great pleasure the visit of the association gave to him and his ringers, and extended to the association a hearty invitation at any time, a generous offer which will be borne in mind for the near future.

This terminated a pleasant meeting at this delightful market town situated in the midst of the Yorkshire Wolds.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD'S 150 PEALS.

Cambridge Minor	...	...	...	1
Minor, seven Methods	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	12
Erin Triples	...	...	...	1
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	58
Bob Major	...	...	...	9
Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	3
Double Norwich Major	...	...	...	8
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	26
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	3
Norfolk Surprise Major	...	...	...	1
London Surprise Major	...	...	...	5
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	2
Erin Caters	...	...	...	1
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	1
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	7
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	1

Total ... 150

Of these peals, Mr. Whitehead conducted Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 10, and Superlative 2. One peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

A PROMISING GIRL RINGER.

At Yaxley, Suffolk, on Tuesday, July 19th, for practice, after meeting short for peal, 720 Bob Minor: Edward Todd 1, Ethna Whiting 2, David Whiting 3, Nolan Golden 4, Derek Lockwood 5, William Stegall (conductor) 6. This was Ethna Whiting's first 720, and was rung at the first attempt after little practice. She is only 12 years of age.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mark's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, S. H. Hopper 4, J. S. Roberts 5, H. Wheeler 6, A. Heath 7, H. Hatton 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Olliver (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, O. Sippetts (conductor) 2, C. Nice 3, C. H. Surridge 4, R. Johnson 5, N. Elliott 6, F. Sadler 7, A. J. Ball 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, on Sunday, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: H. W. Mance 1, H. H. Mance 2, G. Watkin 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. J. Newman 5, F. Howson (first quarter in the method and on ten bells) 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Dean 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, for divine service at the cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. Tolworthy 1, E. Russell 2, C. Gentry 3, J. Wood 4, W. Lincoln (conductor) 5, R. C. Clark 6, J. Kemp 7, C. Cooper 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 56 mins.: W. H. Fletcher 1, Miss P. M. Moss (first in the method as conductor) 2, Miss E. Steele 3, C. C. Mayne 4, R. Turner 5, J. Blackmore 6, H. Wingrove 7, R. Buckland 8.

DURHAM.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Oswald's Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. (six different callings): G. A. Johnson 1, C. F. Vasey 2, J. R. Temple 3, T. Banks 4, W. H. Johnson (conductor) 5, A. Clement 6.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. H. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, F. W. Bernell 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. Marshall 8. Arranged for F. W. Bernell, of Portsmouth, on his first ring in the county of Sussex.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 17th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Benney 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, S. W. Sturges 4, John Lee 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. This was arranged for Mr. S. W. Sturges, who is on a visit from Boston, U.S.A.

LONDON.—At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday evening, July 17th 1,191 Stedman Cinques in 53 mins.: W. Rushton 1, H. Hodgetts 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, E. E. Pike 6, E. G. Fenn 7, W. G. Whitehead 8, F. E. Collins 9, J. Bullock 10, G. C. Rice 11, H. A. Folkard 12.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes), composed by John Carter, in 54 mins.: Wm. Saunders (conductor) 1, W. D. Wase 2, J. L. Stanier 3, R. Evans 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, A. S. Bayley 6, J. H. Rixom 7, W. Lago 8, J. L. Hayward 9, J. Garbett 10. Specially arranged for J. L. Hayward, who hails from Slough, Bucks.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 10th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, the first quarter-peal on the bells: H. Withers (conductor) 1, J. Atkins (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, A. Chambers 3, E. Baylin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. Rose 6, G. Pigott 7, T. Russell 8.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—At the Church of St. John-at-Jerusalem, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: A. Riley 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. A. Hales 3, G. W. T. Briggs 4, J. Waugh 5, E. Dymont 6, I. J. Atwater (conductor) 7, L. Farmer 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 19th, at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples by: Miss E. E. Harcourt 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. L. Watkins 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

BATTLE.—On Sunday evening, June 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: S. Curtis 1, R. W. Curtis (composer) 2, Mrs. E. Baker 3, W. Franks (conductor) 4, H. Baker 5, J. Sinden 6, L. G. Franks 7, D. Hale 8.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Mary's (R.C.) Church on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Lawson 1, E. B. Coxhead 2, Adam Blogg 3, F. Rigby 4, J. H. Gartside 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th are from Whittle-le-Woods, 4th and 5th from Chorley.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, June 12th, at St. Ebbe's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: C. Coles 1, W. Brigham 2, A. Dubber 3, W. Collett 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Beckitt 6, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 7, G. Horwood 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE CLASH OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford, on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and kept going in various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Gedge), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. W. G. Pitman, of Canterbury, officiated at the organ.

A splendid tea was supplied by the generosity of the local band, and was efficiently served by several ladies of the congregation, sixty members participating. At the conclusion of the meal, the Rector had to leave, after extending a hearty welcome to the company, on behalf of Crayford, and especially Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford's veteran ringer, who had made a splendid recovery from a recent serious illness.

Mr. I. Emery proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the social function. This was seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the curate, the Rev. W. M. Salmon, being elected chairman. Seven new members were elected, and the election of two ringers previous to peals was confirmed.

Two places were nominated for the next, the annual district meeting, a welcome being assured at each, i.e., St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and St. John's, Eltham. On being put to the meeting, Eltham was chosen.

Mr. I. Emery called the attention of the meeting to the ambiguity of clause (d) Rule 4, and suggested that the meeting give him permission to raise the question at the committee meeting in November. It was agreed that Messrs. Emery, Groombridge and Jeffries should draft a proposed amendment to this rule, and submit the same at the annual district meeting, with a view to its being raised, with the district's approval, at the committee meeting in the following month.

Then followed a long and somewhat acrimonious discussion on the reasons for the clashing of meetings, and shifting of same from the place selected at the previous meeting. The Chairman briefly reviewed the opposing evidence in a masterly and very diverting manner. This restored good humour, and it was agreed to leave the necessary arrangements to be made as at present.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his able and heartening direction of the meeting.—This was seconded by H. Warnett and carried with applause.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a similar vote to the local ringers and friends for their generous hospitality, to the ladies for their help and to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ.—This was seconded by Mr. I. Emery and carried with applause.

This concluded the meeting, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, there being thirty-six members present. After some very enjoyable ringing on the six bells, a short association service was held, the Rev. Griggs giving an address. The service concluded, the Vicar invited the members to the Vicarage for tea, which was held on the lawn amid picturesque surroundings.

In replying to a vote of thanks from the meeting, the Vicar remarked that thanks were due, not so much to him as to the local ringers' wives, who, he said, had been doing all the work and apparently were doing it now. Continuing, he said that it was a double pleasure to be able to welcome Rev. Canon Helmore to the meeting, as he (Mr. Griggs) had heard that Canon Helmore anticipated resigning his office as general secretary, and he took the opportunity of saying he hoped that this would not be the case for many years.

On behalf of the members, Mr. J. Sharp offered Rev. Canon Helmore hearty congratulations on the attainment of the golden anniversary of his wedding.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the belfry, where the local band of ringers gave an unrehearsed exhibition of really good striking in a touch of Bob Doubles. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Graudsire were among some of the other methods attempted.

The following towers were represented: Canterbury, Wingham, Sturry, Horne, Swindon, Birchington and Littlebourne.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hawkhurst on July 9th, the following places being represented: Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's), Lamberhurst, Horsmonden, Penshurst, Frittenden, Linton, Staplehurst, Tenterden, Kilndown, Canterbury, Salehurst, Burwash, Mayfield, Smerden, Cranbrook and the local tower.

The eight bells in the Parish Church tower were kept going merrily during the afternoon. A service was held at half-past four, to which the public, as well as the ringers, were invited. Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist of St. Gregory's Church, Canterbury, and a ringing member of the association, presided at the organ. The local organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban), the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) and the choirboys were in attendance. The Vicar (Rev. Cuthbert Compton) officiated, and delivered an appropriate address, which was followed by the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

Tea was afterwards served at the Eight Bells Hotel. The Vicar presided, and the organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban) and the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) were also the guests of the association. A short business meeting on belfry matters followed.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting. The members, he said, also desired to return their thanks to the local organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban) and the choirboys for leading the singing. Furthermore, they had to express their gratitude to the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) for his good offices, and to their old friend (Mr. W. E. Pitman) for presiding at the organ. The resolution was carried with applause.—The Vicar, in response, said it had been a pleasure to him to allow the meeting to be held at Hawkhurst, and he hoped the association would come again some time in the future.—Mr. Pitman also replied.

The District Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, proposed a vote of thanks to the local hon. secretary (Mr. G. Billenness) for having made such excellent arrangements for the meeting. This was heartily carried and suitably acknowledged.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until nine o'clock. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Superlative Surprise Major.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th, when members attended from Sandal, Horbury, Wath, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, Anston, Hoylandswaine, Barnsley and the local company. The afternoon was gloriously fine, and gave added charm to the village, which stands high and provides a view across a broad valley to the highest points of the Pennine mountains—a view too beautiful for words to describe. Add to this the sounds of a rare ring of bells, and the visitors felt they had got a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. Needless to say, the meeting was a full one, the bells were freely used, and the social amenities, with the cup that cheers, at the Gardeners' Arms, was followed by a business meeting. There was one sad note to mar the joys of the gathering. A vote of condolence was proposed by Mr. Rayner to the company of Horbury upon the death of Mr. George Barstow, a good and well respected ringer; to Mr. Herbert Rowley upon the sudden death of his wife, and to Barnsley on the death of Mr. Tom Bone, aged 76. Mr. Bone was a ringer of long standing, and, as towerkeeper, was always ready to welcome ringers to St. Mary's belfry.

The rest of the business was of the 'happy family' kind.

A committee meeting was ordered for July 26th at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and the next meeting will be held at Cawthorne.

The Shelley company were warmly praised for their excellent arrangements.

CITY RINGERS AT HARLOW.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the annual outing of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, ringers took place. Leaving Liverpool Street at 1.15, Harlow, Essex, was reached about an hour later. The Parish Church of St. Mary was at once visited, and some very good ringing was enjoyed by the party, which numbered fifteen. A nice walk through the fields brought them to the White Horse, Harlow Common, where an excellent tea was waiting. After tea, ringing at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Harlow Common, took place on the musical peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) by Taylor. This peal is a masterpiece and a great credit to the founders. The party were joined here by Mr. G. Dent and Mr. Snales of the local band, who took part in some of the touches. The ringing throughout the afternoon was good, not one touch being lost. The methods were London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and they take this opportunity of returning thanks to the officials at both churches for their kind reception, also to Mr. George Dent for arranging tea.

BRENTWOOD RINGERS IN KENT.

The ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Brentwood, held their annual outing on Monday, July 4th, when 38 members and friends journeyed by charabancs to Maidstone, which was reached soon after 10 a.m. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung, several of the members having their first ring on ten bells at the Church of All Saints. The next stop was at Tenterden, where, unfortunately, owing to illness near the church, the bells could not be rung. After partaking of a splendid lunch, the party went on to Bencuden, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and then to Tunbridge Wells, where tea was ready. Afterwards, some of the party went to the Chalybeate Spring to drink the famous waters, while others made their way to the tower to enjoy an hour's ringing on the bells. Leaving Tunbridge Wells soon after 8 p.m., the excursionists reached home about 11.30, having spent a most enjoyable day.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 5th, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Stadden 4, Mr. Nisbet 5, Mr. Colbourn 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Thomas 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 2nd, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Alvaston, Derby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield, Derby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells, a new ring of 8 by Taylor, available from 3.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 30th, when the new Vicar will be pleased to welcome all members and friends. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap tickets to Osterly Park, Hounslow East or Central.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Oake Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers for next two years. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruskington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar.—Reginald Scott, Westlea, Sleaford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Eyam on Bank Holiday Monday. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms (opposite the church), Eyam, mentioning 'Ringers' Meeting.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southwold on August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each at Clarke's Tea Rooms, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. Drake, Gen. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. Bells (8) will be available. Luncheon will be arranged at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Notice to be present for tea should be sent to Mr. W. T. Farrow, churchwarden, not later than Thursday, Aug. 4th.—C. H. Howard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with subscriptions. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The reopening of the Mossley Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service at 3 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea in school at 1s. per head; names to be sent to Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, by Aug. 4th. Bells at liberty till 9.30 p.m. The branch meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting at Mossley St. George's on Saturday, Aug. 6th, instead of Glossop meeting. The meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—T. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 6.30 to 8.30. Particulars of outing will be given at this meeting.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Edington bells also available for ringing.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Aron Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. provided by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. O. Orr, for those who notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 15th and the 29th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at Holt's Café 5.15 p.m. for those who apply before Aug. 5th to Mr. H. Crossland Gardener, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at the Parish Church, Whalley, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. Meeting and social 6.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn, by the 10th? All ringers and friends welcome.—John Watson, 46, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

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