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### THE EXPERTS OF THE FUTURE.

Although ringers are undoubtedly, to some extent, quickly satiated with technical discussions between experts on topics like method extension, there is unquestionably a much wider interest in this and kindred subjects than there used to be. Some, perhaps, like Mr. George Baker, are already tired of the discussion on Superlative Surprise, and yet there are others who, apart from the 'wrangle' over this question, are really desirous of getting at facts. There was an obviously keen interest among a large number of members at the last Central Council meeting over the Superlative question. It was discussed by individuals both before and after the meeting, and though it was said that in someone's opinion there were only about half a dozen people who knew enough of the subject to be able to decide the question, those who hold this opinion fail to realise that there is growing up in the Exercise a class of men who really do take an intelligent interest in matters of this description and who do know something about it.

The Superlative Surprise dispute is only an example. The average ringer of to-day is a better educated man than the ringer of five and twenty years ago, and while ringing is a science which requires a special aptitude which is not always to be found even in educated people, it is quite certain that improved education has resulted in those who are ringers approaching these subjects from a different angle to the majority of the 'old school,' and with a much keener desire to know the 'whys' and 'wherefores.' With this increased knowledge it cannot be suggested that there are but a handful of people competent to form opinions. A jury may not know the 'law' of a case which they are trying, but they do decide questions of fact, and in our art the many members of the Exercise who have given thought to matters beyond merely ringing a method are able to draw conclusions from facts which are plainly stated.

In these days it must not be imagined that knowledge remains entirely with the favoured few. One finds in most unexpected quarters a keen appreciation of some of the questions which in the past have been considered the exclusive prerogative of the experts, and this growing knowledge of the science is of vast importance to the future of the Exercise. It is a proof that the rising generation is not entirely content to take for granted everything which is put before them. They will test these questions for themselves. It is true they have not the experience of the older men, but they are adding to this every day; and views which hold the field at present will unquestionably have to stand their trial before final judgment is passed upon them. It is an encouraging

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sign that a larger proportion of ringers are taking a greater interest in the problems of the science, for the more they do this, the greater will be their own knowledge, and the better it will be for the future of the Exercise. They will be the experts of the future, and they will form an ever widening circle.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
*WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 4	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gibbs' 50th peal and the conductor's 400th peal.

CHURCHKIRK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... .. Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 5
JAMES PARR ... .. 2	*JAMES INGHAM ... .. 6
JOSEPH WOODS, ... .. 3	SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR BROWN ... .. 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First in the method. First peal of Major for the Churchkirk Society. J. Ingham and A. Brown were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting. All the above are service ringers at Churchkirk.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... .. Treble	EDWARD SPRAGUE ... .. 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	FRED DIMOND ... .. 6
JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM ... 7
JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE RENDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

W. A. Woosnam was made a member of the Devonshire Guild previous to ringing.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY GREENOUGH ... .. Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES ... 5
JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 2	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 6
JAMES BUTLER ... .. 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... .. 7
THOMAS EAST ... .. 4	*WILLIAM GREENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

\* First peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR T. SWAIN ... .. 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... .. 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY... .. 6
J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 3	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 7
JOHN E. KENNINGTON... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. Varah, the wife of the Vicar.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON ... .. Treble	JOHN HAYES... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

Arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	*ARNOLD HAIGH ... .. 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
WM. A. WOOLER... .. 4	J. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

\* First peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAUVONS... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
SAMUEL POTTS ... .. 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone by the Bishop of the diocese of the above church on August 9th, 1827. Also as a birthday compliment to S. Baker.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHOM ... Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL ... .. 6
THOMAS DAVISON... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 4	FRANK GREEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*MARGARET EASTOE ... .. Treble	†CHARLES H. BIRD ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 2	†HAROLD EASTOE ... .. 6
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. SELLERS... .. 7
†NORAH A. BRAY... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. The ladies were congratulated on ringing the peal without practice.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN HAYES... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS ... .. 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2	CHARLES SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
R. GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 4	JOSEPH SLADE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

At the conclusion of the peal, the Vicar kindly came up into the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their success.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY HAXTER ... .. Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER ... .. 5
JOHN KING ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
*MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 7
†CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* Fiftieth peal. † First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor in this method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal of Superlative Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Blessley, who is leaving the parish to take up duties at Metfield, Suffolk.

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NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FRANK BLONDELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
HARRY BADGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES M. DAVIS ... .. 7
*WALTER STEED ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First Surprise peal.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble	EDWARD ASHEY ... .. 5
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
*CHARLES COOK ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	WALTER J. SIMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**A GOLDEN WEDDING TOUCH.**

At St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, August 6th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith (Mr. Smith being a member of the St. Saviour's company), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, G. W. Stokes 2, H. Hobden 3, E. Gower 4, B. Hobbs 5, E. Bray 6, A. C. Pankhurst (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Dallaway 8.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 5
FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Specially arranged for Mr. F. Price to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his native parish.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 4
PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... .. Treble	J. SMY ... .. 4
E. PEARSON ... .. 2	A. E. SMITH ... .. 5
W. SMITH ... .. 3	A. LING, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

\* First peal of Minor with an inside bell.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... .. Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 4
*HUBERT F. ASHLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS MILLER ... .. 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST PULLEN ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 4
*WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 2	HARRY HILL ... .. 5
GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.



### EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHOWN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 2	CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 3	CHARLES FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

This was Mr. C. G. Bates' first peal in a Treble Bob method on a working bell.

### EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent and one-third extent of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS MILLER ... .. Treble	CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 2	THOMAS W. CHOWN ... .. 5
CHARLES FREEMAN ... .. 3	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

The conductor has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

### HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising eight 240's by L. W. G. Morris, eight 240's by A. J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's.

Tenor (approx.) 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN ... .. Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. 3
JOSEPH NORTON ... .. 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 4
	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Second peal on these bells. Conductor hails from Leicester, others from Billesdon.

### WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Six Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, College Single, Fulbeck Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM TILLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

This is the longest length of Minor rung in the county, and is believed to be the first 10,080 rung in 14 methods. It is also the longest length by a lady ringer.

### HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 51, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7-8
	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Mr. P. O. Laffin heard the last hour of the peal.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—At Christ Church, on Thursday evening, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): L. G. Morris 1, Miss E. Lawrence 2, G. Moorhouse 3, H. Lofthouse 4, E. Grimwood 5, J. Thackray 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, H. Blackith 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th.

### THE 'SOMERSET' TOUR.

The nine following peals were rung during a tour in the West of England:—

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 5
MISS IRENE HASTIE ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 400th peal.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

TWERTON, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE ... .. 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 300th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 8000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	*THOMAS KING ... .. 8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. J. S. Goldsmith was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 8
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough.

BUSHEY HEATH.—A quarter-peal of Stedman in 48 mins. on Tuesday, August 9th: E. Ashby 1, H. Long 2, C. Cook 3, H. Hoare (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, G. Foster 5, F. Elliott 6, S. Hoare (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

## LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 31 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Treble	THOMAS KING ... .. 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

## MELLS, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5
CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

The first peal of Major on the bells, which have the heaviest tenor to a ring of eight in the county. W. T. Beeson's 150th peal.

## BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR, AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ...Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

A birthday compliment to Miss Hastie.

## DOINGS AT FARINGDON.

## HOW WE WENT DOWN THE VALE.

On Saturday, August 6th, two men left Reading to fulfil a long-standing promise to the men of Faringdon, Berks, that they would come down one day and see what progress had been made with Grand-sire Triples. At 3.30, the local ringers were found 'waiting at the church,' so a start was made, and to the visitors' surprise and delight a 546 was rung in quite good style; then, with two other men in, a 1,008. A quarter-peal was the ambition of the local band, so off they went again, and a real good quarter was scored. After this a social hour was spent and much enjoyed, and so to bed. On Sunday morning, with only one of the visitors left, 209, 420, and 518 were rung. At 5.30, the 'Padre' turned up sharp to time, and 714 was brought round, beautifully struck. So well, in fact, was it rung, that a lady ringer from Exeter said she would rather not ring, as she would not like to spoil the ringing of the evening. Anyhow, she was persuaded to try the treble, and another little touch of 209 was added to the bag. This may not appear much to the big men of the Exercise, but the remarkable thing is the Faringdon men were mostly staid old call-change ringers of years' standing, but suddenly realised that if Alfred the Great could wipe out the Danes at Asdown they could wipe out 'Stoney' at Faringdon, and they have. The writer would like them to know that their great kindness to him during the week-end will be long remembered, and also that the 'Padre' also had a most enjoyable time.

H. T. R.

## THE IRISH TOUR.

## A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO ERIN.

By 'W. H. F.'

A few weeks ago a certain Dublin 'gentleman,' who had crossed the Irish Channel to ring a 'touch' of 20,000 of Kent, made casual inquiries of his ringing friends as to when a band of English ringers were going to visit the Irish Free State for some peal ringing. The answer to this question was revealed in last week's issue of this journal, which showed that the visit was paid 'begorrah' in a most successful manner, and, therefore, a few notes of the programme may be of interest to readers of 'The Ringing World.'

As usual, small beginnings often lead to big undertakings, and this gathering, started with the hope of a twelve-bell band, accomplished more than was really expected at the outset. In addition to those members whose names appear in the peals list were several ladies—Mrs. H. Chapman, Mrs. F. Bennett, and Miss D. K. Parker—a 'swarm' of fifteen tourists all told.

Many ringers have vivid recollections of Bank Holiday ringing excursions, and their 'missing links.' The present one afforded no exception to the 'madding crowds' to be met with at such holiday times. It was suggested that all should assemble at Liverpool on Friday evening and cross over together by the 10 p.m. British and Irish steam packet boat, and a 'bait' was offered, through the kind efforts of Mr. G. R. Newton, in the form of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' tower, which faces the landing stage and commands a fine view of the River Mersey. The Cinques proposed was reduced to Triples on the back eight, and lasted two and a half hours, the 'backenders' developing a set of blisters that proved troublesome later on and caused the owners to envy those who took the Holyhead crossing.

A fair and easy passage was made on a full boat of about 700 people. Some had sleeping berths—to lie awake in all night—and others occupied the deck to walk in their sleep. The distant hills of Wicklow came into sight at about 6 a.m., and we landed at the dockside in the River Liffey about seven o'clock, after ploughing the famous bay of Dublin, with its picturesque background of Emerald. Customs officials searched our handbags—oh, ye shades of Greenwich—and labelled them in blue pencil, and we were at length 'set free' in the Free State of Ireland, under the care of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who quickly escorted the party to their headquarters, the George Hotel, Great George Street, once patronised by George of Rugby. 'All's well' sounded when the roll call was finished, a wash and brush-up, breakfast and chat had ended, preparatory to our first venture at 11 a.m.

Readers will remember the old couplet which says:—

'St. Patrick was a gentleman of "clane and dacent" people;

In Dublin town he built a church, and on it placed a steeple.'

It was here we began with success, and, as it is the only tower out of England possessing twelve bells, our performance was the 'first Max' for Scotland, Wales and Ireland combined.

St. Patrick's tower is literally crammed with bells. The old eight are stored in the room above the ringers—not in use, objects of veneration to ringers of to-day and for those to follow hereafter. Of the new bells cast by Taylor, the following separate rings can be formed:—

Sets of 12, 10 or 8, in key of C, tenor 45 cwt.

Sets of 12, 10 and 8 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.

Set of 8 in F, tenor 19 cwt., and many 'sixes.'

The eleven large bells were given by Lord Iveagh in 1899, and two smaller ones added by Mr. R. R. Cherry (afterwards Lord Chief Justice), of Dublin, in 1909. The donor was the conductor of the first peal in Ireland by an Irish team. I do not recall another tower where a ring of twelve can be found for ringing in the minor key. In this attempt it was an agreeable relief not to hear the heavy covering note of the ordinary tenor when in the slow. There were several spells of wonderful music when the back bells were running in Bob Major coursing order. The peal was well rung throughout, and the majority of the band were agreeably surprised at the readiness with which it grew accustomed to the minor mania—no, I mean the minor music. During the ringing I was wondering what the effect would have been had these bells been tuned to the Simpson standard.

Before ringing, a matter of business was gone into, ten of the visitors begging the honour of membership of the I.A.C.R., and the branding with the Shamrock was suitably accomplished—on the right spot—at the hands of Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Lindoff, supported by Messrs. Chapman and Fussell, who had undergone the operation some 25 years ago.

St. Patrick's Cathedral of to-day—a very handsome pile—succeeds a smaller one supposed to have been erected by St. Patrick on his first pilgrimage on the Island, and near the site of a famous spring known as St. Patrick's Well. Its whereabouts was unknown for centuries until modern restoration work was done. Since my visit of 1900, a further important discovery has been made during excavations near the church. At a level six feet below the ground was revealed the actual carved stone that formerly marked the well, and it is now to be seen in the nave near the door of the stairs that lead up to the bells.

(To be continued.)

OXHEY, HERTS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman in 40 mins. on Wednesday, August 3rd: H. Long 1, S. Hoare 2, C. Cook (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, H. Hodgetts 4, F. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, F. Brinklow (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. VISIT TO EDGBASTON.

The summer meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held at Edgbaston on Saturday week, those who were present having a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, commonly known as Edgbaston 'Old Church,' is a picturesque building of stone, mainly in the Perpendicular style, consisting of nave, north, south and 'new' aisles, and a low embattled western tower with four pinnacles. The church dates from 1340, while the tower was built in 1503. Until a few years ago the tower was completely enveloped in ivy, but this was very wisely stripped off when restoration work was being carried out. Ivy certainly makes a tower look pretty, but it is no good for the stone work.

Members were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blofeld, who gave everyone a hearty welcome, and showed several round the church, pointing out features of interest, among which is a memorial tablet to Sir John Rastcliffe, Knight, sometime Mayor of Birmingham. This worthy gentleman is eulogised, as was the custom in bygone days, and there can be no doubt that he has gone to the place where all good people go, but the epitaph reads: 'There shall be no night there.'

Until recently, the tower contained a poor old ring of six, but these have now been replaced by a splendid ring of eight by Taylor (tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp), which are a credit to their founders and to the church. The well-known carillonneur and erstwhile performer on the dulcimer, Harry Withers, is in charge here, and both the church authorities and the ringers are fortunate in having such a capable man. While mentioning Harry, the writer of these notes would like to take the opportunity of reminding him that it is high time he overhauled his 'music box' and put in some intensive practice, in order that he may once again be able to charm the guests at the next Johnson dinner! Verb, sap!

By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was arranged in the schoolroom nearby, and the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman W. Pritchett, took the chair at the business meeting which followed. Before leaving to keep another appointment, Canon Blofeld said how very pleased he was to welcome the Guild to his church, and to hear how pleased everyone was with the new bells. He said he was tired of having his leg pulled about the old six, and now that he had a ring second to none in the district, he hoped the Guild would visit them more often in the future. He added that the wardens and the Church Council were convinced that they had done the right thing in making a clean sweep, and not attempting to augment or patch up the old peal, and he had received many congratulations on the matter.

Before calling on the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Pryce

Taylor, and all present stood for a moment in silence as a last token of respect to the deceased. The Secretary reported that he had written a letter of condolence to the family, and the Guild was represented at the funeral by Mr. James George.

Among the new members elected subsequently was the parish clerk of Edgbaston, Mr. Sidney Freemantle, who is already well known to many members, having been present on several occasions at the Johnson Dinner and other gatherings of lesser note.

Routine matters having been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his hospitality in providing tea, to Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of all, and to Mr. Harry Withers for having the bells in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and the standard methods, while later an hour was spent in the company of an old member of the Guild, familiarly known to a past generation of Birmingham ringers as 'Bob Hunt.' This gentleman can talk of ringing happenings of 'ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years ago,' and it seems a pity that he should have allowed his interest to flag. He used to be particularly fond of handbells, and could wield a pair in Stedman Cinques with the greatest ease and confidence. Nowadays, he is understood to prefer a glass of milk 'with something in it,' and he certainly looks well on it. But he must come back.

A. P. S.

### A VISIT TO DUFFIELD.

The annual outing of the Norton (Derbyshire) company on Tuesday, August 2nd, to Alton Towers (once the princely seat of the Earls of Shrewsbury and Talbot), was a delightful journey, with encouraging weather and picturesque and romantic scenery, enjoyed by all. At 10.30 a.m. the party were met by the Duffield ringers, where three touches in the standard methods, well struck, were brought round. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the meeting with Mr. Colin Oldfield, who is on a visit from New Jersey, U.S.A., who was delighted with a ring on the bells (there being no change ringing within his reach at U.S.A.).

The Norton company wish to thank the Duffield ringers for their encouraging welcome and consideration in helping to make a trip worth while.

After a short stay at Duffield, departure was made for Alton Towers, where the company spent the remainder of the day leisurely, having lunch in the gardener's cottage and leaving Alton at 6 p.m. for home.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Shepton Beauchamp, recorded in our last issue, was not the first on the bells, Mr. J. Maddocks having called one there in 1908.

A new record among the lady members of the Exercise has been set up by Miss Kathleen Jutson, who, on Saturday, took part in a peal of 10,080 of Minor, in fourteen methods. The peal occupied 6 hrs. 20 mins., and is a remarkable achievement for a woman.

Mr. George Earle (who 'witnessed' the handbell peal at Thorpe Market, Norfolk) is the last surviving member of the old Southrepps company that gained sonic repute in the neighbourhood for its exposition of the art. These worthies thought nothing of weekly walks of 20 miles on a Saturday evening or Sunday to the rings of six and five in the district. It is a great pity that the grand ring of five (tenor 16 cwt.) at Southrepps have just been repaired for chiming at a cost a few pounds less than a competent bell hanger would have charged for a complete overhaul.

Eleven London children spent a wet holiday in the village of King-ton Magna, Dorset, where the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild is Rector. During their stay, three of the girls sang in the choir, and all the eleven members of the party tried their hands at ringing the bells.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the peal of ten at York Minster in the year 1765.

Eight veteran ringers, whose total ages aggregated 553 years, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guiseley on August 24th, 1868.

Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich 120 years ago next Thursday.

## 'SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am tired of the never-ending controversies in connection with the above, and other matters pertaining to Method Construction.

If 'A Plain Ringer' will communicate with me direct I shall be pleased to let him have the Royal of the Rev. H. L. James' so-called 'Superlative' Maximus, and 'A Plain Ringer' will then learn that Shipway's Royal has not been extended by Rev. H. L. James, neither did Shipway extend 'Superlative' Major when he produced his Royal Method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

## 'KINGTON CATHEDRAL?'

Under this heading, the 'North Dorset Church Magazine' says: 'When King George V. was crowned on June 22nd, 1911, Kington bells were the first in the kingdom to proclaim the festival day with a peal at 3.28 a.m. The next were those of Holy Trinity, Guildford, which rang out at 3.45. With the division of Winchester diocese into three, Trinity Church has now been made the cathedral for Guildford diocese. It yet remains for Kington Church to be exalted to the same rank! Old Schoolmaster Lanning used to speak of it as a "little cathedral." It is interesting also to observe that the new Bishop of Portsmouth is—or was—a tithepayer in this parish—though he never came to eat his supper.'

## ICKLETON BELLS.

The order has been given for the two new trebles to complete the octave at Ickleton. One bell has been given as a memorial to the late treasurer of the Ringers' Society, Mr. Beales. The bell hangers are fixing the new frame, six bells have arrived, and the other two are expected shortly, as the founders have promised to complete the job by the 25th. We understand that under a diocesan rule they cannot be dedicated until they are paid for, and for this reason a grant of £50 from the diocesan funds which had been promised will be lost. The bells, however, will be used when they are completed. At present the parish is £150 short of the sum required. The following donations are acknowledged with thanks: St. Peter's Society, Nottingham, £2 2s., Mr. F. Warrington 5s., Mr. A. E. Austin 5s. Further contributions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

## RINGERS' MEETING IN CHURCHYARD.

A meeting of charming variety was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 6th. There are always many happy features when a meeting is held at this beautiful village, which have been related before, but in the month of August the flowers in the many gardens are at their best. The corn ripening in the fields in beautiful sunshine must have made everyone doubly happy.

Members from Dewsbury and Kirkburton, with visitors, joined in union and rang the bells from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the local cafe, and was enjoyed by many ladies closely interested and ringers.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard, and it was purely formal, with the exception of a fly in the ointment of our affections, which the writer will not name. The shield contest is to be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, September 10th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens and local ringers and terminated the meeting.



## A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the third of the 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 DIFFER.

Methods differ one from another only for the reason that the pairs changing in corresponding rows of the first lead in each method are not similar pairs. That is to say, in the first row of one method three pairs might change, whilst in the first row of another method only two pairs. This has the effect of making the paths of the bells in one method differ from those in another.

The changing pairs throughout the first lead can be so arranged, that, while the rows inside the lead may differ in two methods, yet the rows which turn up as lead-ends in the two methods are identical. The pairs can also be arranged so that the lead-end rows of two methods are not identical.

The Minor methods which are sponsored by the Central Council, and which were published as 'Legitimate Methods,' all have the pairs so arranged in the first leads, that they produce, for the first lead-ends, one of the four rows which appear as the lead-ends in Bob Minor, previously shown. If a method produces a first lead-end which is different from every one of these four, then it is not 'legitimate.' Therefore it follows that the lead-ends of a plain course in any legitimate Minor method can be produced by taking each one of these four in turn, and using it as the first lead-end. In other words, in Bob Minor we have taken 135264 as our first lead-end for transposing, and have produced five rows (counting rounds as one). Now take the next in our list (156342) as the example row for transposition. Place in black figures 123456, with black 156342 underneath. Cover 123456 with red row 156342, and proceed to transfer the cards as before, but this time do it in the order of 1, 5, 6, 3, 4, 2 (instead of 1, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4). Do this until rounds is reached again. Then substitute 164523 as your example lead-end, and proceed to transfer until you get your five lead-ends. Finally, substitute 142635. You will then have four columns of lead-ends, with this peculiarity: that the same five rows keep turning up, with rounds last, but with the other four rows in different sequence in the columns.

By this we may know that any plain lead-end, transposed by any other plain lead-end, will result in a plain lead-end, because (somewhere or another) in our four columns, we have transposed every one of them, by every other one.

## BOBS AND SINGLES.

We have seen that the theoretical leads are joined together into plain courses by one other bell retaining the same place in the rows when the treble leads her whole pull. The actual 'join' takes place at the space between the two rows, where the line is drawn. When the treble leads at the end of the first lead in Bob Minor we have these two rows:—

Practically.	Theoretically.
132546	132546
135264	135264

Theoretically, 135264 is the first row in the following lead, and 132546 is the last row in the present lead; therefore, the 'join' must occur at the theoretical line, and the method of doing it is to cause one bell to retain the same position in the row while the remainder change—it may be the second's place bell, or the sixth's place bell, as will be shown.

The 'courses' are joined together into touches and peals in a similar manner, by means of 'Bobs' and 'Singles,' otherwise, Bob Rows and Single Rows.

When a Bob Row is used, action similar to that at the lead-ends takes place, the only difference being that, instead of second's or sixth's place being made by one bell, this is done by the FOURTH'S-PLACE bell, leaving the other four to change, the treble, of course, remaining at the lead.

It is a pity that Plain Bob cannot be used in the example that follows, but I wish to show the same rows as (1) a second's-place method, (2) as a sixth's-place method, and (3) as a Bob Lead of either method. If the first lead of Plain Bob is shown as a sixth's place method, the bells will run round, and for this reason it cannot be used here; but we will take two methods, one of which makes second's place at the plain lead-ends, and the other of which makes sixth's place, both of which have the same rows just before the end of the first lead:—

Second's-place method (Double Oxford).		Sixth's-place method (London Bob).	
First lead.	First lead.	First lead.	First lead.
plain.	bobbed.	plain.	bobbed.
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.
412635	412635	412635	412635
146253	146253	146253	146253
142635	164235	164523	164235

In each example the treble retains the same place in the row, and also one other bell, while the remaining pairs change; the place is made in (1) by the '4,' in (2) by the '2,' in (3) by the '3,' and in

(4) by the '2.' We can see that if we ring a plain lead of each method we get a different lead-head (below the line) in each; but that if a bob be called in either method the lead-head (below the line) would be the same in both.

We can know then, that the first lead of any method can be turned into a bobbed lead by making 'fourth's place' instead of second's or sixth's place, as the case may be.

While the bob acts in the same way with all methods, the 'single' does not; we can see in the four examples above that in each case two pairs change, to produce the new lead-heads.

A 'single' is a row which has only a 'single change'; that is, a row which is produced by the changing of only one pair, and it differs when applied to second's-place and sixth's-place methods. If the method make second's place at the lead-ends, then change only the last pair at a single; in other words, make second's, third's and fourth's places, and the remaining pair change. If the method makes sixth's place at the plain lead-ends, then only change the pair which immediately follows the treble; in other words, make fourth's, fifth's and sixth's places, and the remaining pair change. Thus:—

Second's-place method (Double Oxford).	Sixth's-place method. (London Bob).
First lead singled.	First lead singled.
Etc.	Etc.
4 1 2 6 3 5	4 1 2 6 3 5
1 4 6 2 5 3	1 4 6 2 5 3
1 4 6 2(35)	1(64) 2 5 3

The pair which change in each is bracketed, and the remaining bells retain their positions in the row.

One effect that a call has upon a method is that it alters the method for one row only, and when this altered row is produced, we go on with our changing pairs (from our altered lead-head) in the same way as usual. Therefore, if one row only is altered, then the paths of the bells are altered for one blow only, before they start on their set paths through the next lead, which are those paths that are followed by the bells in the first lead, as we have always been led to believe; but the 'call row' causes the bells to start the next lead from different 'platforms'; that is, different positions from those which the bells would have occupied had it been a plain lead-end instead of a 'call.' After this 'shunting' to a different platform, as it were, the usual set rails are travelled from Station A to Station B.

If we have traced for ourselves the 'plain course path' of a method, we may reason out how this path is altered by a call, in this way: We have traced the ordinary path, by the figures of the first lead, and therefore we must know how the first lead-end will be altered by a call. Remember: for a bob, make fourth's place, etc., in every Minor method; but that for a single, it depends upon the class of method as to which pair is changed. Plain Bob is a second's-place class of method, and the end of the first lead is shown:—

	PLAIN. Make 2nd's place.	BOBBED. Make 4th's place.	SINGLED. Change last pair only.
Row at treble hand-stroke lead ...	1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 5 4 6
Next lead-head row	1 3(52) (64)	1 (23)5(64)	1 3 2 5(64)

Now that we have the first lead-end in plain, bobbed, and singled rows, it is easy to see how the path (or work) of every bell is affected by a call.

Platforms at first lead-end  
(being Station B).  
1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th.

If plain lead-end (without a call) the  
trains arriving are ... 1 3 5 2 6 4  
If bobbed, they are ... 1 2 3 5 6 4  
If singled, they are ... 1 3 2 5 6 4

Trace the path of bell No. 2 through the first lead from 123456 down to 132546, and when she leaves this row the plain-end (135264) makes her step back into fourth's place, and therefore she takes up the set path of the fourth's-place bell at 123456 (the '4') during her progress through the next lead; but when the bob-end (123564) is substituted for the plain (135264), bell No. 2 is not allowed to step back into fourth's place as she would have done, but she is forced to step forwards to second's place at 123564, and therefore she takes up the set path of the second's-place bell (the '2') at 123456 instead of the fourth's-place bell (the '4').

The substitution of the singled row (132564) for the plain one, makes bell No. 2 remain in third's place (after leaving the 132546), and therefore she takes up the set path of the third's-place bell (the '3') at 123456, instead of either path shown in the plain or bobbed rows. All of the alterations made by calls can be traced in this manner, merely by substituting the 'call-row' for the 'plain-row.'

Notice that the bells arriving at platforms 5th and 6th (the '6' and the '4') are not altered by either call, in this instance; also particularly notice that the bells which are affected by the calls do ordinary plain work up to row 132546, the altered work from here to the call row, for one blow only, and then pick up ordinary plain work again, but starting from a different platform. Notice, also, that the single row (132564) does not alter the second's-place bell at the plain 135264 (the '3'), and that the fourth's-place bell (the '5') does the same work at both the bob and single rows.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF SOMERSET. RINGERS' MOTORING TOUR.

There are 'ringing tours' and 'ringing tours.' There are those in which peals are the essence of the enjoyment; there are those in which the peals are only an accessory to the pleasure. Each to his own taste. This year's 'Somerset' tour, organised by Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. H. Pulling, came in the latter category. It was a go-as-you-please motoring holiday, with peals thrown in, and no meals omitted; and a social side to it which could not have been excelled.

It was called a 'Somerset' tour, but it began in Devon and extended into Wiltshire, a programme of fourteen peals having been arranged. It centred on Wrington, where is one of the finest peals of ten in the country. Here were the headquarters, the Golden Lion, where Mr. and Mrs. Axford, with previous experience of ringers' requirements and delinquencies, catered for their needs in right royal style. The party was not quite stable in its personnel, for there were comings and goings, but round about a dozen saw the week through. The non-ringing ladies of the party were Mrs. Dobbie, sen. (who is a churchwarden in her own parish), Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mrs. C. H. Dobbie and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, while Mr. W. Besson also accompanied the tourists. The names of the remainder will be found in the peal columns. The party was well equipped for the excursion; there was plenty of brawn for the heavy-bell jobs, and a complete ambulance detachment, the latter, happily, not being called upon except to deal with blistered hands.

The long anticipated tour began at Exeter. By 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th, the majority of the company had assembled in the Cathedral Close, and, greetings over, a move was made to the commodious belfry, the magnificent view from the roof being admired en route. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., but at 4.35 p.m. the conductor called 'Stand.' The fears of the listeners outside were allayed when at 4.40 another start was made, and all seemed well, the grand bells pealing out the fine music of Stedman Caters. For three hours the non-ringers explored the cathedral and places of interest in the city, returning at intervals to assure themselves that ringing was still in progress. However, after 3 hrs. 25 mins. the bells ceased, much to everyone's disappointment. There had been no big trip, so the cause of the stoppage was a mystery until one of the ringers came down with the news that one of the local tenor men had been compelled to give in.

### 'HOME FROM HOME.'

It was a very disappointing beginning to the tour, especially after ringing for so long. After assuring themselves that the exhausted ringer had somewhat recovered, the company dispersed, the tourists by various and adventurous ways all eventually arriving at Wrington, the 'home from home' for the ensuing week. But 'all' is hardly correct, for two of the company were forced to abandon their journey owing to trouble with lights, and did not arrive until the following day.

On Sunday morning, some of the company were up with the lark, and all managed to reach the dining-room in time to do justice to the excellent fare provided for breakfast. Several well-struck touches on the fine Wrington bells were brought round for service. In the meantime the great little 'Austin' had taken two of the ladies to Wells to pick up the motor-cycle which the lady ringer of the party had abandoned for the luxury of a car on the previous day. After various adjustments, it was declared 'O.K.' and cycle and car, with their respective riders, returned with sharpened appetites ready for lunch.

Clevedon was the objective for the afternoon, and having arrived the ringers soon set the bells swinging to the tune of Cambridge. The listeners rambled over the cliffs and sea front within sound of the bells all the time, until rain drove them to the shelter of the car. (Does it rain every day in Clevedon?) After about two hours' ringing, a hitch occurred, and the bells stopped. The disappointment was lessened, however, when it was found that owing to lack of time the peal could not have been completed in any case, because of evensong. An adjournment was then made for tea, and, to judge by her catering, the hostess had had previous experience of ringing parties. Some of the party returned immediately to Wrington, while others decided to enjoy a little more sea air and, incidentally, see some of the sights of Clevedon. By 9 p.m. all were ready, and the three motor-cycle combinations conveyed ten persons and two dogs to Wrington in safety. It was with regret that they heard on arrival that the worthy host was indisposed, and they wished him a speedy recovery.

The news of the coming of the party to Wrington had spread in the village, and their intentions must have been discussed in various quarters, for while three of the party were travelling in the bus from Clevedon to Wrington, a bewhiskered fellow traveller imparted to them the important information that some ringers had come from London and were going to ring over 5,000 changes on Wrington bells. Without so much as the flutter of an eyelid, one of the strangers innocently asked how on earth the ringers could remember all the changes. The local worthy, with a chuckle intended to camouflage any sign of ignorance, replied enigmatically, 'Ah, that's just it!' And he enjoyed the experience of imagining he had left his questioner mystified.

From a ringing point of view, Monday was a more successful day. Wrexall, with its glorious eight, was the first objective. The 'baby' Austin led the way, but no 'short cut' through Brockley Coombe was taken this year. The various conveyances eventually brought their human freight, and by 9.55 the bells were set swinging to the tune of Superlative, and very grand they sounded from the heights beyond

the church. The bells tapped along with a splendid beat, and in 3 hrs. 25 mins. came round, thus scoring the first peal of the tour and Oliver Sippett's 400th. The listeners were anxious to show their appreciation of the performance, especially that of the lady ringer, and they therefore presented to her a bouquet of choice wild flowers gathered as they wandered across the fields. It was with reluctance that such a lovely spot had to be left, but ringers are hungry people, and excellent luncheons are provided at Wrington's Golden Lion! Besides, there was the added attraction of Blagdon tower in the afternoon. Here, again, success crowned the ringers' efforts, and a fine peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Fears were entertained of ropes breaking, as they seemed 'none too strong', but, fortunately, they survived the test. It was a happy party that, after tea, packed into car and sidecars and wended its way via Burrington Coombe to see the famous 'Rock of Ages', and to greet an addition to the party in the person of Canon Coleridge. Everyone was pleased on reaching home to hear that the host was much better, and merriment was the order of the evening, until, tired and happy, all retired to bed.

### EPIDEMIC PREVENTS PEAL.

On Tuesday morning an early start was made for Corston, where a great disappointment awaited the company. An epidemic of ice-cream poisoning was raging in the village, and the Vicar thought it was hardly advisable to ring the bells. There had been no time to secure another tower, so a move was made to Twerton, which had been originally arranged for the afternoon. After a start had been made for Superlative, one member of the party went on to Clevedon to try and arrange for a peal there in the evening. The bells went merrily on for half an hour, and then the attempt came to an untimely end. As the 'going' was none too good, a fresh start was made for Stedman, and this was brought round in 3 hrs. 3 mins., the lady ringer being congratulated upon lasting through the peal, and Mr. Joe Dyke on completing his 300th. After compensating themselves for their exertions, a move was made into Bath for lunch, after which the journey was made to Clevedon, but unfortunately they arrived too late to attempt a peal. Clevedon was in the throes of a flower show and fair, and to this the company adjourned to share in the hectic doings. The various side-shows were patronised, including the 'cocoanut shy' and the ice-cream tent! A certain little dog evaded its mistress, evidently bent on exploring the attractions of the fair, and it was eventually found in the safe custody of a policeman, much to its owner's relief. It was rumoured that one gentleman's somewhat robust form got in the way of a ball intended for a cocoanut, but as no damage was done, the less said the better. The return to Wrington was very enjoyable, and, after satisfying sharpened appetites, all sought a night's repose.

Wednesday morning was again a rush to make an early start for Bradford-on-Avon. However, the hurry was of no avail, for various hindrances prevented the early arrival of one of the vehicles carrying two of the ringers. A start was made for London, but came to grief in twenty minutes. Then the bells were set going for Treble Bob, and the non-ringers explored the Saxon church, which, built in 709, was the first Christian place of worship in England; and also a grand old tithe barn. Both of these buildings are gems of antiquity, and the ladies would like to express their appreciation of the kindness of the two gentlemen who escorted them and made things so interesting. But the peal came to grief. After two hours' ringing, a rope slipped and frustrated the ringers' hopes. A generous lunch was partaken of on the lawn opposite the church, and, afterwards, a move was made to Trowbridge, where further additions were made to the party, the addition of another car coming to the relief of the overworked combinations. The jovial 'Sam' had everything in readiness, and a merry greeting for all. Treble Ten was the method chosen for this tower, and some fine striking was heard. To the stuffiness of the belfry is attributed an enforced stop after 25 minutes' ringing. A substitute was forthcoming, however, to replace the 'discomforted' ringer, and a fresh start was made. This time success crowned their efforts, and another fine peal was scored. The Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Sam Hector very kindly entertained the whole party to tea, and the Vicar (locum tenens), in a short speech, thanked the ringers for the peal. Canon Coleridge suitably replied, and voiced the thanks of the party for the kindness and welcome shown. As it was a long journey to Wrington, the company did not linger after supper, but boarded their various conveyances and started on their homeward way, arriving at the Golden Lion at various times, some of which it would not be advisable to disclose, for all respectable Wrington folk must have been in bed for hours.

The programme for Thursday included one of the most important engagements of the trip. It was a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters at Wrington in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who had intended to take part in the tour, and Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Wrington, brother-in-law of Major J. H. B. Hesse. The peal was a most impressive one, for this fine ring, the foundation of which was the old six by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, with recasts and additions by the White-chapel Foundry, were heard at their best as they poured out their solemn tones over the village, the fields and the hills. It was an especial satisfaction to everyone that this peal was a success. Stedman Triples was completed at Long Ashton in the afternoon, what time some of the 'supers' and the non-ringers visited Bristol, and others admired Weston-super-Mare in the rain. It was on this day, too,

that one of the party came definitely to the conclusion that Zimmerman Zyder is a much overrated drink, and by no means all that some enthusiasts would have us believe.

Two fine rings of bells had been secured for Friday, the morning proceedings being at Mells. While the preparations for the start were being made, a lady visitor from the adjoining mansion of the Horder family came up into the ringing room and showed her interest. Canon Coleridge engaged her in conversation, and then learned that she was a ringing pupil of Mr. Harry Miles, of Oxford, and was anxious to see some change ringing done. A musical touch of Stedman Triples was therefore 'put on,' in the performance of which the visitor evinced great interest. She was Miss Asquith, granddaughter of Lord Oxford. Having given their demonstration, the band got down to the serious business of the day, and a splendidly struck peal of Double Norwich Major was rung.

#### A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

While this was in progress, two members of the party, who left Wington later than the rest, had a memorable experience. They, too, made a pilgrimage to Burrington Coombe, to visit the cleft which was the inspiration of the wonderful hymn, 'Rock of Ages.' As they drew up at the spot where the author took shelter from the storm, two charabancs loaded with high-spirited young men and women arrived on the scene. Instead, however, of a riotous scramble over the rocks, which might have been expected, they assembled at the foot of the cleft and joined in singing those well-known words which have been a solace and hope to thousands. Rain was falling; within the cleft itself a father, mother and two children were sheltering from the shower; car engines had been silenced; not a sound in the coombe but the rising and falling of the voices of these young people in one of the most beautiful hymns that have ever been written in the English language. It was a scene, which, coming unexpectedly to the two members of the ringing party, will live in memory long after many of the other incidents of the tour have been forgotten.

The afternoon peal attempt—it really became an evening one—was at Clewton Mendip, where there is a peal of eight, which, without exaggeration, may be termed one of Taylor's greatest masterpieces. For their weight, it is doubtful if there is a finer peal in the world, and it was a great disappointment that a peal of Bristol Surprise was lost here after about an hour and a half's ringing. The ringing had been perfect—without question, absolutely perfect—when, suddenly, as sometimes happens in good ringing, and a trip furthest from everyone's thoughts—something 'came unstuck.' What really occurred is likely to remain a mystery, for various inquests afterwards failed to settle the question. The loss of this peal was the one real fly in the ointment of the tour.

But later that evening, round the liberal board of the Golden Lion, a casual observer would never have dreamed there were disappointments in ringing. With laughter and jest, the hours were passed, with a pleasing interlude, in which Canon Coleridge, on behalf of the rest of the party, presented a suitcase to Mr. A. H. Pulling, the conductor, and a similar gift to Mr. J. T. Dyke, the organiser, for their valued work in connection with the tour. The Canon made a characteristic speech, and the recipients made replies exactly suited to the informality of the occasion. 'And so to bed,' as Mr. Pops would say.

The task set for Saturday morning was the stiffest of the four. The bells of 'Coomsbury' (properly spelt Congresbury) were to be negotiated. Here the tenor is 35 cwt., and the heaviest hung to a peal of eight in the county. They have a had reputation locally, and that reputation is not belied by experience. But, despite all this, it was determined to ring Major or to die in the attempt. In case it should be the latter, the two ringleaders (so it is said) drew lots, and it was the imperturbable Joseph who mounted the tenor box. The bells went off into Cambridge, and it was not long before it was evident that the back-end men, at any rate, had qualified for membership of the 'Ancient Order of Tower Twisters,' of which we heard recently. Every time the big bells got into certain positions on the front the tower moved to such an extent that the west door of the belfry creaked as it hung. They were real heroes, those men at the back, but when at the end of 3 hrs. 56 mins. the bells ran into rounds they had had their reward, and Joseph, whose record already included turning in the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Minor (Queen Camel), had achieved another ambition.

#### CANON AND CHURCHWARDEN.

The band were greeted with congratulations by the rest of the party, and one competent critic declared that the ringing had been 'perfectly beautiful,' which was high praise, indeed, from such a source. Outside the tower, the proceedings had not been without incident. It had been found impossible to lock the church door, and, as ringing is on the ground floor, there was risk of interference. Canon Coleridge therefore mounted guard, and 'twas well he did. The bells had been going about an hour and a half, and he was comfortably seated in the porch of the Vicarage, reading the Vicar's newspapers, when he espied an intruder advancing upon the church. He reached the door at the same moment as the stranger, and politely informed him that he could not enter. The stranger was indignant; the Canon was adamant; the stranger said it was his own church, he was churchwarden, and he was going in; the Canon said he wasn't. Then the stranger explained—maybe in view of the size of the intercepting form—that he only wanted to welcome the ringers, and he wouldn't detain them a minute! Led gently from the door by the burly Canon, the church-

warden became amenable to reason, and in the course of an hour's conversation he learnt a lot about ringing and what good fellows ringers are. He learnt also that the band would appreciate the compliment he wished to extend to them, although nothing upset ringers more than 'welcomes' at the wrong moment.

No one seemed particularly anxious about standing in the peal arranged for the afternoon; it was the end of the holiday, and they would have liked an afternoon off. But Barrow Gurney bells, with 15 cwt. tenor and long draught of rope, were available, and so an eight was made up. The church stands within the park belonging to a stately mansion, in most picturesque surroundings, which would have been fully appreciated by the ladies of the party who sat out in the cars while ringing was in progress, had not the week's wet weather culminated in a perfect deluge. The bells are a tuneful little peal by Warner, but the band, either because they were tired, or had got into a heavy-bell beat, made a long job of it. But a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and successfully concluded the ringing programme, in which nine peals had been rung in 13 attempts.

Mention of this peal, however, would not be complete without recording an incident a couple of courses from home. The seventh man was ringing with a soft leather case on his rope end, which he had tied at the top only. Presently the rope end began to work up inside the case and come out into a loop between the top and the tape with which the leather was tied. Longer and longer got the loop, shorter and shorter the rope inside the case, until the end worked up beyond the ringer's reach, and he was left with nothing to hold but the case end, and nothing to take the strain of the bell but the piece of tape. Obviously that would not hold out, and when it went the rope would go with it, and so would the peal, let alone any damage that might be done. But the ringer, with characteristic ingenuity and aplomb, solved the difficulty. Ringing with one hand, he plunged the other into his trousers' pocket and brought out a pocket knife. By some means or other he contrived to open the blade, and, picking the right moment, he cut the tape, seized the released rope end, got rid of the leather case, calmly shut up his knife, put it back in his pocket—and went on ringing Treble Bob. It was the coolest thing the writer has ever seen done in a belfry.

The motor-cyclists, who spent the afternoon and evening touring Bristol, the Avon Gorge and Avonmouth, had a wet time, but, on the score of expense, declined on reaching 'home' to adopt a similar remedy for wet pants that had been applied on the previous day to a wet-footed lady, who was persuaded to put whisky in her shoes. At supper that night, toasts were proposed and thanks were given to all who had helped to make the excursion so thoroughly enjoyable. The next morning saw the final break-up of the party, one to depart for a holiday in Scotland, another to spend a leisured week or two in Devon, some to remain awhile in Somerset, but the majority to home and duty. The only unpropitious feature of the tour was the weather, especially as the ringing had been planned so that the visitors might traverse some of the picturesque Somerset districts. But in our English climate this is always one of the risks, and those who set out by road on Sunday morning, after ringing for service, had some compensation in travelling through the smiling countryside, with the harvest already begun, under sunny skies—until about mid-day once more down came the rain.

#### RINGERS MEET POLICE AT BOWLS.

##### AN ENJOYABLE LANCASHIRE EVENT.

The weather favoured the large number of the members of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and their wives and friends on Saturday last, when they combined their monthly meeting with a social event. The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club had again kindly placed their bowling green and athletic ground at their disposal, and during the afternoon a bowling match was arranged between the police and the ringers. The police were the victors, and the games were much enjoyed.

An adjournment was made for tea, after which rival towers settled their challenges with more games on the greensward.

Dusk caused all to retire to the pavilion, and here handbells, dancing, recitations, songs and community singing of the popular songs brought to a close all too soon the best social event ever held by the branch.

At the close, Mr. Ernest Cutsforth proposed a vote of thanks to the police for their hospitality and opportunity to hold a meeting in an unorthodox way. He said he was pleased so many had availed themselves of that opportunity, and could assure the police that all had enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Mr. John Potter seconded, and said the ringers of Bolton and district had begun to look forward to this event as an annual affair, as they had now been coming for several years, and each year they had a better attendance and the event became more enjoyable.

P.C. Hayhurst responded on behalf of the club, and gave a hearty invitation to the ringers to come again, and not wait until next summer. He suggested they should come during the winter months, when a billiards match and convivial evening could be arranged.

During an interval, the business meeting was held, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Newchurch on September 17th.

Mr. James H. Banks, of Helmshore, was nominated for vice-president, and the other retiring officers nominated en bloc.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday, August 6th. The Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Collett, M.A., and tea was served in the Church Institute, 38 being present.

A short business meeting followed, the Chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

On the motion of the chairman, a vote of sympathy was expressed with the family and friends of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, all present standing in silence.

The Chairman stated that he took part in a special service for ringers at Urchfont Parish Church on Sunday evening, July 31st. The preacher was the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch, a collection at that service being given to the branch funds.

Mr. S. Hillier, of Devizes, one of the representatives of the Guild, gave a short account of the business done at the Central Council meeting.

The chairman made reference to the appeal for funds for the restoration of Calne Parish Church bells, and it was decided to grant £1 ls. from the branch funds towards the amount required.—The question of a grant towards the expenses of the representative on the Central Council was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary.—The election of Mr. H. Powell, of Chippenham, as a life ringing member was confirmed.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the organist.

The Vicar replied, and welcomed the branch to Bratton. He also invited any of the company to visit the Vicarage gardens.

Visitors included the Vicar of Edington (the Rev. F. A. Sprent), Mrs. Heginbotham, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hillier, and Mrs. England from Devizes; Mr. Romain, hon. secretary, Salisbury Branch; also a member of the troop of Boy Scouts from Parkstone, Dorset (who undertook the duties of organ blower). Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Rowde, Holt, Trowbridge, Westbury, Melksham, Bratton, Warminster, Mere, and Salisbury. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Westbury and at Edington.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****RINGING AT A THREE-BELL TOWER.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on July 30th. This, although a rather small meeting, was nevertheless a very enjoyable one. Members attended from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Leake, Freiston, Sibsey and Wrangle, and the ringers were also pleased to meet Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Grimsby. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and a short service was held. An eloquent address, of which the main topic was the beautiful towers of Lincolnshire churches and their peals of bells and their message to the people, was given by the Rector of Raithby-cum-Mavis Enderby, a name renowned famous by Jean Ingelow.

After service the company repaired to Mavis Enderby, where tea was partaken of and enjoyed by all. The expenses of tea were generously borne by Capt. A. D. Crookes, one of the churchwardens of Raithby.

The usual business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick. The Rector of Raithby and Capt. A. D. Crookes were elected honorary members of the branch.

Friskney was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next meeting. Friskney bells are now being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

It was also unanimously resolved to contribute £5 from the branch funds towards defraying the cost of the repair of Friskney bells. This is the third occasion such a grant has been made towards the repair of bells in the Eastern Branch.

After the meeting, most of the members had a somewhat unique experience. They were granted permission to ring the bells of Mavis Enderby, three in number—an experience none had before enjoyed. Then the company returned to Raithby, where ringing was kept up until after 8 p.m.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Raithby-cum-Mavis Enderby (Rev. C. Langton) for the use of the bells and for his eloquent address, to the choir and organist, to the ladies who provided tea, and to Capt. A. D. Crookes for his kind hospitality. All present voted this a most enjoyable meeting.

**APSLEY END.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, August 3rd, 720 Oxford Boh Minor: R. Bruce 1, A. V. Good 2, C. J. Henley 3, J. Stopp 4, A. Cutler 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 5th.

**BRISTOL ALLIANCE.**

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

This method is intended for twelve-bell ringers who are acquainted with Bristol Surprise. All peals of Bristol Major go true.

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**WYCOMBE RINGERS' HOLIDAY TRIP.**

The members of the All Saints' belfry, Wycombe, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. Leaving Wycombe by the 1.22 train, the party were met at Risborough by a nice little bus, the 'Crendonian.' Long Crendon was the first stop, and about an hour was put in at this church. The visitors missed the cheery veteran who met them on their visit some years ago, Mr. David Warner, who has been called to higher service. There was a flower show at Crendon, and the merry ringing of the bells no doubt helped to cheer the spirits of those who were being damped by the 'weeping skies.' The old court house, the historic Dormer tomb, and other interests filled up the time, and 'to Brill' was the next move. At this place a fete was being held in the Vicarage garden. The Vicar gave a look-in upon the visitors and wished them well. There are six bells here. The first thing that 'struck' the ringers was the ropes. 'They were sent to us from —,' said the sexton, 'and we had to have them whether or no.' They had no 'tuck-ups' at the end, and were like walking-sticks fixed to the sallies. The visitors started enthusiastically to raise them in peal, and certainly 'got 'em up.' The tenor man reckons he can raise anything, and politely enquired how much she weighed. 'About 17½ cwt., I think,' was the reply. 'Seventy, you mean,' was the terse comment. The visitors wondered why so many natives crowded in to see them, but they know now. 'We has lots of visitors, but they never seems to do much here,' observed a veteran. 'I've been at it 32 years, and they do go that bad.' With this the Wycombe men agreed, and wandered off to see the sights, one member remarking, 'Too much like hard work for me,' and to this also they all agreed.

A pleasant run to Haddenham, through leafy lanes and old-world scenes, with the glorious fields of corn and roots on either side, was one to be remembered, and at 5.30 the party arrived at the final destination for the day, and released the cosy little bus from further service. The Green Dragon had fixed the visitors up with a meat tea, and a merry party of 17 sat round the tables. Mr. David Chapman, the genial foreman of the tower, looked in to say that all was ready. The meal over, the ringers were soon busy with the bells. What a contrast here—good ropes and the 'go' all that could be desired. A nice run down at eight o'clock, a quiet stroll to the station for the 8.39, and home safely reached at 9.15, brought to a close a jolly good time full of interest and experience.

**THE ANCIENT BELLFOUNDER OF ST. GALL.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—The interesting reference to this ancient (and fraudulent) bell-founder—circa A.D. 800—given in your last issue by Dr. Longford will also be found as the first of a long series of weekly articles I wrote in the concluding issues of 'The Bell News,' entitled 'Legends and Traditions of the Bells.'—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, August 14th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, C. W. Roberts 3, G. H. Cross 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Bird 1, J. G. Nash 2, J. Roe 3, G. Thurgood (conductor) 4, W. W. Dickinson 5, S. Crabb 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On Sunday, August 14th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): J. Richards 1, J. Sprague 2, A. H. Hayward 3, W. J. Jeffries (London) (conductor) 4, W. R. Parker (Northampton) 5, A. Ridyard (Manchester) 6, F. Blackmore 7, T. Gubb 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Strong 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, P. Heath 5, F. Smith 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**LAMBERTHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 14th, for evensong, 720 Double London Surprise: A. Henley 1, H. Hammond 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relie (conductor) 5, A. Smith 6.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Church of the Immanuel, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, B. H. Swinson 5, J. W. Chapman 6, G. H. Cross (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 31st, for evensong, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. E. Darby (longest length) 1, C. H. Kippin 2, A. Arnold 3, F. Jennings 4, J. F. Jayler 5, F. W. Hooseden 6, F. E. Darby (conductor) 7, J. Avery 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer and the conductor.

**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday evening, July 31st, in 29 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): A. Prestidge, sen. 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, R. Round 3, J. Jaggar 4, W. Prestidge 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, H. Hubble 7, B. Boote 8. Longest length and first attempt by the ringers of the 6th and 8th.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Ranford 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8.

**HIGH WYCOMBE.**—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, 1,191 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, E. T. Choet 3, G. S. Hawkins 4, F. W. Boxell 5, G. Twichen 6, E. C. Russell 7, C. A. Smith 8, E. R. Coles 9, E. Croxford (first quarter-peal) 10.

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**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 18th, \* 'The Coffee Pot,' 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.

**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.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purlough, 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.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Road, 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.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY & HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**—Joint meeting at Northaw, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each at 5.30. Cheap tickets from Kings Cross, Broad Street, etc., to Cuffley or Potters Bar. Hatfield bells after tea. Bus from Little Heath, near Northaw; or motor will be arranged if possible.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A combined practice will be arranged at Pirbright for Saturday, September 17th, at 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells(8) available 2 p.m. Also West Meon (8) and Petersfield (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 6d. each, and meeting afterwards. Business: Election of Secretary.—Peter Boardman, School House, Halewood, Sec. pro. tem.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brinklow on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The 6 bells will be available from 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, August 20th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1/3 per head). Usual business meeting follows tea.—C. Beeston, District Secretary, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—A short service of Initiation will be held on Thursday, August 25th, at 7 p.m. The new peal of 8 open for ringing after service when all ringers will be welcome. A Ringers' Day will be arranged one Saturday in September.—P. Webb.

**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.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs., on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Lewis, 180, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than first post Tuesday, August 23rd.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal. Will those intending being present please let me know on or before Wednesday, 24th August?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free for all ringers who notify Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, Notts, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Arkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatshaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Wednesday, 24th inst.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Hughenden (8 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. High Wycombe (12 bells) 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Frequent buses from Godalming.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Aug. 23rd?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English, near Romsey, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me not later than the 25th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2. Will those requiring tea and seats in motor kindly notify by 23rd inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Stanmore on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Bells from 7 p.m. Middlesex and Herts ringers especially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, in St. Mary's School for all those sending in their names to Mr. H. H. Shaw, 12, Henry Street, Rawtenstall, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. Tea at Great Mead at 5 to all who inform me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Maypole Inn (1s. per head) for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, Aug. 31st. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea will be provided free in the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lympstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lympstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

**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.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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