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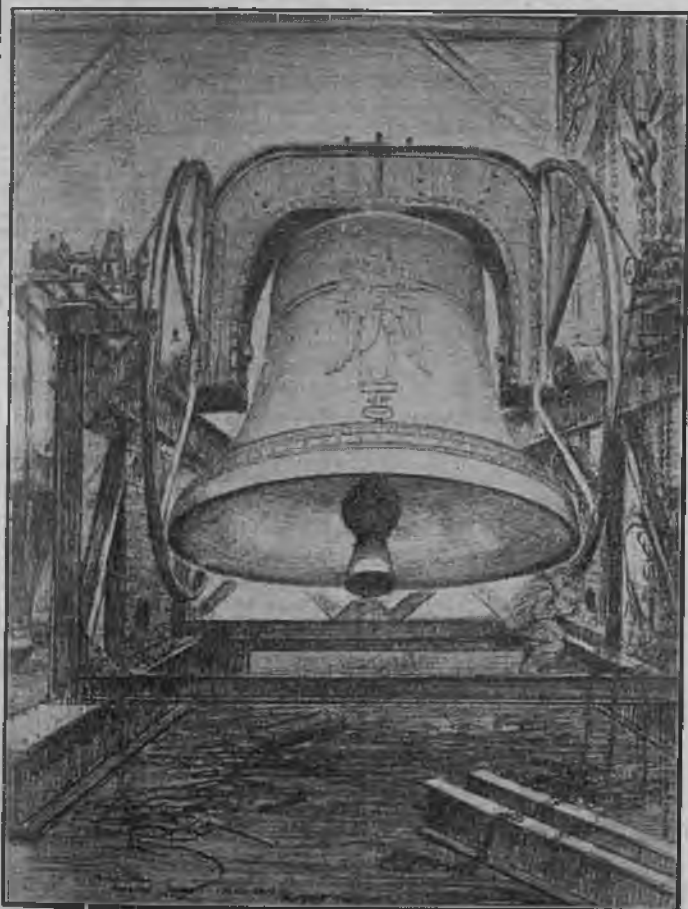
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### BELFRY CONDITIONS.

In the annual report which the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild presents to his members, one can usually find food for thought, for constantly he strikes a note which reaches beyond the purely domestic range of his own organisation. In the report which he submitted this year he touches upon an important matter which deserves consideration everywhere where the conditions arise. It is the physical condition under which ringers in many places have to carry on their work to which he refers. The Oxford Guild Master says: 'It is to be regretted that in so many cases the authorities and even the ringers fail to realise the importance of securing a comfortable distance between the bells and the ringing floor, together with proper light and ventilation for the ringer. There are many towers in which a vast improvement might be made, either by bringing the ropes to the ground floor or by constructing a ringer's gallery, neither of which need entail very great cost. . . . Quietness, light and fresh air are as necessary to the ringer as good bearings are to the bells.'

When one thinks of it, it is quite surprising how many towers are deficient in one respect or other. The failings are mostly to be found in old towers, but not all of the new ones are constructed with full consideration for the ringers. Indeed, we can go further than this and add, for the public either. In past days the conditions under which the bells were rung seldom appear to have been taken into account. Large numbers of towers, of course, were built before change ringing was thought of and the erection of a ringing peal, which has followed with the development of the art, has meant accommodating the bells to the tower, and such matters as light and ventilation have been quite secondary considerations, even if they have been given a single thought. Hitherto ringers have just put up with the conditions as they have found them and made the best of a bad job, but is there any reason why, in these more enlightened days, they should go on silently submitting to do their work under conditions which no other helpers in the Church would dream of tolerating. Is it not their duty, where such conditions prevail, to call the attention of the authorities to the state of affairs and endeavour to get it remedied?

Then there is the question of the noise outside the tower. In populous districts, it must be admitted, bells can be a source of annoyance to the public in the immediate neighbourhood. In numerous and in a growing number of cases the result is that the bells are silent and neglected, when a simple remedy lies at hand. For the expenditure of a few pounds the bricking up of the louvres above the turning height of the bells will effect, in nearly every instance, a

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vast improvement; yet Church authorities will allow a costly possession like a peal of bells to remain mute for the sake of this comparatively small cost. Association officials ought to make it their business to recommend the carrying out of necessary work such as this. It would save endless complaints and, in the long run, probably save many of our bells from permanent silence.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED COATES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 2	HENRY CLAYTON ... .. 6
*HENRY TAYLOR ... .. 3	ROBERT LANCASTER ... .. 7
JOHN G. HALL ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SAMUEL YATES ... .. Treble	†JOHN W. PASSMAN ... .. 5
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... .. 2	ROBERT LANCASTER ... .. 6
HENRY CLAYTON ... .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 4	JOHN G. HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal in the method. This peal and the peal at Darlington were arranged for Mr. H. Clayton and Mr. R. Lancaster, who hail from Tadcaster.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. KEEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 7
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. William L. Gofton and Miss Margaret Taylor, which took place at the Parish Church, Prudhoe-on-Tyne, on Saturday, July 28th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

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## EASTBOURNE.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Saviour's Guild.)

On Thursday, August 2, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	EDWARD C. BRAY ... .. 5
ARTHUR K. GOWER ... .. 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
FREDERICK G. WAYMARK ... 3	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. GOWER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ruth Streatfield, eldest daughter of Canon Streatfield, Vicar of Eastbourne, to Mr. Henry Shortland Gervis.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... .. 5
JOHN THORPE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TORTON ... 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 3	RICHARD T. REECE ... .. 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 4	CHARLES SEVERN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

\* First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and for the coming-of-age of the eldest son of the ringer of the 2nd. Messrs. W. H. Wain and R. T. Reece were elected members of the association previous to starting for the peal.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 18 cwt.

* JOSEPH HALL, Secretary, Manchester Branch ... .. Treble	
FREDERICK HINDLE, Secretary, Blackburn Branch ... .. 2	
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Sec., Lancs. Association ... 3	
FREDERICK RIGBY, Secretary, Preston Branch ... .. 4	
PETER CROOK, Secretary, Bolton Branch ... .. 5	
WILLIAM HORAN, Secretary, Rochdale Branch ... .. 6	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary, Lancs. Association ... 7	
JAMES GROUNDS, Secretary, Wigan Branch ... .. Tenor	

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Shuker and T. Rigby.

## COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Emmanuel,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN GLUYAS ... .. Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON ... .. 5
DOROTHY A. TARLTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 6
GEORGE GODDARD ... .. 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. 7
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. This composition is now rung for the first time. Mr. J. P. Tarlton and Miss D. A. Tarlton hail from North Wingfield, Derbyshire. Ringers of 1st and 5th are from St. Andrew's, and the rest from Emmanuel, Plymouth. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Stear and Miss D. Baldry, sister of Mr. R. I. Baldry, one of Emmanuel ringers, which took place previous to the peal.

## NEWPORT, MON.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.
GEORGE WENT ... .. Treble	DONALD S. CUFF ... .. 5
EDWARD W. LUFF ... .. 2	FRED ATTWELL ... .. 6
GEORGE LUFF ... .. 3	CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

G. Luff is from Chiddingfold, Surrey, and he was proposed a member before starting. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th are members of Usk tower.

## WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
* JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JOSEPH L. STANIER ... .. 6
JOHN GIBSON ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR FRITCHARD ... .. 4	HERBERT TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringers of treble, 5th and 6th hail from Coalbrookdale, 2nd from Shrewsbury, 4th from Wellington, 7th from Hodnet, 3rd and tenor are local men.

## SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 6
* REGINALD REX ... .. 3	EDWARD J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal, and hails from Woolton Hill, Hants.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## KING'S PYON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's, A. J. Pitman's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH STRANGWOOD ... Treble	IVOR J. RAWLINGS ... .. 3
* JOHN BOURNE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. HANKS ... .. 4

JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTIE PEPPER ... .. Treble	HORACE PEPPER ... .. 4
ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 2	FREDRICK DEARING ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOWARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

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## SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twenty extents with ten callings and eleven 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES R. BELLERIDGE Treble	JOHN NOBES...	...	3
†JACK HONEY ... 2	RICHARD WHITE ...	...	4

A. PERCY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Cumnor, 2nd from Sunningwell, 3rd and 5th from Stevenston, and 4th from Appleton.

## BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

†*JOHN BREESE ... Treble	*G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	4
†*JAMES F. SMITH ... 2	JOHN COOKE ...	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	†*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal in seven methods † First 720 of London. ‡ First 720 of London and of Beverley.

## WAREKTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-score each of Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM SHELFORD ... Treble	†GEORGE WARREN ...	3
*BURLEY MORRIS ... 2	REGINALD WILLIAMSON ...	4

SIDNEY MUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

## PADBURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

## AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RALPH FODDY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ...	4
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 2	THOMAS E. READ ...	5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one 240 of Pitman's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD MORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE J. PRICE ...	3
JAMES RANDLE ... 2	*EDMOND MORRIS ...	4
JAMES P. HYETT ...	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First half-muffled peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Francis L. Evans, a member of the local band, also to Thomas Perry, a former member.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: Walter P. Whitehead 1, Alfred G. Ballard 2, Archibald J. Ross 3, Leonard Towers 4, Fred G. Herbert 5, Richard G. Belton 6, Ernest W. Tipler (conductor) 7, Ronald Russell 8.

## MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK WM. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN ...	4
ERNEST MALLENDER ... 2	*FREDERICK CLARKE ...	5
*VAUGHAN COX ... 3	BERT WHEELER ...	Tenor

Conducted by B. WHEELER.

\* First peal for the association. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the visit of a former ringer, Mr. E. Mallender, of Wigan. The tenor ringer is from North Wingfield, and the rest are of the local band. Mr. F. Clarke was elected a member of the association prior to starting.

## CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD TOSELAND ... Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE ...	4
HARRY WARREN ... 2	CYRIL D. NICHOLS ...	5
†BURLEY MORRIS ... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ...	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First six-bell peal and first attempt.

## BRIZE NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*G. WORNHAM ... Treble	E. C. HUGHES ...	4
F. WHEELER ... 2	H. TAYLOR ...	5
C. J. PEARCE ... 3	T. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

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

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE ...	7-8

\*PETER LAFLIN ... 9-10

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Witness: THOMAS JONES.

\* First peal of Treble Bob in hand.

## READING RINGERS IN BUCKS.

Perfect weather favoured the summer outing of the ringers of St. Giles', Reading, when 26 members and friends journeyed by charabanc to Hughenden, Bucks. Here the beautiful park surrounding the church was much admired by the party, who were also interested in the church and its memorials to the great Disraeli. Mr. Biggs kindly met and conducted the ringers to the belfry, where touches of Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round, and favourable comments on the tone and 'go' of the bells were made.

Returning via High Wycombe, a halt was made for tea, after which Mr. Ralph Coles and other local ringers took the visitors to the belfry, where a good start was made by bringing round two well-struck touches of Stedman Caters, conducted by E. Humphrey. Subsequently, with the assistance of three local men, a very fair course of Stedman Cinques was rung, but some of the visitors, used to 'octave' work, found the extent rather a different proposition. However, all the successes (and failures) were greatly enjoyed, and the best thanks of the visitors are due to Messrs. Biggs, R. Coles, etc., for their kind assistance and welcome. A safe arrival home at 10.30 p.m. concluded a happy half-day, and the ringers' thanks are again given to the foreman, Mr. A. W. Osborne, for arranging everything so admirably.



## LADY SEXTON BARS THE WAY.

On Saturday, July 14th, the Holmer ringers, with several friends, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. C. Edwards) had an outing. The charabanc picked up contingents at various stages from Hereford to Holmer, and when all were aboard the party numbered 20. At Cleobury Mortimer the visitors were met by the Vicar, who gave them a hearty welcome. Ringing was limited to three-quarters of an hour, but everyone appreciated the tone and 'go' of the bells. Bridgnorth was reached about 12.15, and Mr. Hayward met the wanderers and piloted them to St. Leonard's, where the veteran ringer, Mr. John Overton, was waiting to show them to the well-kept ringing chamber. The bells were raised in peal, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung. After lunch, it was intended to visit St. Mary's, but the heat of the day being very trying it was decided to abandon this and go on to Conover. Ringing here, however, was denied to the party. At the moment there is no Vicar of the parish, and some misunderstanding amongst the ringers seems to have occurred. The result was the dignified lady sexton refused to unlock the door, and the visitors' stay here was limited to five minutes. After stopping for tea at Dorrington, the party went on to Church Stretton, where the captain of local ringers welcomed them. On the nice peal of eight various touches of Triples and Major were brought round. The 40-mile run home was begun at 8.30, and Hereford was reached at 10.45.

## LEGENDS OF EAST BERGHOLT.

Twenty ringers and friends took part in the annual outing of the bellringers of All Saints', Maldon. Leaving at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop was at Dedham, where the party explored the church with the help of programmes provided, explaining the particular interests of each place to be visited. This is probably a unique feature in a ringers' outing. No ringing was done at Dedham, as the bells are not in ringing order, but the fine old church was much admired. East Bergholt was the next call, and here the chief attraction was the bell cage in the churchyard, which contains five heavy bells, but 'discretion being the better part of valour,' no attempt was made by members of the party to ring them. The tower of this beautiful church is only finished to a height of fourteen feet. One legend has it that the work was frustrated by the direct influence of the evil spirit. Another says that Cardinal Wolsey took much interest in the building of the church, and that his fall put a stop to the work. Still another says that there were originally eight bells in the tower, and that the devil took one away every night until they put them in the cage, and so saved the remaining five. The Rector of East Bergholt met the visiting party and told them much of interest in connection with this fine old building. It should be mentioned, too, that the bells are rung regularly by the local ringers, although they are without wheels or ropes. The next item on the programme was Stratford St. Mary, which was reached at 11 a.m. Here the company was welcomed by the Rector's warden, who is also a ringer. Some good touches were rung on this splendid peal of six. Some of the ringing was enjoyed by members of the party from the roof of the church, access to which is obtainable from the ringing chamber. The next stop was Ipswich, the terminal point of the trip. Here the ladies soon became more interested in the shops than in campanology, so the enthusiasts betook themselves to St. Clement's Church, where the peal of six bells was made good use of until after 3 o'clock. The Rector of St. Clement's, the Rev. J. C. Knapp, welcomed the ringers, and interested them with a description of the various beauties of the church, after which a move was made for St. Margaret's, where the ringers were met by some of the local band. After ringing on the eight bells, the whole company assembled for tea, which was felt to be a pressing need after their exertions, as much by the ladies after the tour of shops as by the ringers. After a good meat tea a start was made for Stoke-by-Nayland. One could write at great length about the beautiful country passed through to reach this place, when once off the main road. The scenery is hilly and wooded, Stoke itself standing on an eminence and crowned by a glorious tower rising to a height of 120 feet. The church itself is worthy of the tower which completes it, and the music of the heavy and deep-toned ring of six bells was much admired and enjoyed by all the party. The Vicar, the Rev. P. C. Scott, welcomed the company on arriving in the south porch, and took them round the church, explaining its details at great length, and showing much interest in the ringers' visit. Regretfully, at about 9 o'clock, the company tore themselves away, and turned the bonnet of their charabanc Maldonwards, to start the last lap of a day well spent. Home was reached at about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The company, through the medium of this paper, wish to gratefully acknowledge the services rendered them by the ringers at the various places, and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Tuesday evening, July 17th, a short but well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert Hims (son of the well-known local ringer, Mr. E. Hims) and Miss Wadley, which took place on that day at Bicester. The band would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, who kindly came over, at a minute's notice, to assist them.

## WESTMINSTER RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 14th, and the eastern district of the county of Hertford was chosen. Assembling at Finsbury Square at 1 o'clock, the party, numbering fourteen, were soon speeding along in a motor coach, leaving the salubrious and picturesque spots of the City Road quickly behind. After skirting Enfield and passing Hoddesdon and Ware, Little Mundon was reached for the first call on the programme. Here Messrs. Lawrence and Carter welcomed the visitors under an ancient yew hundreds of years old. In this famous six-bell tower, Cambridge, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and after an exhaustive and diligent search for postcards of the tower the party left for Benington. The visit to this beautiful and historic church, placed, as it is, amidst such delightful surroundings, was much enjoyed by all. A course of Bristol Surprise was the first touch upon this very nice peal, followed by one of London. The Vicar, the Rev. Mills, then arrived, and said how really glad he was to welcome the visitors to Benington. He took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples, with which he seemed well pleased.

A meat tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which all did ample justice, and here a postcard signed by all was despatched to absent friends on the rugged shores of Cornwall. Aspenden was the third tower visited, and after a delightful run this fine old church was found nestling between the lovely leafy lanes and the undulating slopes of the hills. A course of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Stedman Triples were all that could be rung here, and after an 'accidental' call at the Goose the last stage was commenced. Braughing bells had just ceased ringing (after an attempt for a peal had failed) when the party arrived. Courses of Superlative, Yorkshire and Norfolk Surprise were brought round and much enjoyed, and a touch of Stedman Caters on the local handbells was also tapped off. The party then adjourned to the Arc and Compass for half an hour, and the homeward journey was commenced. One stop at Hoddesdon, and Shoreditch Church was passed at 11 o'clock, everyone agreeing it was one of the nicest and most enjoyable outings the society has had. Best thanks are due to the Vicars and towerkeepers of the various churches, and to all who helped make the outing such an unqualified success.

## NORTH WINGFIELD RINGERS AT LINCOLN

A very enjoyable and interesting time was spent by the North Wingfield band on their outing. A twenty-six seater bus had been engaged for the trip, and arrangements had been made through the local secretary (Mr. Waddington) to visit East Markham, Lincoln Cathedral, St. Botolph's, Lincoln, and Newark Parish Church. In addition to the local band, Messrs. W. and A. Butler, late members of the band, and a number of friends made up the party. Starting about 8 a.m. with the weather not too promising, the first part of the run was to Workop, and the ringers were sorry time would not permit them to visit the grand old Priory Church. At East Markham they found a real old-fashioned picturesque country village, with a grand old church. Although none of the local band was there to meet the visitors, everything had been left in readiness for a pull on a nice peal of eight. Touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Stedman were brought round. After leaving East Markham the next halt was at the village of Dunham, where they partook of lunch and refreshed themselves at the village inn. Continuing the journey they came to the Dunham Bridge, where a gentleman in charge of the bridge coolly demanded 2s. toll. He appeared to be a little bit ruffled when a receipt was demanded, and threatened the party with a further 2s. on the return journey, but fortunately the plans did not fit in with this, as the bridgekeeper promptly learned. Lincoln was reached about 1.30, and most of the party made their way to the Cathedral. With Mr. Walden, one of the local ringers, as guide, the visit was made most interesting, as the party were able to explore parts of the Cathedral to which the public are not admitted while the work of restoration is being carried out, and they were able to get some idea of the magnitude and tremendous cost of the work in hand. Of course, they were specially interested in the tower where the bells are going to be hung, and in the preparations being made for the peal of twelve bells. The tower is being strengthened with reinforced concrete pillars, and efforts are being made to get the bells ready for October. The four new bells are already at the Cathedral, and a new steel frame is being constructed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. After tea Mr. Walden accompanied the party to St. Botolph's, where, on the nice-toned peal of six, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Collegiate Single were rung. Here they parted company with Mr. Walden, with expressions of great appreciation of his untiring efforts to make the visit to Lincoln interesting and enjoyable. Arriving at Newark about 6.45, the party were met by members of the local band, who kindly placed the ropes at their disposal. Some well-struck Plain Bob and Stedman Triples were brought round. These are a very nice peal, with a tenor about 33 cwt., and the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed. A splendid run through very nice country brought the party home about 10 p.m. They desire to thank the incumbents of the churches for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, and the local ringers for having the bells in readiness and extending a welcome.

## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

BY 'A RINGER.'

Ringling to order is one thing; writing to order is quite a different matter. 'Try your hand at a column or so,' said the Editor, after I had told him that anyone ought to be able to fill the empty spaces of the world, even of 'The Ringing World.' Lightheartedly I undertook to supply him with a page of reading for those who to-day will be suffering from the reaction of a misspent holiday and need an antidote; but I'm sorry now that I spoke. When writing to my local newspaper under the title of 'Pro Bono Publico,' to ventilate my views of the mismanagement of the country, I have never, I think, lacked words in which to clothe my thoughts, although I must admit that I cannot speak with any certainty on this point, because my thoughts—clothed or otherwise—on these matters—have never yet been read by any member of the public, unless it has been the printing-office charlady, when she found them in the editor's waste-paper basket. Imagine, then, how readily, I leapt into the breach at the invitation extended to me to write for this journal, and now here am I, with the opportunity of a lifetime before me to enter the charmed circle of newspaper writers, as limp as a rag as the result of sleepless nights and as empty of ideas as a burst drum.

This, my pippins, is all stuffing, as the taxidermist said as he tucked the sage and onions into the carcase of his Christmas goose.

Ringling in these days seems to be becoming the pursuit of the idle rich; or is it that ringling is such a lucrative pastime that some of its devotees have been able to join that fortunate circle? Anyhow, I've seen quite a number of them floating round in their automobiles, not all of them, from the noises they make, correctly Simpson tuned. Some of them—the cars I mean—seem a bit over-clappered; but the sounds they emit have their uses; such as, for instance, scaring the public out of the way.

Some of them, of course, have got quite 'posh' machines. I know one ringer with a car that can do fifty miles and three pedestrians to the gallon, and it goes so well that once he gets it going he can't always stop it. When he first took it out, he had to get another vehicle to pull up suddenly in front of him to stop its unruly career. It was an unorthodox method of coming to a standstill, of course, but the insurance company paid for the damage.

But motors are playing a big part nowadays in our ringing arrangements. Only recently I had to take a bus from the Strand to Ludgate Hill, otherwise I should have been too late for my appointment at the Coffee Pot.

This, however, has nothing whatever to do with what I set out to write about the idle rich—those folk who can go off to their ringling when they please, where they please, and stay as long as they please. It must be really delightful to mix with the nobility and gentry and I envy those who had the privilege the other day of 'week-ending' with the Duke of Derby and Baron Birmingham at Appleton. We need to get more of the aristocracy interested in our art, and then perhaps we shall once more see the day when, after ringling a peal at St. Bride's, as old chroniclers have told us, all the ringers drive away in their own carriages. But perhaps such a spectacle would be possible now, if only St. Bride's bells could be got for a peal.

Don'ts for summer peal ringers: Don't, don't, don't, DON'T!

Readers of 'The Ringing World' must have gasped almost when they read of Jack Thomas' wonderful performance of ringling two bells to a peal of Double Norwich. One bell at a time is enough for most ringers, and some of them can't properly manage even that, but I suppose it will not be long before someone will be trying to ring three bells to a peal—one in each hand and one with his foot. As long as a rope doesn't get round his neck, it won't matter; and it won't matter if it does, because he would be a freak and ought to be removed.

And speaking of record performances reminds me that it cannot be long now before there will burst forth with increased effulgence on a dazzled world a new record of that wonder-man of the Exercise—I leave my readers to guess his name. He is not far off his one thousandth peal—I've been counting them up since he rang the 980th, and he is getting close on to it.

When all the world was young, Jim,  
And all the trees were green,  
You always were a lad, Jim,  
The keenest of the keen.  
You'd run the country o'er, Jim,  
To ring a decent peal,  
With any band throughout the land;  
We marvelled at your zeal.  
Now all the world's grown old, Jim,  
You still can stay the pace;  
You still can turn a tenor, Jim,  
And keep a smiling face.

A hundred peals to you, Jim,  
Is now a trifling score;  
We hope you'll live for many a year,  
And ring a thousand more.

Having, when writing to a friend recently, told him I was 'seedy' (everyone, I suppose, gets the pip at times), I have just received a postcard telling me to take a holiday and go in for three peals a day. 'You will find your health immensely improved at the end of the week,' he says, 'and come back fit for work.' That may be very good advice for those already in training. A tour with two peals a day is too much for me, but three! Bah! as the Frenchman said.

I have just looked at the postcard again. I find I have made a mistake. It is pills, not peals, that are recommended.

In the absence of the Editor I have been deputed to reply to a number of correspondents.

What is the purpose of the 'pulley block'? asks 'Beginner.' The principal use of the pulley block is to hoist the bells into the tower. No, 'Eileen,' young ladies do not become ringers merely to find husbands, although it is true they go to the belfry for a ring.

Any competent ringer, 'Old Hand,' should know how to ring Stedman's Slow Course. It's just one slow course after another.

The Society of Tower Twisters and Gudgeon Beuders has not become defunct, 'Tommy.' 'Uncle Joe' informs me that they have twisted all the towers and bent all the gudgeons available, but hope to pay return visits when things have been straightened out.

Yes, 'Sweet William,' I have heard the rumour that a band of handbell ringers is to attempt a peal in the air and another under the sea, and that they propose to start to fly the Atlantic so that both attempts can be made in one day. At the time of going to press, however, neither the band nor the date is settled.

## HEREFORDSHIRE'S NEW RING OF SIX.

The village of Bredwardine, Herefordshire, now possesses for the first time a peal of six bells. Originally the tower contained four bells, all by Rudhall, of Gloucester, and all very much out of tune. In 1919 the Master of the Hereford Guild made an inspection and suggested two trebles, to make a ring of six. The project was set on foot, and about £70 collected, but, alas, parochial differences intervened, and the matter dropped until August last, when the Master was again approached, and Mrs. Theodore Elles Williams expressed a wish to see the bells put in order. Mr. Edwards quickly suggested that if she would give two trebles as memorial bells to her late husband, the parish might raise the remainder of the funds required, and this she readily consented to do. In February last, however, she decided to pay the entire cost, £344, with the exception of the £70 already collected. The opening and dedication took place on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, the Lord Bishop of Hereford performing the ceremony, and the church being crowded. Mrs. Williams, the donor, was present with other friends. The weight of the tenor is 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., 5th 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., 4th 5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb., 3rd 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., 2nd 4 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb., treble 3 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner, as the bells are now a well-tuned and musical peal. During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung at intervals to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor by visiting ringers from various towers in the district.

## OPENING UP A NEW FIELD.

## BRANCH ASSOCIATION FORMED IN NORTH IRELAND.

In order to encourage change ringling in the North of Ireland, a branch of the Irish Association has been formed in that area. The branch is named the 'Northern Branch of the Irish Association of Change Ringers,' and is connected with the Irish Association, having headquarters at Dublin, where the development of the art in the last quarter of a century owes so much to Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.

The branch association was inaugurated in October of last year, and already the bands have made considerable progress, and expect in the near future to be able to ring short touches for service at their respective churches. A keen and healthy rivalry exists between the towers, which augurs well to carry the teams through the difficulties encountered by new hands unable to draw on the assistance of experienced ringers.

Although change ringling in the North of Ireland is not altogether unknown, it has never been generally practised, and the art, as understood in England, has never been developed. The new association has a membership which is determined to break through this barrier, and though they may not attain the same proficiency, it is hoped that they will be able to make such progress that the future generations will vie with their brethren across the water.

The members are not lacking in encouragement and support from the church. His Grace the Most Rev. the Lord Archbishop of Ireland, Dr. D'Arcy, is the patron of the association, and the Ven. J. F. MacNeice, B.D., Archdeacon of Connor, the Very Rev. Wm. Dowse, M.A., Dean of Connor, both take an active interest in the work.

**LAVENHAM RINGERS' TOUR IN NORFOLK.**

On Saturday, July 28th, the members of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their seventh annual outing. The party, numbering 16, travelled by motor coach through Bury St. Edmunds and Thetford to Attleborough, where Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford were rung. The bad circle of ropes caused some confusion to the ringers, for the second rope hangs almost in the centre of the tower. The next call was made at Wymondham Abbey Church, with its two lofty towers. The shell of the older tower still stands, joined to the east end of the present church. After climbing the ninety-three steps to the spacious ringing floor, the fine peal of eight were soon set going to courses of Stedman, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. Hethersett, with its light peal of eight, was next visited, and Oxford, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were tapped off. The next method attempted was lunch, at Ye Old Queen's Head, and although the 'courses' were few, this 'touch' was the best of the day. Two courses of Grandsire Caters on handbells before departing for Norwich, but at the eight yards mark, 'Liz' demanded another half-hour's rest. Eventually, after a bit of doctoring by a local mechanic, a second start was made with success, and with many inquiries St. John de Sepulchre's Church, Norwich, was found. Here the party were met by Messrs. Mayes, Lovett and Bailey, also Mr. Ellis, of Harwich. Time only permitted a short touch of Kent and a course of Plain Bob at this tower, then under the guidance of Messrs. Mayes and Co. tracks were made for St. Peter Mancroft, which was the party's main objective. The fine peal of twelve were rung in rounds for a few minutes, and then followed a course each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also a course of Double Norwich on the back eight with the ever-willing J.P. on the big end. After inspecting the old and interesting records, etc., in this tower and the signing the visitors' book, St. Michael's at Coslany was visited, and courses of Kent and Plain Bob were rung, also a touch of Grandsire Triples to oblige Mr. A. Baldwin, of Fakenham, once a schoolboy chum of the party's G.O.M. Visits were then paid to the Cathedral, St. John's Catholic Church, the Castle, the old Grammar School, Nurse Cavell's grave, and other interesting places. On the way home a call was made at the Swan at Palgrave for refreshments, songs and handbell ringing, and to renew happy acquaintances made at this inn on last year's outing. Home was reached at 10.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers, and all those friends who helped to make this outing a success.

S. H. S.

**GRIMSBY RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE.**

The St. Andrew's, Grimsby, ringers' annual outing took place on Saturday, July 21st, in brilliant weather, and proved as successful and enjoyable as on any previous occasion. The ringers, with their wives and friends, took to the road at 6.30 a.m., with Selby Abbey the first objective. Upon arrival at 9 o'clock a move was at once made to the belfry, a local member welcoming the visitors, and also taking part in the ringing. The great beauty of the bells was afterwards freely commented upon. Proceeding next to York, a visit was made to the historic Minster. This timed with the sexton's daily climb to the north-west tower for the ringing of Great Peter at noon, and he courteously permitted an inspection of the magnificent peal of 13 bells, and gave a demonstration of Great Peter in action. The sight and sound of this monster at close range is a revelation, and the experience will live long in the memory of all who were present. The next move was to the ancient borough of Knaresborough, some 14 miles from York, and the prospects of an excellent lunch were fully realised. Afterwards, Mr. Fred Smith, of the local company, took the party in hand. Incidentally, one of the visitors, an old colleague and late fellow-member of the local company, met the guide for the first occasion for many years, and reminiscences of the early 'nineties absorbed the pair for some time. The chief objects of interest in the old Parish Church having been explained, a move was made to the belfry. Here was found a fine ring of eight by Pack and Chapman, 1774, and recently restored by Taylor, of Loughborough. The 'go' and tone of the bells is all that could be desired. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, Mr. Smith taking part. The remaining time was spent in visiting the Norman castle ruins, the dropping well (of petrifying fame), and 'Mother Shipton's' cave. Here again the guide was invaluable, explaining everything of interest, including a 'photographic curiosity' of some importance and even greater amusement. Leaving Knaresborough regretfully behind, the party next pressed on to Doncaster, tea being welcomed and thoroughly appreciated. The heavy ring of eight at St. George's next claimed attention. Several of the local company extended a friendly welcome and joined in the ringing. Thanks are due to them, to Mr. Smith, of Knaresborough, to Mr. Cryer, of Selby, the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and to all who contributed to the complete success of the outing. A happy and contented party reached Grimsby at midnight, after a perfect day.

WENHASTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday, August 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Nora Hardingham (first 720) 1, S. Ellis 2, R. H. Bullen 3, J. Larter (conductor) 4, G. Pearce 5, J. Punched 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers throughout the country will regret to learn that Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) has had to enter a nursing home to undergo an operation, and all will wish him a speedy return to health.

Bishop's Stortford bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were reopened on Monday, and the many ringers present were much struck by the great improvement which has been effected in this peal of ten.

Saffron Walden have never been a satisfactory peal of twelve. The four trebles were added to the old eight just before the war, and they are now to be recast. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, the popular hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Herts Association, who has suffered a severe bereavement by the death of his wife.

In connection with the meeting of St. Martin's Guild, at Erdington, on August 18th, the bells of the Abbey Church will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.

The first peal of Bob Triples rung by the old Society of Union Scholars was composed and conducted by John Holt. It took place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London. According to Snowdon's 'Grandsire' it was rung on August 8th, 1748; but in 'Ropesight' the date is given as August 12th.

It was Holt who put new life into the Union Scholars. The society rang 36 peals between 1718 and 1757, and Holt took part in 21 of these between 1747 and 1752. He must have been the 'live wire' of the society, for during his connection with it he took part in every peal and called all but one of them.

The first peal of Double Norwich Major in Wales was rung at Rhyl forty-five years ago next Monday, by the famous Burton-on-Trent band. One or two members of that company are still taking an active interest in ringing.

It is twenty years ago next Wednesday that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung. It was one of the 'land marks' set up by the Ipswich band at St. Mary le Tower.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Bromborough recorded last week was Walter J. Battle, not Butler as published.

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip, which is always interesting, you say that Thurstans' famous four-part was rung for the first time on August 8th, 1842.

In Mr. Henry Johnson's peal book are the following entries:—August 8th, 1842, at the Parish Church, Aston, 5,040 changes Stedman Triples, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.—then follow the names—conducted by Thos. Day. This peal was the joint production of T. Thurstans and John Lates, and contains 240 bobs and two doubles, made thus:—

2314567

3214567

2315476

2134567

1235476

1324567

3125476

This composition was again rung at Aston, February 9th, 1843, conducted by William Chattell; and again October 29th, 1844, at St. John's Chapel, Deritend, also conducted by W. Chattell.

Now we come to the four-part as we know it: May 18th, 1846, at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 5,040 changes of Stedman Triples, 2 hrs. 53 mins.—then follow the names—composed by Thomas Thurstans, conducted by Henry Johnson. Footnote: This was the first peal composed and rung with 240 bobs and two common singles only; first time of its performance.—Yours, etc.,

JAS. E. GROVES.

## RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett, of Northallerton, celebrated their diamond wedding on August 1st. Mr. Barnett is 79 years of age, and his wife is 78. Both are active and well, and continue to fulfil the duties of caretakers of the North Riding Court House.

Mr. Barnett is captain of the Northallerton Parish Church ringers, and has been a ringer for 63 years, all but three at the Parish Church. He still continues his duties, and last week's auspicious event was celebrated by his belfry colleagues, who rang the bells in honour of the occasion.

In his younger days Mr. Barnett was a fine rifle shot, and took part in the N.R.A. meetings at Wimbledon. He holds the N.R.A. bronze medal, won at a prize meeting at York.

Mrs. Barnett had a terrifying experience in the war. One of the soldiers stationed at the Court House was going downstairs with a gun when it was accidentally fired. A sergeant, to whom Mrs. Barnett had been speaking, was shot dead, and Mrs. Barnett had an amazing escape.



## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday week at Oxford, and, as usual, attracted a large gathering of members. The proceedings began with a service in the Cathedral, at which the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was the preacher. He took his text from Psalm cxxii. 4, and in the course of an address, which was full of encouragement, he reminded his hearers that they had come there to keep their festival. They thanked God that in spite of their shortcomings the Guild was what it was. They must remember that a festival note was to ring through all they did that day. There must be joy all through. They would have an opportunity of meeting those members of the Guild whom otherwise they had no chance of meeting. It was not always that a meeting of churchpeople was attended with joy. There was not too much joy in the meetings of the Church of England. They thanked God for the way He had blessed the Guild, and for the blessings He had allowed to come to the Church through the Guild. One that had been most marked in the last year had been the repairs that had been done in the belfries. Some of them had looked on it as a hopeless task, but the work was still going on. During the past year there had been signs that they would have a really promising number of recruits to the ministry of church bellringing, and they thanked God for it.

The business meeting, held in the Chapter House, was presided over by the Master, who was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), the attendance numbering 134, all the 15 branches being represented.

At the outset the Master referred to the death of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, a trustee of the Guild, who, he said, did much to set it properly going. At the committee meeting a resolution of condolence was sent to the family, and a reply had been received from the Misses Hart-Davis.

Sir George Dashwood was elected a trustee in place of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

### 'THE TIDE HAS TURNED.'

In his annual report the Master said: The year 1927 has been one of steady progress towards the attainment of those objects for which the Guild stands. The attendance at the festival from the diocese showed a decided improvement on last year, and in addition we were glad to welcome so many non-resident members who are of note in the Exercise. I have kept in touch with the branches, and have been present at some splendid meetings arranged by them. There is considerable keenness to make progress in change ringing. If our peal total is not much greater than last year, we can show more peals in the higher methods, and I believe a greater number of unsuccessful attempts which count for a good deal. Referring to my last report and 'the young ringer,' I have received no letters such as I invited, but viewing the Guild as a whole I think it is true to say that the tide has turned, and that there are more recruits than there were a few years ago, though they may not all be juveniles. By request I have visited to give advice on bell restoration at the following places: Aston Abbots, Aston Sandford, Aston Tirrold, Barkham, Bray, East Claydon, Steeple Claydon, Clewer, East Garston, Hinton Waldrist, Maids Moreton, Olney, All Saints' Oxford, St. Lawrence Reading, Stratley, Sunningwell, Towersey, Tingewick, Waltham St. Lawrence, Old Windsor. Restoration work has been carried out at Adderbury, East Garston, East Hagbourne, Hughenden, Hungerford, St. Giles' Oxford, All Saints' Oxford, Whaddon, Old Windsor. Trebles to complete the octave have been added at Hungerford and at the two Oxford towers. It is a matter for congratulation that two of the finest rings in the diocese, Adderbury and East Hagbourne, have been thoroughly restored, and that Henley is well on the way. While speaking of restoration work, it is to be regretted that in so many cases the authorities and even the ringers fail to realise the importance of securing a comfortable distance between the bells and the ringing floor, together with proper light and ventilation for the ringer. There are many towers in which a vast improvement might be made either by bringing the ropes to the ground floor or by constructing a ringer's gallery, neither of which need entail very great cost. As it is we go on too often so near to the bells that our sallies are drawn round the wheels, amid such a noise that the music is drowned and the voice of the instructor or conductor is smothered, and this in an atmosphere that is decidedly secondhand. Quietness, light, and fresh air are as necessary to the ringer as good bearings are to the bells. Among those who have passed from us during the year there will be noted the name of Frederick Webb, of Kidlington. Until comparatively recently, as the head of the firm of Webb and Bennett, he was engaged in some good bell-hanging work in many parts of the country. For many years he served on the Guild committee, and was as regular and helpful in his attendance there as he was at the meetings of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. A man to be relied on, whose words though few were sincere, and whose actions were the outcome of an honest desire to do good.

### PERMANENT INCOME FOR RESTORATION FUND.

The treasurer, in his report, said a balance of £160 had accumulated, and had been placed in the bank. He hoped all branches would have proper banking accounts. Their total funds were £378 16s. 2d., and he understood there was no Guild in a better financial

position. That was largely due to the energy and enterprise of the branch secretaries and treasurers. Commenting on the restoration fund, he said he thought it was generally acknowledged that the fund had been of great assistance, and it was necessary that it should be maintained. He proposed to use some of the money obtained from hon. members for this purpose. He found that the Guild received from this source about £25 annually. He suggested that 25 per cent. of the sum should be transferred to this fund to give it a permanent income.

The General Secretary, presenting his report, said they had a very hopeful time before them. He had visited every branch, and he noticed that the young people were coming forward more than they had ever done. Some, however, slipped off the hook if it was not properly baited. If there was no other way of keeping them, they must lock them in the tower (laughter).

Membership had increased slightly. This would have been very marked had they not to regret the loss of four towers. However, by the affiliation of Aston Bampton, East Claydon, Hungerford, Nettlebed, and Woughton they were one tower better off. Restorations had been numerous, three instances being on a large scale, viz., the heavy eight of Adderbury, Hungerford old six tuned and trebles added, and the grand old eight at Hagbourne, all hung in massive iron frames with all the latest improvements. All Saints' and St. Giles', Oxford, had also been increased to eight.

A brief summary of peals showed more by ten than last year, and was very satisfactory, for Surprise Major peals number ten, including Bristol, London, Cambridge, and Superlative. One peal of Cambridge Minor and one in Surprise Minor methods were also rung. Two peals of Stedman Cinques were rung at Wycombe, and amongst the Stedman Triples one was conducted by that talented lady, Miss P. M. Moss. They must congratulate the East Berks and South Bucks members on their energy and ability. One branch deserved congratulation, and he was sure all old peal ringers would agree that the Vale of White Horse men had made a real beginning by scoring two peals of Grandsire Doubles without outside help. The Secretary added that he had visited most of the branches during 1927, with their energetic Master and hon. treasurer, and had found in every case there was good feeling and a striving for progress. He thanked all the branch secretaries for their help.

All the reports were adopted.

### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Master, Mr. A. J. Wright hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary, and the Master referred to the splendid help he received from the treasurer and secretary.

The committee were re-elected en bloc.

It was agreed that the 1929 festival should be held at Oxford.

The Master referred to the tremendous revival in change ringing that had taken place at Banbury, which had resulted in a great quickening of interest in the district.

Grants of £3 were directed to be made to Hinton Waldrist, £4 to Deddington, and £5 to Banbury. It was stated that grants had been approved to Bradfield (two guineas), Witney and Woodstock (five guineas each), and Chipping Norton (three guineas each). These branches had given these amounts to the Guild restoration fund.

Mr. A. J. Wright moved: 'That all applications for grants from the restoration fund which are received after the annual meetings and before March 31st be referred to a committee consisting of the Master, trustees, treasurer and general secretary, who shall have power to make grants up to £12.' The motion was lost by the casting vote of the chairman.

The following proposal by Mr. T. Trollope was also lost: 'That the foremen of towers supply to their branch secretaries or to the general secretary the evening of their weekly practice and the time of meeting. This information to be printed in the annual report.'

The election of 162 new members was confirmed.

Canon Coleridge gave an interesting account of the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the preacher and organist, proposed by Sir George Dashwood.

The many bells of Oxford were rung during the day, including the twelve at the Cathedral, where a good 'service touch' of Stedman Cinques was brought round; New College, Merton College, where the unusual ringing conditions attracted many visitors; St. Ebbe's, with its tiny, but musical, peal of eight; St. Giles', with its newly-gained octave; St. Aldgate's, Holywell, and St. Mary Magdalene's.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 28th. Owing to a service in the church the bells were not raised till nearly 4 p.m., but were then made good use of. The association service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Mummery) officiating, and delivering an interesting address. Tea was served at the Boyne tea gardens, and was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar being unable to preside, Mr. W. J. Jeffries was voted to the chair. Three new members were elected, and St. Mary's, Woolwich, was chosen as the place of the annual district meeting, to be held in October.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, and to the organist for his services.—This having been carried with applause, concluded the business, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

### RINGERS WHO MIGRATE.

#### A SCHEME FOR KEEPING TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO MOVE.

At the Central Council meeting at Hereford a scheme was adopted by which it is hoped that associations will be able to keep in touch with ringers who move. Many young ringers are lost to the Exercise, because, on going into a new district, they do not, for one reason or another, seek out a new tower. The object behind the proposal of the Council is that instead of these young ringers being left to seek out a belfry, they would themselves be sought out by the ringers in the district to which they remove.

In order that this may be done, the co-operation of officials is necessary, and an effective means of following up the migrants is as follows:—

In cases where the ringer removes from one parish to another in the same association or guild area, his new address should be sent by the local secretary direct, or through his association secretary, to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In cases where a ringer moves away from the area of his own association or guild, the new address can be sent by the local secretary to his own association secretary, to be forwarded to the association secretary in the new area who will, in turn, pass it on to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In either case it is hoped that, on receiving the information, the local ringers will seek out the newcomer and invite him to the belfry.

If members of associations will make this simple scheme part of their routine, it is felt that many young fellows, just beginning to ring, and who might otherwise be lost to the Exercise, will be kept in its ranks.

To facilitate intercommunication between association secretaries an undertaking was given at the Council meeting to publish their names and addresses in 'The Ringing World.'

In compliance with the promise made, we now publish the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations. If there are any errors we shall be glad to be informed, so that the necessary corrections can be made:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

Barnsley and District Society:—Mr. C. D. Potter, Luda House, 16, Gauber Road, Barnsley.

Hath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

Hedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. E. W. Elwell, Capenhurst, Chester.

Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockerham, Cumberland.

Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

Doncaster and District Society: Mr. P. Gledstone, 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. E. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pilstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley, Hereford.

Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.E., Dublin.

Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, The Precincts, Canterbury.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Woolley Road, Armley, Leeds.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

London County Association: Mr. S. C. Moore, 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Street, W.4.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Colman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

North Notts Association: Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksep.

North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

North Wales Association: Mr. C. H. Jones, 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, North Wales.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Gedding, Kettering.

Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. C. W. Franklin, 18, Kingsworth Road, Ashford, Kent.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

Sheffield District Society: Mr. R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnott, Salop.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Sparrow, 48, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Road, Wolverhampton.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington.

Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. W. R. Howells, The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon Jennings, Madron Vicarage, Heamoor, Cornwall.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. J. A. Lenton, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newman, Shcepote, Severn Stoke, Worcs.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. P. J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at the six-bell tower of Little Horsted on Saturday, July 28th, twenty-five ringers being present. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and at 4.30 a short service was held in church, an interesting address being given by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Williams. A collection, taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 5s. 7d. A visit was then made to Horsted Place, the fine old Tudor residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barchard, who had kindly invited the members to tea, at which the Rector presided, supported by the Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman.

The business meeting was mostly of a routine nature. The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Smith (Lindfield), A. H. Drew (St. Nicholas', Brighton), and W. Luxford (Hartfield). The election of Mr. R. H. Bullen, Euston, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

The meeting concluded with the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, and for presiding at tea, and to Mr. and Mrs. Barchard for their generous hospitality.

Ringing was again resumed, some returning to Little Horsted, others proceeding to the eight-bell tower of Uckfield. At Uckfield, methods from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Surprise Major were rung; at Little Horsted, Doubles to Cambridge and London Minor. The 'go' of the tower at Little Horsted is far from satisfactory.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Brighton, Burgess Hill, Coleman's Hatch, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Scaford, Shoreham, Little Horsted, Uckfield.

**KNIGHTON. RADS.**—On Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. T. Preece 1, A. E. Jones 2, E. W. Watkins 3, J. J. Price 4, J. F. Evans 5, T. H. Y. Smallwood 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. H. Jones 8. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

**NUTHALL. NOTES.**—At St. Patrick's Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the choir festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Chase and 300 Grandsire, in 40 mins.: J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 1, T. Harrison (first quarter-peal in five methods) 2, R. Harrison (first quarter-peal in five methods) 3, F. Wilcox 4, G. Burton 5.

## LONDON SURPRISE.

- 123456  
213546  
125364  
215634
- (a) The structure of this method is different from anything we have seen before.  
The method is derived from the plain hunting course reversed.  
In (a) 3.4.5.6 are hunts.  
In (c) 2.3.5.6 are hunts.
- (b) In (d) 3.4.5.6 are hunts.  
In (f) 2.3.5.6 are hunts.  
Sections (b) and (e) are ordinary Treble Bob, the second being in the hunt in (b) and the 4th in (e).
- 526314  
562341  
653214  
635241
- (c) The extension to Major consists in adding two more hunts, 7 and 8, when the treble is in 1.2. Two more Treble Bob bells when she is in 3.4. There are four hunts in 1.2.3.4 when the treble is in 5.6, and six when she is behind.
- 365421  
356412  
534621  
543612
- (d) This is a different system of extension to anything we have seen before.
- 453162  
541326  
543162  
451326
- (e) The extension to Royal is useless, as 5.6 come home at the next lead-head, and the other bells are in hopeless confusion, but the extension of Maximus made exactly like the Major, with 8 hunts when treble is in 9.0, and 10 hunts when she is in 11.12, brings the 2nd home at the next lead-end, runs 5 leads, and contains the ten lead-heads and ten lead-ends of Grandsire Maximus.
- 415362  
145632  
416523  
146253
- (f) Caunterbury Surprise Minor produces a regular Royal by the same system of extension.
- 142635 (g)

H. LAW JAMES.

## A WEDDING GIFT.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Sunday, August 5th, for morning service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

After the above had been rung, Mr. E. Clapshaw, the captain of the local band, handed to Mr. H. Kemp, the ringer of the 5th, a case of silver-mounted carvers as a present from the whole of the ringers on the occasion of his recent marriage, with the best wishes of the band for his and his wife's future.

Mr. Kemp, in returning thanks, stated that the present was a great surprise to him. His brother ringers could rest assured that the gift would be greatly appreciated and valued, both by him and his wife.

## LATE NOTICES.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipston on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available at Kirkby from 4 p.m. All ringers are heartily welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Easthampstead (nr. Bracknell) on Saturday, August 18th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 6.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting for practice will be held at Barton-under-Needwood (8 bells) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells open 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from New Street Motor Park, also trains to Barton and Walton. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec. pro tem.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

## BRISTOL'S NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

## GENEROUS GIFT TO ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH.

As already briefly announced in these columns, Bristol, already a city of bells, has gained yet another peal of eight, which have been erected in the fine church of St. Ambrose, in the St. George's district, through the generosity of Mr. John Gardiner, who had previously provided the tower. The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who have tuned them on the Simpson five-tone harmonic principle, and hung them in a cast-iron frame mounted on massive steel girder foundation, heavily cross-braced, and taking its bearing in all four walls. The fittings are of the very latest pattern, and include cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, new-type clapper fittings, and ball-bearing rollers. The tenor is 11½ cwt.

The dedication of the bells was performed, in the absence of the Bishop of Bristol, by the Bishop of Malmesbury, in the presence of a large congregation. The tower is over the south porch, and here the ceremony took place. Following prayers offered by the Bishop, eight ringers from eight churches rang a short touch on the bells which demonstrated some of their excellent capacity. While the procession returned to the chancel, the hymn 'Lifted high within the steeple' was rendered.

The Bishop of Malmesbury gave a short address, and explained that the Bishop of Bristol was unable to attend as a great citizen of Bristol—one who had given wonderfully of his wealth to the city, both in religious and educational matters, had passed away that week and the Bishop was to officiate at the Cathedral and at the committal at the graveside in Easton-in-Gordano. The Bishop of Bristol had been anxious to come to St. Ambrose because of his personal interest in the progress there, and his association with Mr. Gardiner and his many forms of work in the diocese. They were thinking that day of a deed for the glory of God. In the countryside they saw many church towers, and what did that mean? It meant that work had been started and augmented in glory and beauty. All the churches were a living witness to the power and vision of God, and of those who lived in the past. In that church they had an example, perhaps more than had any other church in Bristol, of that similar witness to God—a witness of beauty. The Bishop spoke of the ennobling influence of the peal of bells on the neighbourhood, because people were made aware that adults and children gathered there to get strength and go out to witness for God, and were glad because their church was beautiful.

The final hymn was 'Hark on high the joyful music,' and after the concluding prayers the bells rang out merrily to a touch of Stedman Triples by ringers from St. Mary Redcliff, St. Stephen's, City, St. Thomas', City, St. James', City, Clifton Parish Church, Henbury, and Mangotsfield, and St. Ambrose. The ringers were W. H. Thomas, P. C. Williams, J. Burford, W. Knight, H. Pring, H. Howell, J. Jefferies, and J. Gould. Tea was afterwards served to a company of about 300 on the Vicarage lawn. The bells were also rung on Sunday by members of the diocesan association.

The tone of the bells is exceptionally fine, and the authorities and the donor, as well as the ringers who inspected the work, are extremely pleased with the way in which the contract has been carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

A young band of ringers is being instructed at the tower.

## THROUGH KENT.

St. John's, Croydon, bellringers, visited Folkestone for their outing. Starting at 7.30 a.m., they stopped first at Maidstone. Here Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung, and then a quick run brought them to Ashford, where some good ringing was obtained on the fine ring of eight. A look round the beautiful church, and then on to Folkestone, where an excellent dinner was partaken of. After a short ring on the bells of the Parish Church, the party split up until time for departure. Homeward, the road lay through Hythe and Dymchurch, to New Romney, where ringing brethren of Kent heartily welcomed them. After a short stay they journeyed on to Headcorn, where the last ringing of the day was indulged in, and Croydon reached at 11.20 p.m., everybody having had a really enjoyable time. Through 'The Ringing World' the party wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the day, the towerkeepers at the churches, the Vicars for their permission to ring, and the ringers at New Romney for their hearty welcome and kindness in placing the bells at the visitors' disposal.

## COOKHAM REVISITED.

On Saturday, July 28th, the ringers of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, visited Cookham-on-Thames. It was three years ago that this tower was last visited by them, and the band are to be congratulated on the progress made in ringing since that time. Touches were rung in Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, etc. (Cookham being a six-bell tower). It was a matter of regret that three of the ringers were prevented from joining the party, as also was Mr. Fowler, who had made such excellent arrangements. After tea, rowing was indulged in, and the party were lucky in seeing some of the racing at the Bourne End Regatta. The Guild greatly appreciated the presence of Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. W. Coles, who do so much to further the ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Fowler for making arrangements, and to Dr. Bachelor for the use of the tower.

## GEORGE BAKER'S ROUND-BLOCK TRANSPOSITIONS. THROUGH 'MINORMANIA'S' SPECTACLES.

I should like to commence this article with a statement and an apology. First, that it is an analysis of another's work as viewed by a tyro in matters pertaining to the vexed problems of extension. Secondly, that at the end of last year I wrote of 'Analysis' and 'Progression,' closely following a paper by 'Owen Kay.' I am sorry that I omitted specifically to acknowledge this at the time, an oversight which I deplore. But to make full reparation to all of those gentlemen whose work was embodied in 'A Beginner's Theory' would necessitate enumerating the standard works, the writings of those who have contributed to 'The Ringing World' during the last few years, and a host of 'word of mouth' teachers whom I have pestered from time to time. I must confess to plagiarism with intent to profit the beginner, and I make belated acknowledgment of what I supposed to have been a very obvious fact.

A 'Round Block,' as its name implies, is a block of rows, which, in due course, will complete a circle. If continued, it will repeat itself with the monotonous regularity of a switchback roundabout. In short, at the end of its variations it will produce the first row again, which need not of necessity be 'rounds.' Rounds as understood in the tower has no real bearing upon a round block.

Let us enter a vehicle on our roundabout; its station we will call 'row 123456.' Off we go, and, having travelled the full circle, we are back again at 123456. We have completed a 'round block.' But the car behind us, which commenced from 'row 214365,' has also pursued the same circle and has returned to 214365. This car, too, has completed a round block of its own, as, indeed, have all of the others. Each has commenced the same circle from a different station; each has performed a revolution of its own, and each one of these revolutions is part of the whole.

A plain course of Bob Minor is an example of a round block. Commence at 123456, and, at the end of the course, 123456 will turn up again; continue, and every other row in the plain course will be reproduced. Therefore, every one of the sixty rows which go to make the plain course heads (and ends) a round block of its own.

Then a complete round block typifies a certain number of others, each of which is complete within itself, and all of which are embodied in the original.

Our roundabout circle comprises a number of movements which are caused by the switchback track. We go 'down-up-over,' or 'up-over-down,' according to the position at which our vehicle is stationed. Each movement is typical of all of those that go to make the full round. When we have travelled one 'down-up-over' we have done all that there is to do, because all of the remaining movements are similar. Further, each car makes the same movements in travelling its particular round.

In our method the plain lead is the 'down-up,' and the 'over' is the second's place at the lead-end. This 'place' is the only variation of the principle, and it goes to make this particular method. Once we have completed this movement (or lead) we have done all that we need. The whole of the method is contained in this one lead, and it typifies the whole course.

It follows that each row in the first lead heads a movement (of one lead in length) which is symbolical of its particular round block, and, therefore, all round blocks contained in the plain course are typified by those movements, of one lead each, which are headed by the several rows of the first lead. Each row will start the movement in a different place. Rounds will commence with 'down-up' and 'over' the lead-end; whereas the middle row of the lead, for example, will commence with 'up,' 'over' the lead-end, and 'down'; and so on.

In other words, between each row in the first lead of Bob Minor, and the corresponding row of the second lead, we have (in all) twelve blocks which are typical of all of the round blocks contained in the original—the plain course. This means, that within these twelve blocks the second's place (usually at the lead-end) will appear in each of the twelve possible positions in the block. If we commence a movement at the second row in the first lead, we meet the 'place' at one row earlier in the block; and as we commence our blocks at the succeeding rows the second's place 'creeps up,' until it is at the lead-end again.

This may reasonably be applied to any method. All of the 'places' that go to make a lead of, say, London Surprise Minor, may be handled in the same way. In Plain Bob we have only the one place (or, the one alteration to the principle), whereas in London we have many such alterations to deal with. But these alterations form the lead of the method, and are moved upwards en bloc, as we commence our blocks at the successive rows, in exactly the same way as the second's place in Plain Bob.

Before the analysis Mr. Baker's figures, it will be well to say a word or two on the subject of transposition. Change ringing essentially is the placing of bells in different positions in rows. A certain number of such rows, be it two or one thousand, will produce a given transposition, and for our purpose we make take it that a 'given transposition' is always relative to rounds. If we can get into the way of asking ourselves how a transposition will affect rounds, we shall have no difficulty in understanding what follows.

I shall show transposition in a simple form in the examples, viz., the reading of pairs vertically (and downwards) in the rows which are placed 'in column.'

A plain lead of Bob Minor for example. We commence with rounds, and, after a certain number of rows we produce a 'lead-end.' The formation of this lead-end row is in certain transposition from rounds; 123456 has become 135264 after certain rows have been produced. It follows that, after a like interval, the row produced will be in relative transposition:—

If 1.2.3.4.5.6 has become 1.3.5.2.6.4,

then 1.3.5.2.6.4 will become 1.5.6.3.4.2.

And if 135264=156342,

then 156342=164523, and so on.

The second example and those which follow it in a natural sequence are, however, in very inconvenient forms, and for the sake of ease we transpose each one direct from rounds, example (1) below.

It follows that, taking any two given rows in a block, we can find this most convenient form of transposition, viz., that which is relative to rounds, as in example (2) below:—

(1)  
If (rounds) 123456 becomes 135264,  
then row 156342 becomes 164523.  
Etc., etc.

(2)  
If row 156342 has become 164523,  
(rounds) 123456 will become 135264.  
Etc., etc.

Then we may know that the given (or standardised) transposition which governs 156342-164523, as in example (2), is 135264 (from rounds understood).

Here, then, we have means of producing results from a given transposition, as example (1), and also of finding the required transposition from given results, as example (2).

The following is typical of Mr. Baker's articles on Round Block Transpositions. It is given as published on April 10th, 1925, except that the columns are lettered and numbered for convenience:—

### BOB 'SINGLES.'

No.	Round Blocks.	Transpositions.
1.	1234 x 1342 equals 1342	1342
2.	2143 x 3124 " 4213	2314
3.	2413 x 3214 " 4132	4213
4.	4231 x 2341 " 2314	2143 . . . (Half-way)
5.	4321 x 2431 " 3124	4213
6.	3412 x 4213 " 2431	2314
7.	3142 x 4123 " 3241	1342
8.	1324 x 1432 " 1423	1234
	1342 1423	
	(a) (b) (c) (d)	

(a) is the first lead and (b) the second lead. Between corresponding rows in (a) and (b) we have eight different blocks, each of which is typical of its round block. For example, between (a)1 and (b)1 we have a typical member of the plain course round block proper. Between (a)2 and (b)2 we have a member of the round block commencing (and ending) at (a)2; and so on. In these eight blocks we have the second's place in each of the eight possible positions.

(c) These are the required transpositions (standardised for convenience, by relating them to rounds) which will produce b-rows from a-rows. They are produced thus:—

If (a) 1234 becomes 1342 (b), (a) 2143=3124 (b),  
(rounds) 1234 becomes 1342 (c). (rounds) 1234=4213 (c).  
Etc., etc.

This means that we have substituted 1234 for every separate row in (a), and have found the rows which will be produced after one member of each round block has been completed. In short, we have standardised all of the round blocks by commencing each one from rounds, and have, in (c), ascertained the 'first lead-end' of each.

In another way we have taken the plain principle, and have caused the second's place to be made in the eight possible positions in the block, and the rows in (c) are the resultant 'lead-ends' of this procedure.

(d) These are rows resultant upon the transposition of the round blocks in their consecutive order: 1234 (understood) in (d), transposed by 1342 (c) gives 1342 (d); 1342 (d) by 4213 (c) gives 2314 (d), which, transposed by 4132 (c) gives 4213 (d), etc.

This means that in (d) we have the 'lead-ends' (as it were) if the blocks between (a) and (b) were commenced at the block-end next preceding, thus:—

(a) 1234 produces 1342 (b) (a) 2143=3124 (b) (a) 2413=3214 (b)  
Then (d) 1234 produces 1342 (d) (d) 1342=2314 (d) (d) 2314=4213 (d)

In another way we commence block No. 1 at 1234 and travel to 1342; block No. 2 is commenced at this 1342, producing 2314 at the end; No. 3 is commenced at this 2314, giving 4213, and so on. It will be observed in (d) that the results after 2143 (the half-way) are the reverse of the first-half of the lead, and that rounds has turned up at the last block-end, having commenced at this row in (a).

(To be continued).



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—For evensong, on Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Hill 1, F. Reakes 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, Miss E. E. Emm 4, H. Sanger 5, R. Whitehead 6, H. Haines 7, A. White 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Angell.

**LAVENHAM.**—On Sunday, August 5th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, F. G. Symonds (London) 2, F. A. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. R. J. Poulson 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, F. G. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Faiers 6, A. Symonds 7, F. A. Turner 8.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, August 5th, 720 Norwich Surprise: E. J. Wakeling 1, K. A. Jutson 2, A. M. Dale 3, W. H. Waldron 4, F. Rowlinson 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Withers (conductor) 1, W. Cartwright 2, G. Pigott 3, W. Mumford 4, W. E. Moore (King's Norton) 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, W. Dowler 8.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: A. Neale 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. Prior 3, G. Cross 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Butler 6, E. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8. First quarter on the bells.

**CHIPPING BARNET.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, July 29th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Chandler 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, S. Casley 3, J. Sumpter 4, W. Soer 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8. S. Casley's first quarter-peal of Grandsire away from the treble.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Old Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Harry Withers (conductor) 1, W. B. Cartwright 2, Geo. Piggett 3, W. Mumford 4, W. E. Moore 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, W. Dowler 8.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, H. L. Cook 2, W. G. Cook 3, J. Hosgood (Exeter) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.—For evening service at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters: H. L. Cook 1, A. Parsons 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. S. Parsons 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. Edwards 10.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 39 mins.: P. Warren 1, H. Kew 2, W. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, A. Bull (conductor) 5, E. Arnold 6. This is the first quarter by all with the exception of the conductor, and all, except him, are Sunday service ringers.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 49 mins.: D. Barnard 1, R. Gilbert 2, C. H. Jennings (Weymouth) 3, E. J. Ridler 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, W. Knight 6, H. Knight (Clapton-in-Gordano) 7, E. Bennett 8, J. A. Burford 9, W. H. Thomas 10. Arranged for the ringing of the 3rd.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, before evensong, on Sunday, July 29th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: S. R. Linnett 1, J. Amos 2, A. South 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, F. White 5, F. P. Lewis 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, F. Chalk 8.

**MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford: A. E. Sneath 1, J. Landan 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, W. H. Freeman (first spliced 720) 5, J. A. Freeman 6.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.**—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, July 29th, for early morning Communion service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: H. Fleet 1, E. J. Hobbs 2, C. W. Smith (Simpson) 3, W. Peacock 4, A. Fleet (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. H. Smith 6. Rung in connection with the Patronal Festival.

**BROMSGROVE.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss A. Johnson 1, R. Lewis 2, F. Whitworth 3, H. Price 4, T. Albutt 5, A. J. Martin 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, G. Perry 8.

**WARFIELD.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering, in 46 mins.: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, F. Buxton 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Collyer 6, G. Higgs (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 7, 8 covering, in 47 mins.: W. Boggis 2, W. Dyer 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, G. Higgs (conductor) 6, C. Collyer 7, J. Collyer 8. Rung as a compliment to five local ringers, whose birthday anniversaries occur in July.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Richards 1, P. Heath 2, W. Richards 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, F. Smith 6, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) 7, G. Large 8, A. Parnell (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 16th and 30th; \*The Coffee Pot on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; \*Coffee Pot on the 21st for handbell practice; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. St. Michael's, Cornhill, is closed for three weeks; no ringing there on the 19th or 21st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 5.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers and representatives on committee. A good attendance at this meeting is especially desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunblinba Road, Wavertree.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Whiston will be held Aug. 11th, instead of Bank Holiday Monday.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A summer meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service (Preacher, Canon Hewitt), etc., at 5. Those who require tea please let me know. Rectory Gardens also on view. Cheap tickets to Edgware, Harrow and Wealdstone, or Stanmore.—J. A. Waugh, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The August meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who send applications to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley. Two of Cawthorne's Company, H. Crossland, aged 83, and Edward Dearnley, are to receive recognition from J. M. Spencer Stanhope, Esq., J.P. It is hoped with the attractions of this beautiful village that a good number will be there. All ringers welcome. Note.—The annual shield contest is to take place at Penistone. No practice is allowed at that tower after August 12th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 9d.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Yorktown on Aug. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Room 5 p.m.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — There will be a ringing meeting at Crawley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Tower open 2.45. All ringers welcome.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Aug. 11th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The meeting advertised for St. Alban's on Saturday, August 11th, has been postponed. Further particulars will appear later.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who send word not later than Aug. 15th to Mr. J. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Finchley, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Practice meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited to both meetings.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after in the Schoolroom. Parish Church bells (8) available after tea. Will those who require tea please give me notice by previous Tuesday? —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** —A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, August 18th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, nr. Cheadle, before August 15th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The August meeting will be held at Shilton on Saturday, the 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Secretary, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd, please.—F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald (6 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1/6 each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business, election of officers. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantfill Road, Blackburn, not later than August 22nd?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector) and business meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, the 21st inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.**—The usual Monday practices are abandoned during August. Next meeting Monday, September 3rd.—James E. Davis, Towerkeeper, 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

**ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.** — Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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