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The attitude taken up by the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild with regard to the expenditure of funds is one which may be commended to the attention of other ringing organisations. In the hands of the various districts there is a considerable amount of money and Mr. Wright is urging the expenditure of some of this cash upon work which will bring into the Guild the towers which are still outside it. Unfortunately not all of the Associations have surplus funds lying idle, but there are some which are thus favoured and who go on from year to year adding increment. A 'nest egg' against a rainy day is a cautious financial policy which Associations, like individuals, should follow, but there is no need in the case of organisations such as exist for the furtherance of change-ringing to lay up undue store. Indeed, associations would only be following out the objects for which they exist if they expended their funds on such work as Mr. Wright has advocated in his own Guild and for which there is scope in the majority of our societies. Money, rightly spent on propaganda, will bring its own return in larger membership and increased income and, therefore, looked at even from this point of view, is better invested in active operations than lying dormant in a bank.

Every Diocesan Guild and County Association, we believe, puts the cultivation of the art of change-ringing in the forefront of its objects, but few go systematically to work to carry out their professions. What is done is more or less casual, and the real spade work is that done voluntarily by individual members out of sheer love for ringing and, in many cases, of service to the Church. We have constantly urged that more organised effort should be expended on propaganda and missionary work, which is bound in the long run to repay the associations which undertake it. What often happens at present is that a primary course of instruction is given and the band which has been under tuition is then left to its own devices, with the result that interest, from lack of sufficient knowledge, may quickly flicker out, whereas if the assistance given were carried on to a stage somewhere beyond the mere elements of change-ringing, sufficient enthusiasm would probably be created to lay the foundation of an active and progressive company.

Another matter which the Treasurer of the Oxford Guild rightly stressed, as being worthy of the attention of branches with available funds, is the desirability of contributing generously to bell restorations. Admittedly church authorities should keep their bells and belfries in order, but it is a graceful act, as well as being good business, to show

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church folk that while we get pleasure out of ringing the bells, we are ready when the time comes to do our part, as far as we are able, in helping to put them into good order so that they may be more readily used for their primary purpose. Most associations now have their special restoration funds, but few follow the example of the Oxford Guild in voting grants from the District coffers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	* HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 6
* JOHN ANDERSON 2	* ROBERT ANDERSON 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	JOHN FOREMAN 8
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOSEPH E. KEEN 9
ERNEST E. FERRY 5	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	GEORGE WEST 6
MISS EDNA WEBSTER 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
* MAURICE WARD 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 8
J. ALFRED BARRETT 4	LAWRENCE CHADBERN 9
* SAM PINDER 5	† NORMAN HEMMINGTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Foundry, Loughborough.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 6
* ALBERT A. BUSLEY 2	ERNEST A. FLOWERS 7
† FREDERICK J. FLOWERS 3	JOHN CURRY 8
GEORGE LADD 4	* CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 9
* ARTHUR RIGGALL 5	JOHN W. WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

E. LESLIE Treble	H. F. STUBBS 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	W. SMITH 7
W. THORLEY 3	C. HARRIMAN 8
E. CARTWRIGHT 4	E. READER 9
J. GRUNDY 5	JAMES HUTCHEY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect and regard to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was interred that afternoon.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On Saturday, July 9th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, W. Gammon 2, F. W. Larbey 3, T. A. S. Bloxham 4, B. N. Newson 5, W. Bulpitt 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, W. J. Adcock 8. Longest length in the method as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in B flat.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
CYRIL F. HOWETT 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
PERCY HARRISON 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by FRED HARRY DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, as a token of respect and deepest regret from St. Martin's Society. Requiescat in pace.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLERNE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SOMERS H. STURGIS Treble	WALTER J. STARR 5
JESSE H. BEAZER 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
†S. WARREN STURGIS 4	EDGAR C. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. Mr. Sturgis and his son are visitors from Groton College, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., and are believed to be the first American gentlemen to ring a peal within the British Empire. Mr. Sturgis and his son are to be congratulated upon their excellent ringing throughout the peal. After the peal, Mr. Sturgis thanked the Rector (Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers) for the use of the bells, and both names were recorded in the visitors' book.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	*REGINALD LATHBURY 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	STEPHEN H. WOOD Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Double Norwich. The composition, a one-part, has the 6th 22 courses each way in 5-6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

(SHEPPERTON.)

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HARRY HARRIS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, Bellfounder, Loughborough.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FRANK BLONDELL 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the Vicar's son, which took place during the afternoon; also in honour of the consecration, at Westminster Abbey, of the first Bishop of Portsmouth (Rt. Rev. Neville Lovett, D.D.).

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5
DANIEL COOPER 2	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER Treble	CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
CECIL NICE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN S. MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, July 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	ALFRED J. BATTIN Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Rung upon the eve of the 32nd anniversary of W. E. Pitman's wedding.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

FRED R. EVANS Treble	†JOHN BREESE 5
*DAVID HUGHES 2	*JOHN HUGHES 6
THOMAS CATHALL 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
WILLIAM CATHALL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, and 4th from Wretham, remainder belong to local band. First peal on the bells since rehanging at Whitsuntide, 1927, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Friday, July 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, with 7 and 8 covering: W. Wigmore 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, Miss E. Mathews 3, Miss D. Fidler 4, Miss R. Hazell 5, Miss S. Davis 6, J. Hazell 7, Miss E. Davis 8. The first extent in this method by all the band, and the first on the bells.

ABERGAVERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	ERNEST COOMES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	WILLIAM HORSINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

It is twenty-six years ago since the last peal was rung on these bells.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
* WILLIAM BOLWELL 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. Mr. H. Powell was made a member of the association before starting the peal.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY WARD Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMALD 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	HAROLD L. JONES 7
PERCY MASSAM 4	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS

First spliced peal on the bells, and by all the band. First touch of 'Spliced' by the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Leeds.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

SAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells for over twenty years, the only other Major being two peals of Plain Bob during that period.

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

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kilby, parents of the ringers of the third and seventh, who were married at this church on July 28th, 1877. Mr. Kilby has been connected with the ringing of these bells for 55 years. The band were entertained after the peal, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Kilby on their half-century of married life.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. 5
ALBERT BOOTH 2	JOSEPH ASMOLE 6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
HARRY PARKER 4	* WILLIAM G. OAKES Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. K. DRIVER Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 2	JACK GARTSIDE 6
FRED HINDLE 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of the sister of the second ringer.

SIX BELL PEAL.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, York Delight, Nelson's Delight, Morning Pleasure and Killamarsh.
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	GEORGE LORD 4
* WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal in the above association. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. H. Gawtress, late churchwarden at the above church, who was interred on the same day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
FRED HODGSON 3-4	ERNEST BETTS 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal on an inside pair by the ringer of 3-4. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss D. B. Musgrave and Mr. W. Barton; both of Pudsey, who were married on the above date.

RAYENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Thursday, June 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 240 each of Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's, and April Day, 180 of Grandsire, and 120 of Plain Bob: S. W. Copling 1, C. F. Sayer 2, R. A. Warman 3, H. W. Barrett 4, F. A. Finch (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal on these bells for thirty years.

LIVERPOOL.—On June 13th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, after meeting late for a peal of Caters, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins.: T. W. Hopson (Alfreton) 1, W. Battle 2, C. P. Bradley (Beverley) 3, G. R. Newton 4, E. Gaunce 5, T. C. Larkey 6, P. W. Cave (conductor) 7, T. Hammond 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: R. Dear 1, E. Waters 2, C. Lovell 3, A. Davies 4, A. V. Dent 5, C. R. Forfitt 6, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) 7, C. Chambers 8. This was the first quarter-peal and first attempt for the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE MASTER AND THE RINGERS' OFFICE.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Banbury on July 16th, and was a very successful gathering. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. J. Jones), and at which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was the preacher. His address was based upon the text, 'I will magnify mine office' (Rom. xi. 13). St. Paul, he said, by habit magnified everything that claimed to be from the hand of God. He had learnt Christ and magnified his own conversion. He liked to make that loom out, and all through his life he was trying to make himself worthy of his calling. He magnified the fact that he was a Roman citizen, and, above all, that he was not merely a follower of Jesus Christ but an apostle. In the same spirit let them think of their office as church bell ringers and try and magnify it. First of all, it was necessary to see how the office had come down to them from earliest times. There was little heard about the office until fifty years ago, when the various Guilds came into being throughout the country, and took in hand the question of the bell ringer. Although there was no accurate history, they could delve into the past, and ought to recognise what was done in the early days by the first pioneers. They, however, knew very little about their religious habits or their sincerity as churchmen, but they had their writings and the accomplishments that had come down, for which they ought to show their appreciation. They did not, for instance, hold meetings such as that fifty years ago, for there were no Guilds to keep the ringers together, and they had no combination for the betterment of the art and the religious side. There was a real friendship in bell ringing, and he himself would feel very lonely if all his ringers' friendships were taken away. In one's bell ringing friendships were formed, which were a spiritual help. In that way they were following more closely in the steps of the Lord Jesus Christ, and could magnify the office by adding more praise and lustre to it by meeting together and considering how best they could bring their ringing to the highest level. He was quite certain the majority of the clergy in the parishes would welcome suggestions from the ringers as to how they could put the whole question of bell ringing on a high level.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service a tea was held in the Church House, and the annual meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, of Adderbury.

Mr. R. R. Lewis, the local secretary and treasurer, presented the balance sheet, which showed an income of £9 19s. 10½d., and an expenditure of £5 7s. He said he was pleased to report a very successful year. The meetings had been well attended, upwards of forty members being present on each occasion. The membership had been increased to seventy-four, including one non-resident life member, and out of that number only four had neglected to pay their subscriptions. Two towers had been transferred to their branch, and they had secured a member from Duns Tew who would, he hoped, influence the other ringers to join from that tower. One peal had been rung for the branch, viz., Grandsire Triples at Banbury, also five members had taken part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Great Tew, Mr. Leonard Clifton, of the local company, ringing the tenor to his first peal. The members at Lower Heyford were tackling Grandsire Doubles with a zest which he was sure would bring them ultimate success. Joint practices had been arranged at Bodicote, and several of the Banbury company attended with a view to assisting the Adderbury and Deddington companies, but the bells proved to be too much of a handful for beginners in change ringing. A visit was also paid to Adderbury with the same result, but he was hopeful that when the rehanging of the bells was complete they would see better progress. There was a difference of £1 10s. between last year and the present one in the amount of honorary members' subscriptions, but he trusted that amount would be forthcoming. Two honorary members had been lost during the year, one by death and the other by removal.

The question of an application for a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Deddington was then discussed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that when applications came before the Guild they wanted to know what backing there was from the branch. If they could hear that at Deddington there was a definite proposition which could be put before the general Guild, he was sure it would be entertained. In the case of Adderbury they had a definite proposition, because the work was half done. He could not help feeling that it would be better to leave the application for another year.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild) and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) were of the same opinion, and it was decided to leave the matter over for twelve months.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley then outlined to the meeting what had been done at Adderbury. It had been estimated that rehanging the bells would involve a sum of £520, but in addition to that the sixth bell was cracked, and to be recast would bring the amount to £575. The order was given to the firm without having a penny in hand, and their action had been so far justified, for £407 had been promised, and he hoped before very long to see them all ringing in the Adderbury tower. Everything had been done, he might say, under the supervision of the Master, and it had been done well.

A grant of £21 was made to Adderbury.

Six new ringers from Great Tew were admitted, and it was proposed that the next place of meeting should be Great Tew.

The Secretary said they had been to every tower affiliated to the branch, and he considered it would be better to visit some of the other towers with a view to getting new members, such as Shennington and Wroxton. They wanted to get members into the branch, for the more they had the more they would be able to pay for instructors, and larger grants could be made for restoration.

It was, however, decided to hold the next meeting at Great Tew on October 15th.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was elected chairman, and the Rev. W. E. McFarlane vice-chairman.

Mr. R. R. Lewis was unanimously re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. Simons was elected to represent the local branch on the General Guild Committee.

'MISSIONARY' WORK ADVOCATED.

Mr. A. J. Wright congratulated the Banbury Branch on their balance sheet, which showed they were progressive. There was no special object, however, in hoarding up a large balance. Their secretary had suggested that they should make journeys round to the towers not in the Guild, and he would suggest that the branches might spend their money in that way in order to help the small hands along. He mentioned that at each meeting, and he hoped the Banbury and District Branch would do some missionary work in that respect, for the more they got in the Guild the more they could help the work. With regard to the restoration grants, some little time ago a restoration fund was started, and they had got together a sum of £26, and were now in a position to help any tower that came forward. He congratulated the secretary on his work, and he hoped the branch would continue to increase so that by next year he would be able to hear they had doubled their membership.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said the more they supported the Guild the more the Guild would support the branch. He would also like to take the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Lewis on the work he had done in connection with that branch. Some branches started like a weakly child and died out, while others got senile decay, but their branch had never gone back, and that was due, he thought, to their energetic secretary. He was very pleased to be with them that day, and if they continued to increase their membership they would be one of the strongest branches in the Guild.

The Chairman said they were grateful to the Guild secretary and treasurer for their remarks. He was sure they did not wish to become one of those weak branches mentioned by the secretary, and he did not think they would die of senile decay, as they had not been in existence very long.

Mr. Hibbert expressed a vote of thanks to Canon Jones for the use of the church and the bells, to Mrs. Palmer for her assistance at the organ, and to the Master of the Guild for his interesting address.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION AT BOLNEY.

Situate just off the main London to Brighton road, and about 4½ miles from the nearest railway station, is this interesting Sussex village, Bolney—historical as possessing the earliest peal of eight bells in the county (date 1724). Here, on Saturday week, a meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and at 4 o'clock a service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar of Bolney, the Rev. E. W. Michell, who also presided at an excellent tea, which followed in the garden behind the Eight Bells Inn, and which had been provided for the forty-three present by the kindness of Mr. A. Hicks, one of the churchwardens.

At the business meeting, the Vicar of Bolney was in the chair, supported by the Master of the association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and Mr. W. J. Brown, churchwarden. The following new members were elected: G. Oliver, Crawley; E. Dancey, Hurstpierpoint; E. Packham, J. Sayers, Twineham; H. Arnold and William Harrison, Bolney. The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: E. J. Hobbs, Husbourn Crawley, Beds; W. H. Shuker, Manchester; Miss N. E. Shorter, Walton-on-Thames; Albert Crawley, Crawe; F. H. Crawley, Crewe; and E. J. Dobbie, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Hon. Secretary announced that copies of the annual report could be obtained from the divisional secretaries, price 3d., by post 4d.

The collection taken at the service, on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 13s. 2d.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bolney for the use of the bells and the service, coupling with this the name of the generous donor of the tea.—This was enthusiastically received, and, the Vicar having replied, the proceedings terminated.

An adjournment was made to the tower, and ringing continued until shortly before eight, the methods brought round ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Koymer, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, Shipley, Shoreham, Twineham, also unaffiliated and non-resident members.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTIETH ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The fortieth annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Grappenhall, the quiet Cheshire parish of which the Ringing Master of the Guild, Rev. C. A. Clements, is Rector. The attendance, though not as large as in former years, was representative of the whole diocese, and a very enjoyable meeting was the result. Ringing took place at the Parish Church and at several neighbouring churches, including Lymm, one of the heaviest rings in that part of Cheshire. This was followed by a service, an excellent tea, and the business meeting, after which more ringing closed the day.

At the service, Rev. Canon F. W. Dwelly, M.A., ceremoniarus of Liverpool Cathedral, was to have preached the Guild sermon, but was prevented, by the death of his father the day before, from being present. In his place, Rev. C. M. Johnston, Vicar of Thelwall, preached an instructive sermon on prayer. Prayer, he said, is an act of reverence to our King and Creator: it is not a shopping list by which to obtain our daily needs with the least trouble. It is rather the act of the creature to the Creator. Prayer should consist of five elements. First, there is confession, which, with contrition, is, as it were, the doormat of the approach to God. This is to be followed by homage and praise to His Holy Name. Next comes thanksgiving for blessings already received. After that, the fourth and biggest element is intercession or prayer for others. Not till then may we ask for our own personal needs. God's answer to prayer is either, Yes, No, or Wait.

The rest of the service was conducted by the Master, Rev. C. A. Clements, and the secretary, Mr. E. W. Elwell, read the lesson.

At the business meeting, after the routine business was finished, Rev. C. A. Clements was re-elected Master, Rev. A. T. Beeston treasurer, and Mr. E. W. Elwell secretary. The following honorary members were elected to the committee: Rev. H. A. Haworth, Rev. J. St. L. Blakeney, Rev. W. R. Ingham, Rev. A. Ball, and Messrs. T. Ashworth, H. A. Heywood and H. Fairclough. Ringing representatives were elected as follows: Messrs. J. Perkey, W. T. Holding, J. Morgan, W. Bibby, T. Mottershead, S. Ashmore, and S. F. Barnes.

Grants in aid of the restoration of bells were confirmed to Farndon and Christleton towers.

Discussion then centred on the question of the introduction of a membership card, and several interesting points of view were expressed, but it was finally decided that the disadvantages far outweighed the advantages.

Some reference was also made to three peals, each rung on the same day, which all claimed to be the thousandth peal for the Guild, and for which a board had been offered. This offer was finally withdrawn, and it was decided not to discuss the matter further.

A report of the proceedings of the Central Council was presented by Mr. R. D. Langford and received with interest, particularly in respect of that part dealing with nomenclature.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Easter Monday, 1928, at St. George's Church, Stockport.

The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks, and afterwards a photograph of those present was taken.

After the meeting, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, who was an honorary member of the Guild.

MUCH STEADY ENDEAVOUR.

In the annual report it was stated that the year under review has been one not marked by violent changes or obvious and far-sweeping reform, but by the more difficult, if less spectacular, work of maintenance at its present standard of the art of ringing in the diocese. This does not mean that no progress has been accomplished; on the other hand, much steady endeavour has been made throughout the area to reach a higher level of performance, and to see that bells are maintained in good condition.

Attention was directed to one or two features of the accounts. 'The year ended with a slightly increased cash balance, but this would not have been so had it not been possible temporarily to reduce expenditure. In this connection the cost of printing the report was rather less than the year before. Stocks of printing were nearly sufficient to supply all needs, and practically no new work was required; this will not be so next year. On the credit side of the account the total of members' subscriptions is rather less, and those outstanding have risen in number. May we again make an appeal to members,' says the report, 'to pay the small subscription promptly to enable our work to be carried on and to avoid extra expense in collecting it? It has long been desired to revise the subscription basis of contribution to Guild and branch, but this work cannot be undertaken until it can be done with safety. The membership figures show little change compared with last year, but the number of outstanding subscriptions, particularly in the Bowden and Stockport Branch, has increased. It is now 95, or 30 more than in the previous year. The comparative figures are as follows: Life members, 1925 2, 1926 2; hon. members, 68, 71; ringing members, 567, 564; total, 637, 637. The total number of peals rung, 84, is 13 less than last year, and there is only one new conductor. Thirteen members have rung their first peal. This does not compare too favourably with recent years, but the fact that no less than twenty-two different members have acted as conductors is encouraging. The variety of methods rung has increased, and first peals for the Guild

have been scored in Little Bob Royal (in hand), Oxford Treble Bob Royal (in hand), London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Belgrave Surprise Major, Clarendon Surprise Major, Double Bob Major (in hand), Reverse Bob Major (in hand), and there has also been a peal of Spliced Major. The general conditions of bells in the area is good. Restoration work, to which the Guild is asked to contribute, is in progress at Christleton and at Farndon, where the grouting of the tower is necessary, owing to the ravages of time and of a crack which has developed in the structure. The thanks of the Guild are again given to the branch secretaries, ringing instructors, and others who have wholeheartedly accorded their help during the past year.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SWANSCOMBE.

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swanscombe, on Saturday, July 23rd, and was well attended. Ringing started at 3 o'clock, and the bells were going in various methods until five, when the association service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward), an honorary member of the association. Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsbury tower, officiated at the organ. The Rector, in his address, held up to those present as an example the life of their late brother ringer, Mr. W. H. Harper, who at his decease was churchwarden at this church, and had been connected with the tower over 40 years. He stated that they in the district had a 'Harper' Memorial Fund in connection with the church, the form of which was not quite settled, but whatever form it took it would be recorded on a brass plate in a prominent position in the church.

The Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward invited the company to tea, which was to have been served on their beautiful lawn, but owing to the uncertainty of the weather, it was partaken of in the Village Hall.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided. Five new members (including one lady) were elected, and Chatham, Rainham and Frindsbury were proposed for the venue of the annual district meeting to be held on the last Saturday in October. After close voting and a recount, Chatham was declared carried.

Mr. W. Spice, who was unfortunately unable to be present, wrote asking for a meeting at Borden to try and raise interest in this district, and it was unanimously decided to hold a bye-meeting at that tower on the first Saturday in September, when the apples are ripe and the hops fit to pick.

The district informed the meeting that an appeal from the Benevolent Fund, on behalf of Mr. F. Draper, of Northfleet, was successful, the committee having granted £5. Having obtained permission of the Rector for a collection for the 'Harper' Memorial Fund, 25s. was subscribed by those present.

The only 'growl' was from the energetic ex-R.E., who has retired and taken up a permanent residence at Rainham, who complained that in the report no notice was given of the Sunday ringing and practice night at that tower, so for the information of intending visitors we are asked to state that the hours are: Sundays, 10-11 and 5.30-6.30; practice, Tuesdays, 7.30-9.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward for so kindly entertaining the members to tea, and for allowing them to visit Swanscombe once more, also to Mr. Allen for presiding at the organ. He also feelingly referred to the sad loss the association, and more especially Swanscombe, had sustained in the loss of Mr. W. H. Harper, whom he had known and been associated with for over 40 years. He knew he would never meet a better man.

The Rector, in responding, said he had found out that it was just three years ago when they visited Swanscombe, and he hoped they would not leave it so long before they came again. That was how much he appreciated the visit. He also thanked them for the collection towards the memorial fund.

After touches on handbells, the tower was again visited, and 'rounds' for beginners, standard methods to Cambridge and Superlative were successfully brought round, when the bells were lowered on another successful and harmonious meeting in this district. Over 40 ringers attended, and it was pleasing to notice the presence of lady friends (ringers and otherwise), not forgetting the female correspondent of a local newspaper, who wanted all the news, more especially who had 'won the bell-ringing contest that had taken place' in opposition to a band contest that was held in an adjacent meadow. The district secretary heaved a sigh of relief when he managed to free himself from her cross-examination.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on Saturday week, and was attended by a good number of ringers from various towers, including two 'youthful' visitors in Messrs. J. Waghorn and J. A. Dart. Various methods, including Cambridge Surprise, were rung, and after tea the business meeting was held, Mr. B. Jarman being voted to the chair. The principal business was the arrangement of a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Northaw on Saturday, August 20th, and this was approved by those present. The next meeting after that will be held at St. Albans on October 1st.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbent for the use of the bells and to Mr. Jarman, of the local band. The tower was again visited, and ringing carried on till 8 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A very successful ringing meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd, when about 20 ringers assembled from ten different towers. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Although the methods were not very high, what was rung was rung well on the beautiful bells. After the bells had been lowered in peal, a few tunes were played on them by a well-known musician. On the way back to Nottingham, a short stay was made at Cotgrave, where 120 Single Oxford and a 720 of Kent Minor were rung: Miss Thompson 1, J. Walden (Lincoln) 2, S. Pinder 3, H. Haynes (Hough-on-the-Hill) 4, H. Squires (Hough-on-the-Hill) 5, Frederick W. Bailey (conductor) 6.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held on Saturday, July 9th. The six bells of Groby Church were set going about 3.15 p.m., touches of Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor being rung. The members partook of a good tea at a cottage not far from the church, after which Ratby belfry was visited, and ringing enjoyed on the six bells. A short business meeting was held in the belfry. In the absence of the local vice-president, Mr. J. Clarke, of Wigston, was voted to the chair.

Four new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the September meeting at Thurcaston and Anstey. The bells were kept going till about 8.15, and a set of handbells belonging to the local ringers was also brought into use, touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples being rung.

A SOMERSET ADVANCE.

The first 720 of Surprise rung in the Midsomer Norton District of Somerset was achieved at the village of Chilcompton, on Thursday, July 28th, when 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was scored: R. E. Beck 1, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 2, H. G. Pearce 3, W. C. Shute 4, R. G. Beck 5, C. F. Andrews 6.

MARSHFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: C. Harding 1, J. H. Beazer 2, E. Beazer 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, E. Lewis 6, G. Robinson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Swift (first quarter-peal) 8.—On the following day, June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260) in 42 mins.: C. Harding 1, J. H. Beazer 2, F. J. Beazer (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, E. Lewis 6, G. Robinson (conductor) 7, R. Swift 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Abbotsbury, and a pleasant and instructive time was spent. The 'touches' rung included Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. Considerable pleasure was afforded by a visit to the Earl of Ilchester's gardens, under the guidance of the Vicar (Archdeacon W. S. Moule). A service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, who gave an interesting and inspiring address. By the generosity of the Vicar and Church Council, tea was provided in the Parish Hall for the members and choir, and was much appreciated.

At the business meeting that followed, the chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), supported by Archdeacon Moule, Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth), Col. H. D. Robson, Mr. T. Hervey Beams (assistant general secretary), and Mr. W. J. Benger (hon. secretary of the branch). The towers represented were Abbotsbury, Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester St. Peter, Fordington St. George, and West Lulworth. Letters of apology at inability to attend were received from the members at Puddletown, Buckland Newton, Bere Regis, Wool, and Wyke Regis.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good attendance at that the first meeting of the branch at Abbotsbury, and said it was through the interest taken by Archdeacon Moule that the meeting had been held there. The Chairman cordially thanked Archdeacon Moule and Mr. Hutchings for providing the tea, and the ladies who had waited upon them, and also the organist and choir for their contribution to the service. He extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Hervey Beams, the Litton Cheney ringers, Messrs. W. Shute (Buckhorn Weston), H. Andrews, E. Cook (Templecombe), C. Hirst (Dorchester), F. Lovelace (Henstridge), and A. Tout (Taunton St. Mary's).

Sincere regret was expressed by the Chairman at the death of two former members, Mr. J. Harvell (West Lulworth) and Mr. Bishop (Swanage), who was present at the last quarterly meeting at Bere Regis, and at the chairman's suggestion the members stood in silence in token of sympathy with the relatives.

Archdeacon Moule said he was very proud to welcome them all to Abbotsbury, and he trusted that the meeting would be attended with much success.

Mr. William Coombs was elected as a life ringing member, and the meeting endorsed the election of Mr. C. Dart as a member for Fordington St. George.

The pleasing announcement was made by Mr. Beams that change ringing was on the increase in the Guild.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. D. Job, seconded by Mr. Beams, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to the chairman. At the close of the business the members returned to the tower and further ringing was indulged in.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. Kilby, who has been connected for 55 years with the bells at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, where he married in 1877, celebrated his golden wedding on Thursday of last week.

A peal tablet recording the record length of Treble Bob (17,824 changes) will be unveiled at Heptonstall on August 27th. It is hoped that all the band who took part, including Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, from Dublin, and Mr. Arthur Peglar, from Bangor, will be present.

Mr. W. T. Poston, a member of the Bridstow (Herefordshire) band, has just received notification that he has been successful in passing the final examination of the London Association of Accountants, Ltd. Admission as an associate of the association is granted to those who have passed the final examination and satisfy the Council as to general suitability and wide accountancy experience.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815.

Thurstauns called his famous peal of Stedman for the first time on August 8th, 1842. His achievement in composing this masterpiece set the seal on his fame.

'Silent' peals of Stedman Triples, or of any method for that matter, are still a rarity, and the one rung at Drayton by the Oxford Guild on August 7th, 1899, is, therefore, worth recalling.

Mr. Tom Hensher is now 'mine host' of the Prince of Wales, Finedon, Northants. Letters from old friends will be greatly appreciated, and a hearty welcome accorded to all campanologists.

AN EARLY BELL FOUNDER.

INTERESTING FACTS REVEALED IN ANCIENT CHRONICLE.

In the course of his interesting sermon to the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday week, Dr. Longford referred to the casting of an ancient bell recorded in the chronicle of the Monk of St. Gall.

We are indebted to Dr. Longford for the following translation of the passage quoted by him from the Latin text.

The Monk of St. Gall wrote reminiscences of the times of Charles the Great. The chronicle was written in the year A.D. 884, and deals with an incident of about the year A.D. 800:—

'Tanco, a former monk of St. Gall, cast a very fine bell, and the Emperor was above measure astonished at its tone. This outstanding (but in the event most unlucky) coppersmith therefore said: "My Lord Emperor, let me have a large quantity of copper to smelt to purity, and in place of the requisite amount of tin let me have at least 100lb. of silver, and I will cast you such a bell that this poor thing will be mute in comparison." Then Charles, who was most liberal of kings—for though riches poured in upon him he set not his heart upon them—at once ordered all to be provided which the monk demanded. He, miserable man, took them and departed in high glee. He smelted the copper, skimmed it, and introduced in place of the silver the purest tin, and in a short time perfected from the amalgam a bell much more wonderful, which, when tested, he presented to the Emperor. The Emperor, having expressed his pleasure at its incomparable shape, ordered it, when fitted with its iron clapper, to be hung in a bell tower. This was done without delay. The Rector of the church, the other chaplains, and, finally, inexperienced persons who were standing about, one after the other strove to make the bell ring, and were totally unable. At last, enraged, the fraudulent bell maker snatched the rope and pulled the bell, and at once the iron clapper, slipping from its position, fell upon him in his iniquity, piercing his head and impaling his corpse, till it struck the ground. The silver was afterwards found and given by the Emperor to the poorer servants about his court.'

The interest of this passage lies in (1) the early account of the nature of bell metal, (2) the weight of bell (at least 3 cwt.) which was cast at that early period, (3) the fact of its part in establishing the fact that the Irish were noted bell makers (as we know later from the Life of Dunstan), (4) the early custom that the normal bell ringer was an ecclesiastical person. It is possible that this account of the Monk of St. Gall (Book I., chapter 29) has hitherto been unnoticed by those who have studied the history of bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at the six-bell tower of Worpleston on Saturday, July 16th, over thirty members being present from Aldershot, Ash, Cobham, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas'), Shalford and Witley, and the local company. The bells were available from three o'clock, and a service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce), who also gave an excellent address. The Guild form of service was used, and Miss K. Avenell, one of the ringers, presided at the organ. Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn by the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Bruce.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector. Three new members were elected, and the place for the next meeting was decided on, Dunsfold being chosen.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Mrs. Bruce for providing the tea, to Miss Avenell for presiding at the organ, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

We commence this week a series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

METHODS.

From the beginner's point of view, a method is composed of rows of figures, which vary when reading from left to right. A peal is not 5,040 'changes'; really, it is 5,040 rows of figures, all differing.

These rows are made up by bells changing position from the row above, IN PAIRS—bells which make a pair taking the places of each other. These pairs change simultaneously in the row, and each separate pair is a 'change.' One, two, three, or more pairs may change at the same time, to produce a fresh row—thus do we get rows of 'Singles,' 'Doubles,' 'Triples,' etc., that is to say, rows with a 'Single Change,' or with 'Double Changes,' etc.

For our immediate purpose we may take it:

(1) That a 'lead' is made up of a number of rows, the number being governed by the path of the treble bell, fresh rows being produced from the time she leaves the front, until she returns there for her whole pull; the second blow of her whole-pull on the front is both the lead-end row, and also the first row of the next lead; but more of this later.

(2) That a 'Plain Course' is a certain number of such 'leads,' which, at the end, will leave the bells in the same order in the row (when reading from left to right) as they were when the plain course commenced—i.e., rounds.

(3) That the CHANGING PAIRS in the rows of each succeeding lead of a method will follow FAITHFULLY the pairs which change in the corresponding rows of the first lead. That is to say, if, in row No. 2 of the first lead the first and second pairs change, then the same pairs will change in row No. 2 of every lead—not the same BELLS, but the same PAIRS. If, in row No. 9 of the first lead, only the last pair change, then in row No. 9 of every other lead, only the last pair will change, and so on.

This latter may clearly be seen in the '24 changes' as they are called (Bob Minimus). Commence by changing two pairs, then the middle pair only; then follow on with, Both, Middle, Both, Middle, etc., until the treble gets to the front again, for the FIRST BLOW of her whole pull there.

The 1243 in the example is introduced merely to show how rounds are arrived at, and does not appear in the method until the end.

1 2 4 3

1 2 (3 4)

(2 1) (4 3)

2 (4 1) 3

(4 2) (3 1)

4 (3 2) 1

(3 4) (1 2)

3 (1 4) 2

(1 3) (2 4)

1 3 (4 2)

practically speaking, it is the end of the last lead.

Then in our example, 'second's place' is made (by 3) when the treble has her second blow on the front, the remaining pair change, and 1342 is the head of our next lead. (In Minor, this is done by either the bell in second's place or by the bell in sixth's place, hence the terms 'Second's Place Methods' and 'Sixth's Place Methods,' Plain Bob being an example of the former, and Double Court of the latter, but I will return to this later.)

Repeat the changing of the pairs from the second lead-head (1342), as is done in the first lead, first both pairs, then the middle pair only, and so on, until we come to 1432, when second's place is made (by 4), and we get 1423 as the head of the third lead. Repeat this procedure (from 1423), until we get 1243—the row which is shown above rounds—second's place (by 2) giving rounds, and we have completed a 'round block,' or course.

This is 'transposition by pairs.'

We may know then, that, given the first lead of any method, we can produce all of the rows in the plain course by following that lead. Therefore, it follows that the path of ANY ONE BELL through the whole plain course may be traced by reference to the figures of the first lead only. It is obvious that, if the pairs changing throughout all of the leads are similar to the pairs in the first lead, then the DIFFERENT BELLS which MAKE THOSE PAIRS must follow the same paths as those bells which go to make the SAME PAIRS in the first lead. In other words, the bell in second's place at each of the lead-heads must follow the same path as the bell in second's place (the 2) at the first lead-head (1234). So that if, in tracing the path of one particular bell throughout the plain course (say, the 2), we find that it is left in fourth's place at the head of the second lead (1342),

our reasoning has shown that reference to the bell in the SAME PLACE at the head of the first lead (1234)—that is, the 4, in fourth's place—will give us the path to be taken by our bell (the 2) through the second lead of the plain course; and so on, with each 'place' in turn, until we come to the place from which we started, that is, second's place (at 1234).

Now, BECAUSE each lead of a method is a replica of the first lead, so far as the changing pairs are concerned, it is reasonable to assume that, if the order of the figures in the lead-head be altered, then the order of the figures in every row of that lead will likewise be altered. Therefore, provided that each lead-head differs from every other one, all of the rows should differ from each other. This is so, within limits which need not be explained here.

TRANSPPOSITION.

It has been seen that the path of each bell in a particular position (in the row) at ANY lead-head follows the path of the bell found in a corresponding position at the head of the first lead. Therefore, ANY BELL which replaces one of those in the first lead-head would occupy in the second lead-head the POSITION taken there by the bell which it has replaced. Thus:—

If the first lead-head be ... 1200 (or 1234)

And the second lead-head be ... 1002 (or 1342),

Then if 3 takes the position of 2 ... 1300 (at 1342)

It will travel to the same position

that 2 did in the first lead ... 1003 (at 1423).

To put it in another way, suppose the first lead-head (1234) to be 'Station A,' and the POSITIONS in that row to be 'platforms 1-2-3-4,' the second lead-head (1342) to be 'Station B,' and the POSITIONS in that row ALSO 'platforms 1-2-3-4'—notice, platforms 1-2-3-4, and not platforms 1-3-4-2. Suppose the paths of the bells through the first lead to be set rails between one of the A platforms and a differently-numbered platform at B; regard the BELL NUMBERS as certain-numbered trains, and the different leads as different days.

Then, on the first day, train No. 1 leaves A1 and arrives at B1; train No. 2 leaves A2 and arrives at B4; No. 3 goes from A3 to B2; and No. 4 train from A4 to B3.

Now the alteration in the NUMBERS OF THE TRAINS starting from A and arriving at B has no bearing whatsoever upon the PLATFORMS and ROUTES. If, on the next day, No. 3 train leaves A2, it will still arrive at B4 on that day, although it is No. 3 train, because it travels on the set rails between A2 and B4, no matter what the train number is. This applies to all of the positions at the lead-heads, and, therefore, if a bell in the first and second lead-heads is placed 1004 to 1040, then the second lead-head being 1002 the third lead-head must be 1020, the second head having become 'Station A,' and the third head 'Station B.'

Here are the positions of the bells at the lead-heads placed in column form, and, in reading straight across, we readily see the similarity of transposition:—

Lead-heads.		Lead-heads.		Lead-heads.	
First to Second.	Second to Third.	Third to Fourth.	(viz., the first again).		
1234	1342	1342	1423	1423	1234
1200	1002	1300	1003	1400	1004
1030	1300	1040	1400	1020	1200
1004	1040	1002	1020	1003	1030

Thus are we able to determine what all of the lead-heads will be by transposition, without reference to the rows in between; we are given the first and second lead-heads as the example, and by reference to these two are able to discover the remainder.

In the same manner that we are able to determine these, so are we able to discover what ANY ROW within any lead will be by reference to the transposition between the first lead-head and the corresponding row in the first lead. If we are able to find the 'platforms' at the second lead-head by travelling the unalterable path from the first lead-head, then it follows that the 'platforms' of any station in between may be so determined. The lead-head (1234) becomes 'Station A,' and the corresponding row (in the first lead) to that row which we wish to find in another lead becomes 'Station B.'

Suppose that we wished to know what the fifth row in the third lead would be. Now the BELLS 1-2-3-4 are in the POSITIONS of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, at the first lead-head, and in row No. 5 of that lead the POSITIONS 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th are occupied by BELLS 4-3-2-1; in fact, the bells are just reversed. In the head of the third lead, the positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th are occupied by bells 1-4-2-3; therefore, row No. 5 of that lead will be the exact reverse of its lead-head—that is, 3241. In other words, the No. 4 train from platform 4 (at 1234) goes to platform 1 (at 4321); therefore, train No. 3 from platform 4 (at 1423) must also go to platform 1 (at 3241); and so on, with the other three bells.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

RINGERS' TRIBUTES.

Although the funeral of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor took place on a date before it was possible to make a general announcement to the Exercise, many ringers were among the large congregation which attended the sad obsequies at Loughborough on Wednesday of last week. From far and near, friends came to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom they held in high regard, and to show their sympathy with the bereaved.

The remains were brought back to England in the 'Berengaria,' and the widow travelled by the same vessel. The ship reached Southampton on Tuesday, and the coffin was conveyed to Loughborough by motor hearse.

The service took place at the Parish Church, with which Mr. Taylor and his family have been identified for generations, and from the tower of which the flag was flown at half-mast. Between 80 and 90 employees of the Foundry lined the path to the church door, as the coffin was borne into the building by six of the oldest members of the staff, who had been associated with the deceased from his boyhood: Messrs. R. F. Lane, J. Smith, H. Mowbray, A. Bowley, W. Richards and W. Thorley.

The family mourners were: Mrs. Kathleen Mitchell Taylor (widow), Mrs. Josephine Backhouse (sister), Mr. E. Dennison Taylor and Mr. Owen J. Taylor (uncles), Mrs. John W. Taylor, Manchester (step-mother), and Master Paul Lea Taylor (step-brother), Mr. Arthur Lea and Miss Emma Lea, Manchester, and Mrs. Owen J. Taylor.

There was a numerous attendance of bell ringers, especially of those in the Midland Counties Association, of which Mr. Pryce Taylor was a member, and the representative on the Central Council. Among those were Messrs. E. Morris (secretary), W. Willson (treasurer), H. J. Poole, H. W. Needham (all of Leicester); W. E. White and Walter White (Cotgrave), Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Ancient Society of College Youths and Winchester Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. George (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), and Mr. H. Chapman (Lancashire Association).

The Parish Church bell ringers present were Messrs. A. E. Cartwright, J. Hutchby, W. Smith, C. Harriman, E. Reader, E. Leslie, G. Onslow, H. Stubbs, J. Saddington, W. Billingham and J. Grundy.

In the congregation, representative of all classes, were, among others: The Mayor (Councillor A. Hibbins), Ald. T. Mayo, Councillor J. W. Barker, Messrs. W. F. Charles, C. E. Huston, E. T. Allcock, J. T. Brain, W. Pearson, H. D. Barlow, L. H. Squire, Norman Hanford, J. Oldham (Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons), T. Hancock (Loughborough Tennis Club), W. Haynes and A. D. Smith (John Smith and Sons, Derby). War Memorial Committee were represented by Councillors T. W. Bailey (chairman), H. Coltman, Mrs. Stapleton, E. Fisher, Messrs. W. H. Turnell, Wilfred Moss, J. Denkin, and H. W. Cook, and the three carillonners, Messrs. W. E. Jordan, S. C. Potter and B. Barker. The Howe and Charnwood Lodge of Freemasons were represented by Messrs. J. Arterton, A. B. Martin, H. Holmes, P. Moss, A. H. Brewster, G. F. Brewill, T. Pritchard, H. Noon and J. A. Street.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon G. W. Briggs, and included the hymns, 'All as God wills, who wisely heeds,' and 'Rock of Ages.' As the funeral cortege left the church, some beautifully struck rounds were rung on the muffled bells, and, afterwards, a touch of Stedman Caters. Later, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung.

The grave at the cemetery was by the side of that of Mr. Pryce Taylor's father, Mr. John W. Taylor. At the close of the service the masonic brethren followed their custom of throwing sprigs of acacia into the open grave.

Many wreaths were sent by sympathising friends and organisations. Prominent among these was a beautiful mark of regret and regard in the form of a large bell from the Bell Foundry workers and staff. The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers also sent a bell-shaped floral tribute. Other wreaths were from the Mayor and Mayoress, the bell ringers of All Saints' Church, Loughborough Town Hockey Club, the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, the boys of the United Public Schools Brigade, Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, Leicestershire County Hockey Association, the carillonners of the Loughborough War Memorial, and a large number from private friends.

On Wednesday evening a recital was given on the War Memorial Carillon by Mr. W. E. Jordan, with all the 47 bells muffled.

Muffled peals have also been rung during the past few days at many of the churches connected with the Midland Counties' Association, and the touches include the following:—

In the evening, after the funeral, at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, with half-muffled bells, 1,261 Stedman Caters: R. F. Elkington 1, S. Cotton 2, C. F. Howitt 4, L. E. Allen 4, E. Morris 5, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 6, P. Harrison 7, J. H. Drewery 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

At Heavitree, Exeter, Devon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells muffled, in 54 mins.: J. Sandover 1, J. Oke 2, A. Truman 3, T. Laver 4, J. Arbury 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8.

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DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE.

By GEORGE BAKER.

London Surprise Minor, like Cambridge Surprise Minor, is not a double method, but it requires very little alteration to make a first-class double method of it, and the result is not only a true double Minor method, but it will also extend on all even numbers to infinity.

The Minor, it is true, is again one of the methods interdicted by the Methods Committee, and these gentlemen, I think, will soon begin to learn that arbitrary definitions not only obscure the truth in method construction, but they have also prevented many good double Minor methods being brought to light.

A mistaken notion of days gone by was that true double Treble Bob or Surprise Minor or Royal methods were an impossibility. The advent of Bristol Surprise, which runs true from Minor to infinity, proved the fallacy of that doctrine, and Double London and other methods have finally killed it.

In London Surprise Minor there are sixteen constructional places in the first lead, and all we have to do to make a double method of it is to shift the position of three places and add two additional places.

Following are half-leads each of Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus:—

Minor.	Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
213546	21354768	2135476980	213547698et0
125364	12537486	1253749608	12537496e8t0
215634	21573846	2157394068	2157394e6t80
251643	25178364	2517930486	251793e4t608
526143	52718634	5271903846	52719e3t4068
251634	25176843	2517098364	2517e9t30486
256143	25718634	2571903846	25719e3t4068
526413	52781643	5279108364	52791e3t4086
562431	52876143	5297018634	5297e1t03846
654213	52781634	5279106843	52791e0t8364
645231	57286143	5729018634	5729e1t03846
462531	75826413	7592081643	7592e1t08364
Lead-head	78562431	5729806143	5729e0t18634
156342	87654213	7592081634	7592e1t08364
	86745231	7850286143	785e2t018634
	68472531	9705826413	97e5t2081643
	Lead-head	9078562431	795e2t806143
	15738264	0987654213	97e5t2081634
		0896745231	9e7e50286143
		8069472531	e9t705826413
		Lead-head	e9t705826431
		1573920486	te0987654213
			e0e896745231
			0t8e69472531
			Lead-head
			157392e4t608

The Minor and Royal are both true methods, but whether a peal of Major is possible, considering there are seven false course ends, as below, is a problem yet unsolved.

False course ends in Major.

32546.
24365
46253
62345
34562
48325
54263

Shipway had many mistaken notions which he has handed down to us in his Campanologia, and many ringers of to-day believe in these ideas because Shipway stated them.

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At All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, on Sunday, July 24th, in 44 mins., for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harris 1, J. E. Moreton 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, H. Wright 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, J. Draycott 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, W. Carter (first quarter-peal) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On July 21st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins.: H. J. Hole 1, C. R. Walker 2, Mrs. J. Cottrell 3, J. Collings 4, J. Cottrell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, W. Farley 7, A. Pope 8. Arranged for the visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cottrell, from Bradford, Yorks, and Mr. W. Farley, of Colham, Bristol.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, on Thursday, May 5th, after the funeral of Mrs. Gooding, wife of Mr. T. C. Gooding, churchwarden, as a last token of respect: V. Stevens (first quarter) 1, F. Burnett 2, N. Churly 3, G. Cridland 4, A. Bryant (conductor) 5, A. Stevens 6, R. Eaton 7, J. Gratton 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.**

On Monday, July 25th, in beautiful summer weather, the Halesworth and Chediston Ringing Society had their annual outing, journeying in a comfortable charabanc. The party, numbering 15, included the Rector, Rev. H. C. Newbery, and Mr. C. J. Goodwin, churchwarden. Touches were rung on the six bells of Cratfield, Laxfield, and Wilby, and the eight bells of Stradbroke Church during the morning. At Stradbroke Rectory, the party were entertained through the kindness of Canon and Mrs. Upcher to an excellent lunch, which was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed, all the officers being re-elected. The secretary's report showed that the bells had been rung for all the Sunday services during the year, and two peals had been secured since the last meeting. The treasurer's report was also satisfactory, the balance being well on the right side.

A hearty vote of thanks to their kind host and hostess was accorded, and the party then proceeded to Fressingfield, Redenhall and Bungay, all eight-bell towers, ringing short touches at each church. Tea was provided at Bungay, and an hour's ringing followed with local friends. Home was reached at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

Thanks are accorded to the various clergy for placing the bells at their disposal, and also to their many ringing comrades for so kindly meeting them and helping to make the day such a complete success. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Bob Major and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

A YORKSHIRE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Conisborough, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 23rd. The Vicar (Rev. H. Lee) and friends accompanied the party, which numbered 23. Leaving Conisborough at 8 a.m. by motor bus, they passed through Doncaster and went on through Brodsworth and Ferry Bridge to Wetherby, where a halt was made, and the bells were soon merrily going to changes. A well-struck 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round on this nice peal of eight. After a stay of about an hour, the party made their way to Ilkley, thence on to Bolton Abbey, where a halt was made for about an hour. After viewing this beautiful Abbey and grounds, they returned to Ilkley, where they were met by the local ringers. On the bells of the Parish Church, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. Before leaving, the ringers visited the church to inspect the stained glass window in memory of the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowden. Luncheon was excellently served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and a start was made on the homeward journey at six o'clock. At Keighley, the party were met by the local ringers, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on this fine peal of bells. The return journey was continued via Bradford and Wakefield, and the party landed home at eleven o'clock. All expressed delight at the arrangements made and the pleasure of the outing, and would like to thank the various clergy for granting permission to ring and to the local ringers who met and welcomed them.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS IN LONDON.

On Saturday, July 16th, the King's Norton ringers visited London on their annual outing. Arriving in the Metropolis at 10.30 a.m., they were met by Mr. Challis F. Winney, who had kindly undertaken to pilot the party throughout the day. The first tower visited was St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where they met Mr. W. E. Garrard, from whom they received a very cordial welcome. The ringing here was very much enjoyed. A move was afterwards made to Ye Olde Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, to partake of dinner. During the afternoon, the bells of All Hallows, Barking, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, were rung. After tea, the ringers visited St. Clement Danes, Strand, where some good touches were successfully brought round. During the day, the King's Norton men made the acquaintance of several of the City ringers, whose company they much appreciated. Their best thanks were accorded to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had arranged such an excellent programme for them, and Messrs. Challis F. Winney and H. Langdon, who contributed so largely to the success and pleasure of the visit.

NOTTINGHAM BOYS AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

For their annual outing, the St. Peter's (Nottingham) company visited Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare. A merry company of ringers and friends started from Nottingham at 8 a.m., the first halt being called at Appleby Magna, where a splendid course of 'spiced bread and ham with beer' was successfully brought round. From there they went on to Coventry, where the famous 'Peeping Tom' was visited. The next stop was Warwick, where, after mounting a terrible number of steps, the ringers found to their delight ten magnificent bells, on which they rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was with great regret they left this tower, but time was short, and they pushed on to Stratford, where they dined like lords. After about two and a half hours' stay to visit the places of interest, they cranked up again and went to Lutterworth, where they had tea, and enjoyed ringing on the lovely peal of bells, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich being brought round. Then they headed for Nottingham, only making one stop on the way, and arrived home after an excellent day and a 'rattling' good ride.

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AMERICANS IN A PEAL.

In a peal at Colerne, Wilts, last week, two American gentlemen took part.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis and his son, Mr. Somers H. Sturgis, of Groton College, Boston, U.S.A., are on a visit to England, and both rang in a peal conducted by Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath. It was a noteworthy occasion, for they are believed to be the first American gentlemen to ring a peal within the British Empire, and are to be congratulated, not only upon their achievement, but also upon the excellent way they rang, for their practice has been of a very limited character. It was Mr. Somers H. Sturgis' first peal, and his father's first on tower bells.

Mr. Warren Sturgis has paid previous visits to this country, and has rung with the College Youths, of which he is a member, and other societies. In America he rings with the Boston Guild, in which he became interested through the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, and whenever opportunity has occurred he has always warmly welcomed ringing visitors from this country.

Mr. S. H. Sturgis rang his first quarter-peal on the previous Sunday at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, when Miss Roe also scored her first quarter. The ringers were: S. H. Sturgis 1, Mrs. Broome 2, Miss Roe 3, H. T. Taylor 4, S. Warren Sturgis 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, G. James 8.

WEDDING BELLS.**A WELL-KNOWN YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL.**

The marriage of Mr. W. Barton and Miss D. B. Musgrave, both of Pudsey, took place on Tuesday, July 26th. The bridegroom, who is the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, is also an expert conductor and ringer on handbells and tower bells, and his genial disposition and ability make him a well-known and noted personality in the county, and ringers from Plymouth, Headingley, Calverley, Bradford, and the local company gathered at the Parish Church of Pudsey in honour of the event. The service was conducted by the president of the Yorkshire Association (who must now be establishing a record for marrying ringers), assisted by the Rev. Canon W. T. Forster, Vicar of Pudsey. Both the contracting parties are well known locally, and a large congregation assembled, while the bells above poured out a real Yorkshire welcome of Kent Treble Bob. Mr. T. M. Kitchen, now of Plymouth (an old Pudsey ringer), acted as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Radcliffe Lane Schools, the tempestuous weather causing some of the heavy-weights to do the journey in record time. The happy couple afterwards left amid all the good wishes of the assembled company to spend their honeymoon at Bridlington.

On the previous Sunday, at the tower, Mr. P. Cordingley presented Mr. Barton with a china tea service on behalf of the local company, wishing Mr. Barton and his future bride every success in their new enterprise. The certificated treble ringer of Pudsey also voiced the good wishes of the company, and the writer claims the privilege of extending his heartiest good wishes to two old and honoured friends.

P. J. J.

RINGER MARRIED.

The marriage between Mr. William E. Parker and Miss Elsie May Claridge took place at All Saints' Church, Northampton, on Thursday, July 28th. The bridegroom has for many years been an esteemed member of St. Peter's Society of ringers, and in the evening the under-mentioned ringing friends, by kind permission of the Vicar, rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, in honour of the event: E. Sibley 1, A. Slade 2, W. H. Austin 3, F. Wilford 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8. The ringing would doubtless have taken place at St. Peter's Church, but this was impossible owing to the bells there being in such a condition that they are unfit to ring.

A GRAPPENHALL WEDDING.

As a compliment to Mr. W. Witter, on the occasion of his wedding, July 19th, 1,440 changes (720 Kent and 720 Oxford) were rung at Grappenhall by J. E. Ashcroft, E. Bostock, J. Davenport, E. Jenkins, T. Haighton, J. Myatt and G. A. Taylor.

RINGERS' OUTINGS—continued.**NORTHFIELD RINGERS' TRIP.**

The ringers of Northfield, Worcestershire, and friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 4th, when Cirencester was visited. The party started at 7.20 a.m. by charabanc, passing through Eveham, Cheltenham, and calling at Presbury, where they rang at the Parish Church, Mr. Pendry (captain) meeting the company, and a pleasant time being spent. The party then made their way to Charlton Kings, and were there met by the Vicar and Mr. Dyer. After a short pull and refreshments, a pleasant ride through the Cotswolds brought the party to Cirencester, where a hot dinner was in readiness at the Crown Hotel. Ringing at Watermoor, on the fine peal of eight, was the next item, and was appreciated, thanks to Mr. Bond, who met the band, and Mr. Lewis who made all arrangements for the visit. The next run was to Shipston-on-Stour for tea, passing through Northleach, Stow-on-the-Wold, etc. Leaving Shipston, Stratford was made for, and here the final stop was made.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. H. Drake accuses me of heated imagination, and also of making an inaccurate statement. With every respect to the rev. gentleman and the ringing fraternity generally, I beg to say I have not. Mr. Drake says: 'The name Double Norwich Court Bob Major was not mentioned in the late committee's proposals.' I never said it was. At Ipswich, Mr. Burton, when introducing the committee's proposals, and speaking of some of the old methods, said he realised that their history was reflected in their compound names, but too many adjectives were an encumbrance, and if of old there was power to build up names, so there should be to-day the power to revise or undo them. He then moved the thirteen resolutions. I will only quote two of them: No. 1, No method shall have more than one name. No. 3, No name shall contain more than one word. Mr. Trollope then moved his amendment. Here are some of his remarks: 'No alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary. After all, what was wrong with Double Norwich Court Bob Major? Such titles were replete with history.'

Mr. Trollope put the same interpretation, so it seems, on the committee's proposals as I have. Now, sir, had the two resolutions quoted above been accepted by the Council, it would have given them power to alter the names of all existing methods which had more than one word for a name. This is how I obtained my information, and, when speaking, I only used Double Norwich Court Bob Major as an illustration. Of course, anyone could use heaps of other historical names as such, and I feel convinced that when Mr. Trollope in his amendment referred to Double Norwich Court Bob Major it obtained him his 29 votes to 3. I have taken the above from the official minutes and from 'The Ringing World' for April 2nd, 1926. In the committee's proposals published on that date, no mention is made of omitting historical methods from their proposals. With this I will leave your readers to judge what would have happened if they had a free hand. If I have a blunt way of putting things it is not intended to be disrespectful. I don't think it worth while saying any more on this subject, and I thank you, sir, for your space.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

THE FLORAL NAMES.

Sir,—Being a six-bell ringer and reading other ringers' views on this nomenclature confusion, I would like to give my views on this subject. I will commence by drawing the committee's attention to the time when only part of the methods in the Central Council's Collection was named. Priority of claim to name any method was given to the company who rang it first. Afterwards, a committee was appointed to name the remainder, which has not given satisfaction.

In reference to the floral names, has the committee appointed at the last Central Council meeting in London been aware that out of the 132 Treble Bob methods, 40 of them contain part of the methods with four old floral names: New London (which is Violet Bob), Woodbine, Tulip and Primrose, methods which contain a part of these floral names in them, have never been objected to? If you have an infant registered as Rose, Lily or Violet, you cannot alter it. Why, then, alter the names after you have rung Bluebell, Daffodil, etc., to these names? The Anston company have rung every one in the Central Council Collection in the Treble Bob section, viz., 132, and will always ring them by the names as they stand at present. To make any further alteration will only cause more confusion than ever, as the proposed alterations are not considered as good as the former names, many of which are old standard names known to ringers of long ago.

Has any reader of 'The Ringing World' ever known a six-bell ringer to interfere with names that have been given to methods on higher numbers than six, whatever name has been given to them? I am afraid there are not many six-bell ringers on this committee.

Methods Nos. 5 and 8 respectively are London Treble Bob and College Exercise, not Rochester and Islington. These methods were rung by our company 40 years ago from Snowden's book. Rochester is quite a different method altogether.

C. FOWLER.

Anston, near Sheffield.

A FAMILY SERVICE TOUCH.

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, July 17th, an interesting touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by a family of Spice's: Harry Spice 1, W. Spice, sen., 2, E. H. Spice 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, jun., 6, P. J. Spice 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Cirencester, Glos, on Tuesday, April 19th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Cook 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. E. Waters 3, J. G. Eden 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Vicar's daughter, Miss R. Westmacott, to Mr. T. O. Gouldsmith. The ringing commenced as the bridal party left the church.

PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

TWO TRANSPOSITIONS OF WASHBROOK'S PEAL.
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BY W. A. CAVE.

231456	No. 1.	231456	No. 1.
143256	C (3)	S H L v. vi. Q	
315426	B (4)		
213546	A	246351	x x
435216	B (3)	532146	x x
134526	A		
245136	B (3)	231456	
342516	A	246351	x x
231456	B (4)	432561	x x
		142365	x
		412356	x

231456	No. 2.	231456	No. 2.
315426	A (3)	A—523416	x x
542146	B (4)		
541326	C	231456	
213546	B (3)	246351	x x
245136	C	432561	x x
351246	B (3)	456231	x x
		524361	x x
		254316	x
342516	C		
231456	B (4)		

B—Standard Calling of Thurstans'.

Haley's or Brooks' calling may be substituted for Thurstans'.

TWO VARIATIONS.

231456	No. 3.	231456	No. 3.
532146	A	S H L v. vi. Q	
143256	B (2)		
541326	A	246351	x x
324156	B (2)	532146	x x
523416	A		
351246	B (4)	231456	
213546	C	246351	x x
152436	B	432561	x x
		456231	x x
		524361	x x
		254316	x
421536	C		
254316	B	231456	No. 4.
		A—523416	x x
342516	C	231456	
231456	B (4)	246351	x x
		432561	x x
		456231	x x
		524361	x x
		254316	x

C's may be substituted for A's, and A's for C's.

B—Standard Calling of Thurstans'.

Haley's or Brooks' calling may be substituted for Thurstans'.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LYONSHALL.—On Friday evening, April 8th, for a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being four six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob, two of Pitman's arrangement, one of College Single, and a half of Grandsire: G. Barker 1, Trevor Jones 2, A. Gooding 3, J. P. Hyett 4, W. Evans (conductor) 5, S. P. Jones 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles in four methods by all.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Wednesday, July 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Bolderstone 4, A. Lord 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent for ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. First 720 Kent inside for 2nd ringer, and 1st 720 Kent as conductor.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Thursday, July 14th, for the induction of the Rev. R. E. Parsons to the living of Oxhey, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: William Hodgetts 1, Harry Long 2, Steve Hoare 3, Charles N. Leman 4, Tom Norris 5, Herbert Dix 6, Fredk. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, Arthur W. Dix 8.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, April 18th, 720 London Surprise: C. W. Woolley 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. A. Tack 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5, E. H. Finch 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, July 31st, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. Thompson, Newark (first quarter in the method) 1, A. Smithson, Sheffield, 2, H. F. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8.

EALING.—At St. Mary's, on July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,230 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Palmer 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. W. Coles 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, J. H. Hunnisett 7, H. Belcher 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Abbott 1, P. Manning 2, H. Tompkins 3, H. Wooding (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, H. Pettitt 5, J. R. Main 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, H. Richardson 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): L. Bance 1, J. W. Trappitt, jun. 2, F. Jennings 3, E. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, F. W. Housden 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH AND ITS WATCH TOWER.

The Whit Monday meeting was held in beautiful weather at the ancient market town of Morpeth, a very interesting place, with its historical surroundings. After the committee meeting, which was held at noon, an excellent dinner was partaken of at the Earl Grey Hotel. The Mayor of Morpeth had intended to be present, but was called away, and sent an apology for his absence.

The president, Mr. Routledge, presided, and was supported by the secretary, two vice-presidents, and a district secretary. Ringing was indulged in in the ancient watch tower (which is a secular tower) before and after the meeting, and touches in methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major were rung. The tower is situated in the market place, and stands by itself. These bells are rung for the service at the Parish Church, which is situated about a mile further south. In the ringing chamber is a tablet bearing these lines:—

'Have you heard the Morpeth wonder,
Church and steeple a mile asunder?'

The tower has two stone watchmen on its battlements. The old custom is kept up of ringing the bells thrice daily, and the curfew is rung every night at eight o'clock.

After dinner, a ramble round the most interesting ruins of Newminster Abbey, about a quarter of a mile from the watch tower, was enjoyed. It was founded by Ranulph de Merlay, the second Baron of Morpeth, who in 1137 visited 'the holy Church of Fountains near Ripon, where, beholding the conversation of his brethren and under the inspiration of God, he assigned a certain place in his paternal estate in order to build a monastery for the redemption of his soul.' The Holy Abbot (of Fountains) received the man's offering, and the buildings being set out therein after one manner he built the abbey, which he named Newminster. Eight monks, with Roberts (their first Abbot) formed the convent, who, in 1138, took possession of the new abbey. It is bounded on the north by the Wansbeck (then a salmon river), in a lovely and secluded spot. There the abbey stood in all the impressive magnificence of mediæval architecture and masonry.

The abbey passed through many troubles and trials. These began the year after it was built, when it was destroyed by David I., King of Scotland, not only the abbey itself, but its farms. Other houses and property, scattered over many parts of the country, suffered depredations, more or less frequent and disastrous, from its establishment till far on in the fourteenth century. The monks of Newminster at first had only a right of pasture over Kidland (one of the estates of 11,827 acres), and one of the conditions of the grant, made by Sir Odinel d'Umfraville, the Lord of Felton, was that every dog used by the abbey's servants should be 'lawed,' that is, have one foot cut off, so that the beasts of the forests might live in peace.

Both the abbey and the castle were common quarries for centuries, and every old house pulled down in Morpeth during the last 50 years reveals whence the stones and timber had come. For well nigh two hundred years the site of the abbey presented to the eye only an extensive series of grassy mounds and ridges, with the solitary exception of one arch above ground.

Excavations were begun in 1878, under the directions of the Rev. J. T. Fowler, and are now carried on by Sir Geo. Renwick, the present owner, and many stones dug up are rebuilt as nearly as possible in their original positions.

The Collingwood House, the residence of Lord Collingwood, of Trafalgar fame, was also visited. In the Town Hall Museum are many relics of ancient times—the bull-baiting rope, 'the branks' for scolding women, etc. Much more of Morpeth and its surroundings could be said if space would permit.

Tea at the Earl Grey Hotel and more ringing in the watch tower brought a very successful day to a close.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Gainford if the bells are available.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 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.

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.—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 re-opening of the Mossley Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service at 3. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea in school at 1s. per head. Bells at liberty till 9.30. 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.

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. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

BARNSELEY 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.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

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, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Secretary, 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available 5.30 to 8.30.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Thursday, August 11th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Clifford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Anyone requiring tea *must* advise me not later than Monday, August 8th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, August 13th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Rd., Biddulph, before August 10th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bovey Tracey on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome. Those who intend to be present for tea please notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the adjoining districts of these Associations will be held at Northaw on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Hatfield bells available after tea. Traveling particulars next week.—C. T. Coles and W. Nash, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Rd., Ashford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by meat tea, 1s. 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 15th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purleigh, Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Eveleigh Room, opposite the Church, 5 p.m. This meeting is being held at the special request of the Rector, Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, August 17th.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Rd., Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business after. Everyone welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 17th.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W. 3.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebdon Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY.—The usual Monday practice is abandoned during August. Next meeting September 5th.—James E. Davis, Tower Keeper.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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