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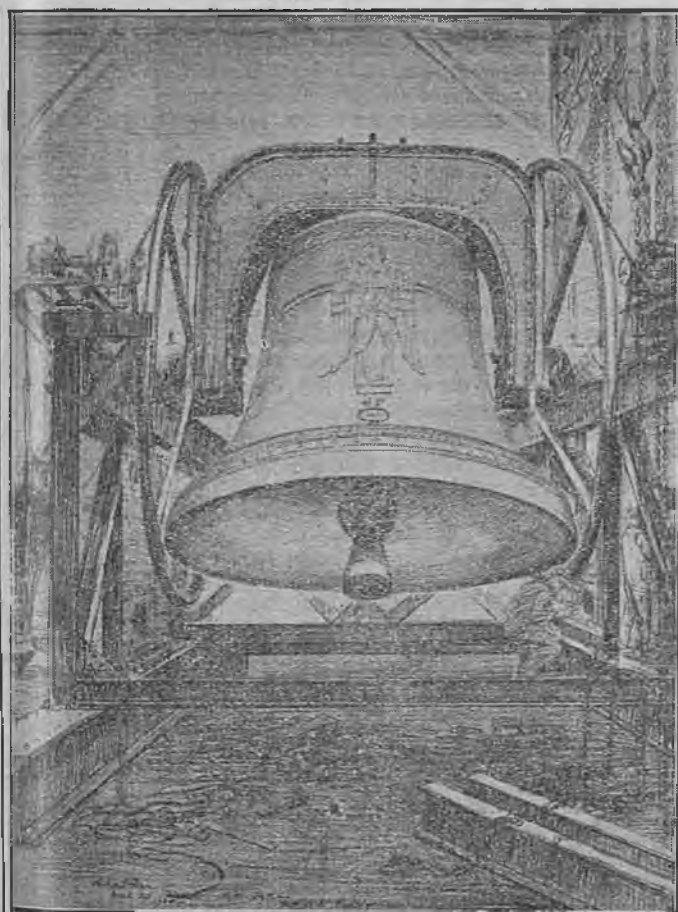
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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL SECESSION

Elsewhere in this issue appears a letter, signed by prominent members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, recording their regret that a small number of members could not see their way to settle a slight difference of opinion without resorting to the precipitate and drastic action of withdrawing the association's affiliation to the Central Council, and asserting that they (the signatories) will do all in their power to pass, at the earliest opportunity, a resolution more in keeping with the real feeling of the association. Thus it would appear that the secession of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from the Council, although properly carried by a majority at the annual meeting, does not reflect the true opinion of the members. The decision to withdraw was carried by 35 votes to 25, which was a comparatively small majority in a division in which only 60 members took part out of a total of something like 900 resident performing members. Whether the result would have been the same had the whole nine hundred voted it is idle to speculate, but there can be no excuse that the members, as a whole, did not have due notice of the proposal. Whether they realised the importance of it is another question.

The decision, on the face of it, was arrived at mainly on the ground that the Council did not recognise the right of an association to instruct its representatives how to vote on specific questions and also on account of the grievance which certain members felt they had over the treatment of the association at the hands of the Council. These matters obviously influenced those who voted at the Chippenham meeting, and the Exercise, whether agreeing or disagreeing with the action taken, respects the views of those who voted. But the communication which we publish to-day, coming on the top of Mr. Cave's recent letter, is rather suggestive. In any case it reopens the whole question and the members of the association throughout the diocese would do well to give careful thought to the position which has been created. They are evidently to be asked to reconsider the matter at their next annual meeting and, in view of this, they will do well to ponder on the question whether their own desire to see a change in the policy of the Council would not be better served by re-affiliation and effecting the alteration by constructive means from inside than by stopping outside and taking only destructive action. A central body in an organisation such as the Ringing Exercise has grown to be, is essential to establish standards, to co-ordinate effort and to do those many small things which, if they became anybody's business, would be no-

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body's business, but without which the art would lose considerably. The Central Council, however, can only exist with the good will of the Exercise and it can only be what the ringers make it. Before the next meeting the triennial elections will take place, and if the associations require any change of policy they have now the best opportunity to make their voices heard and to send representatives to the next meeting pledged to give effect, if possible, to their views. The reforming zeal of the Gloucester and Bristol Association could be better used inside than outside the newly-elected body.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.	
JOHN SPARROW Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
RONALD BULLEN 3	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 10
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
HORACE BELCHER 6	Cecil W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT
First peal of Stedman Cinques by the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
HENRY PRING Treble	RONALD BECK 6
E. J. TRIMMER 2	*ALEX WADDINGTON 7
JOHN WALDEN 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	JACK CARMAN 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. J. Walden is from Lincoln.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.	
ALBERT E. BUSLEY Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
JOHN W. WOOD 2	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN CURRY 8
GEORGE LADD 4	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 9
JOHN THORPE 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
Rung for the 'Patronal Festival.'

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.	
WILLIAM PIKE Treble	JOHN BULLEN 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
†MISS D. L. RICHARDS ... 3	†KENNETH KNOWLES 8
*GEORGE POPPELL 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 9
†DONALD G. CLIFT 5	†GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by J. NELMS.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* Fiftieth peal together and G. Poppell's 50th peal for the Llandaff Association. † First inside on ten. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. G. Clift and W. Williams.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	*PERCY DODLEY 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	SAMUEL PINDER 7
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JAMES PAGETT 9
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 5	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	ARTHUR JORDAN 5
WALTER AYRE 2	THOMAS J. WAITS 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Conducted by P. C. SPRINGHAM.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE, PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE, BRISTOL, NORFOLK AND NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains changes in each method as follows: London 1440, Rutland 1184, Cambridge 416, Superlative 384, Lincolnshire 320, Pudsey 320, Yorkshire 160, Bristol 320, Norfolk 288, New Gloucester 288. This is the first peal rung in ten Major methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES MILLARD Treble	WILLIAM G. MOON 5
*JOHN E. METCALFE 2	ROBERT WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM OSMENT 3	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	HERBERT F. MOON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM OSMENT.

* First peal of Triples.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*HARRY ROGERS Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
JOHN BREEZE 2	JOHN BROWN 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now completed the circle in this tower. The ringer of the 2nd rang his bell with only one arm, an accident having temporarily deprived him of the use of the other.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN CLIFTON Treble	ADAM DEAS 5
†KENNETH A. NICHOLSON 2	†DAVID VINCENT 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. J. Anderson's wedding. The ringer of the 6th hails from Nottingham and was made a member of the above association in the belfry.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 6
WILLIAM PHILLIPS 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	CHARLES H. MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Arranged for P. C. DAVIES, who hails from Deptford, London.

OIRENCESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 5
FRANCIS W. BOND 2	HARRY S. PARSONS 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 7
HERBERT L. COOK 4	H. T. JACK ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt; aged 15. Specially arranged as a wedding peal for Mr. J. Butler, of East Hagbourne, who was married on August 4th. He is a member of Cambridge University Guild and was formerly a member of the local band.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN M. SMITH Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal and first attempt.

UFFCULNE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. COLES Treble	SIDNEY RIDGEWAY 5
FRANK J. DAVEY 2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 6
†WILLIAM COCKRAM 3	*ERNEST STITCH 7
FRANK VINING 4	HENRY E. WARE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* Were proposed members before starting. † First peal. First peal by the above Guild and first in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. Chalk) for the use of the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	† WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	† HENRY STAPLETON 7
*GEORGE BASFORD 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE

* Elected members before starting for peal. † First peal of Double Norwich.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
*ARTHUR G. KING 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
JOHN DICKIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal by the ringer of the 6th since the 23rd July, 1914, and he was re-elected a member of the association previous to starting.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*EDWARD CROCKER Treble	REGINALD REX 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2	*ERNEST W. SMITH 6
*CECIL PEARCE 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
LEONARD BATTING 4	HENRY W. CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The conductor hails from Croydon, the rest are local ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY L. AITKIN 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDZ. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Beaconsfield, Bucks.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
THOMAS WILSON 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
PHILIP NORMAN 3	NEVILLE COLEMAN 7
ROWLAND HOLGATE 4	FRED HINDLE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells since recasting. First peal for ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th, who are service ringers at Clitheroe. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Green, of Clitheroe, the donor of the bells, and also as a compliment to Mr. F. Hindle (the secretary of the Blackburn Branch) and Mrs. Hindle on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	*JOHN YATES 5
*JOSEPH POTTER 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	CECIL RADDON 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

JAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK A. TURNER 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
JAMES BETTS 4	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 53).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor, who is from Tonbridge.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method.

CONTSBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY GLEDSTONE 5
OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	EDGAR C. STACEY 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY Treble	JACK BRAY 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	*FRANK LORD 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7
CHARLES H. BIRD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Varah.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOE ... 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	GEORGE O. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES H. BIRD ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
FRANK LORD ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' by 3-4 and 7-8. First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

BURTON STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... 3-4	FRANK LORD ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. E. AYRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... 3-4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnessed by MRS. A. E. AYRE, MRS. W. AYRE and MR. C. AUTY.

The fulfilment of a long desired wish.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, York, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... 4
HERBERT S. CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 5
ARTHUR GILL ... 3	ARTHUR PANTHER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the conductor's grandson, which took place the previous day.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 6 lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 4
†ERNEST BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 5
*DAVID SMITH ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Minor. H. Parker's 25th peal as conductor.

TRYSTALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*FRANK HINES ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
†HERBERT R. PICKERING ... 3	†HERBERT E. BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

* First peal (age 15) and made a member before starting. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Credit is due to the treble ringer, who has learnt to ring during the last three months, for the able way he managed his bell.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE PRYKE ... 4
ALFRED B. KING ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 5
THOMAS C. WARD ... 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, all called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MISS ELSIE COOKE ... Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE ... 4
†MISS MARJORIE COOKE ... 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... 5
JOHN COOKE ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. First peal for the Guild in which a father and two daughters have taken part, the peal being specially arranged to enable the Misses E. and M. Cooke and Mr. J. Cooke to score a peal together.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine and Kent, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN ... 2	ERNEST BAILEY ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Naunton, mother of the conductor, who passed away on August 10th, aged 85 years, and was interred in Wrentham Cemetery the day previous. On February 2nd, 1925, an open peal was also rung for the death of the deceased's husband, at his special request.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, viz., two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 5
*PHILIP N. BARTON ... 3	EDWARD HOWES ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in three methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 16, Lime Grove,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford Major 'in hand.' First peal of Oxford Major on handbells in the county and by the association.

CURIOSITIES IN HEMSLEY TOWER.

MIDDLESBROUGH RINGERS' DISCOVERIES.

The Middlesbrough band of ringers held their annual outing on July 27th. A motor tour of the Cleveland district was arranged, and Hemsley, Pickering and Whitby were visited in turn. The party, numbering some 17 ringers and friends, left Middlesbrough at 8.15, and were soon enjoying the beautiful scenery of Bilsdale, with its lovely valley and wonderful views. The first stop was made at Hemsley, and the eight bells were soon merrily ringing. The ringers were much tickled by the quaint notice which hangs on the belfry wall, and is:—

'To visiting ringers. When ringing into "set," please ring rounds as far as possible. If three or four bells are rung in, it will be taken by the Fire Brigade as an alarm to turn out.'

The desire to see the Fire Brigade do their turn was great, but the temptation was resisted, and a perfect raise accomplished. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent were rung with perfect striking.

The tune of the 6th, 7th and 8th excited some curiosity, and the ringers were amazed to learn from their guide that the 7th was cracked, and had been rung in that condition for over 30 years. A visit to the ringing chamber to view this phenomenon revealed the fact that the bell had a distinct crack some 2ft. long in it, which about 30 years ago had been 'repaired' by a German 'engineer,' who had let straps in and had bolted them to the bell in order to keep the two sides of the crack apart. A most remarkable bell! The visitors were also astonished to learn that between £200 and £300 had been spent on renovations of the bells about five years ago.

A wonderful specimen of old time literature was also observed in 'the Rules of the Company,' the most striking being the last, which reads as follows:—

'The ringers are to remember that the belfry is part of the Church, the House of God. The bells are instruments of sacred music. The ringer's office is a sacred one, and should be performed with reverence, and especially it is their duty not only to call others to worship God, but themselves to set a good example of attendance at public worship, and especially at morning service on Sunday. As it is a public scandal for those who have called together the congregation to leave the Church in the face of them, it is necessary that those who do so leave should be marked as absent.'

The members who subscribed their names to this unique rule are long since dead and buried, but the visitors felt that there was a good deal to be learned from the old words.

After posing for the official photographers, the party journeyed on to Pickering, where a substantial meal was disposed of, and a few touches rung on the eight bells there. The Castle was visited by the fair sex, and more explorations would have been undertaken, but time was pressing, and the journey to Whitby had to be commenced. This beauty spot was reached about 4.30, and visits to old haunts and familiar places were made before tea. After the bountiful repast had been disposed of, a call at the old church, in the company of friends of the local band, was made, and the bells kept merrily pealing until 8 o'clock, when the necessity to begin the return journey outweighed the desires for more touches on the beautiful peal of ten. An amusing occurrence happened in the tower whilst a touch of Stedman was being rung. A little white terrier suddenly made its appearance in the belfry, and it was 'touch and go' for a moment whether the tenor rope didn't turn that quadruped into sausage meat! A hasty grab by one of the bystanders saved the little interloper from an untimely end.

The party arrived home in Middlesbrough about 10.30 safe and sound, and tired, but happy with the remembrance of a glorious day, in which everything went well. The ringers desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the clergy of the three churches for their kind permission to use the bells, and also to express their appreciation of the ringers at each church who attended to their needs. It was a glorious day, the weather was kind, the ringing was good, the meals excellent, and the travelling arrangements perfect. The whole trip was well organised and reflected great credit on Miss Lancaster, the hard-working secretary.

J. C. P.

PUTNEY MEN IN SUFFOLK.

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK-END.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Putney, spent a week-end in a tour of part of West Suffolk, and the weather being fine, a very happy time was the result. A disastrous start, in which figured the luggage expert and others, caused a train to be lost, and, as troubles never come singly, the next train was held up for one and a half hours in a delightful piece of country called Manor Park. During this time good practice was obtained on a famous peal of handbells, of which more anon. After the wreckage of a previous train had been removed, the journey was resumed, and the party eventually reached Sudbury, the first port of call, at about 12 o'clock, being nearly 2½ hours behind schedule. No time was lost here, however, as the charabanc which a kind secretary and Mr. Scott (Sudbury) had chartered was boarded, and off in one minute (an addition to the party here being Mr. Elliott) to SS. Gregory and Peter's Church, where a very nice eight were soon 'put through it,' but not the band. After finding a lost chauffeur, Foxearth (just in Essex) was next visited, and this very light peal was tried out, some finding the trebles rather tricky. Good touches were, however, accomplished, and the party 'hit the road' for Long Melford, which was reached in time for lunch. An al fresco meal was provided at the Scuthers Arms (a scutcher, it was elicited, was a wool comb of former days, when the cloth industry was the principle one of the district) by Mr. H. Bixby, one of the local ringers, and full justice was done to the homely and humble B., C., P. and B. After a 'flutter' on the handbells, a delight to the townsfolk, the tower was ascended, and ringing in three standard methods was done. The party then pushed on to Bury St. Edmunds. The fine peals at St. Mary's and the Norman Tower were both at their disposal, and, among other ringing, two splendid touches of Grandsire Caters in the hand stroke position were rung, with the assistance of one or two Suffolk friends, two people ringing their first touches on ten bells. Time was ever fleeting and the order 'all aboard' was not immediately complied with, the luggage merchant being engulfed in the struggle for a picture postcard. Having come out of the fray minus collar and tie, and grasping the said postcard firmly in his right hand, he was hoisted into the charabanc, which set off to Lavenham, where a meat tea was 'waded into,' and, beds having been allotted, the visitors set forth to ring on the famous bells in the equally famous tower. Messrs. Symonds and other local men extended a hearty welcome. No need to say that ringing was enjoyed, two courses of Double Norwich with the help of Messrs. Symonds being the 'show piece' of several touches. No doubt exists that Miles Graye was a clever or lucky man, for his tenor speaks with no uncertain voice. Another Mr. Symonds turned up from De Beauvoir Town, very hot and bothered, with bicycle complete, and he was vociferously welcomed by one or two old 'shipmates.' A social hour followed, the handbells being much in evidence, tunes and change ringing being done. A novel feature was a prize distribution for good work. A gentleman, who shall be nameless, but who rejoices in a multitude of Christian names, Frederick, George, etc., etc., who possesses that sweetest little peal of cup handbells ever, much in evidence all the week-end, and who is not unknown in and around Isleworth, gained the first prize, a very useful article (verb. sap.). The secretary was second and Mr. A. Symonds third. This brought bedtime and repose, although it was said by one member that a peal of handbells in a feather bed is not too comfortable to sleep on. Up in good time on Sunday, the party viewed the very ancient and historic buildings which Lavenham contains, the old oak carving and half-timbered structures being a joy to see and the admiration of all. Breakfast was at 8, and, mark you, none was late. A course of Grandsire Triples, like a famous huntsman's horn, brought Mr. Symonds from his bed, and a bus was boarded for Sudbury, where the visitors were due to ring for service. The fine peal of eight at All Saints' was at their disposal, and, having been joined by Mr. Lee (not of London), some good touches were rung, one of Stedman being outstanding. Mr. Scott, guide, counsellor and friend, showed the visitors round, and a pleasant hour was spent by the River Stour. Dinner and a quiet afternoon (for some) in a cool, shady spot brought tea time, and another engagement at the Parish Church to ring for service brought up the course end 6.32, and saying 'good-bye' to Sudbury and Lavenham friends, the Putneyites entrained for London. It is to be hoped that Fred. G. managed to get home per push hike in time for breakfast on Monday morning. The others wished him well, but preferred the Iron Horse. Thanks are due to the clergy who granted permission to ring, to the local ringers for their courtesy, and to Mr. Scott and Mr. Stedman Symonds for the arrangements made for the visitors' comfort. Eight towers were visited, and the conducting was shared by Messrs. Elson, Cassel and Herbert. A very fine outing was brought to a close on reaching Liverpool Street at 9 o'clock.

J. H.

PASTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, August 11th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,280 changes) in 43½ mins.: J. Huggins 1, Miss Sylvia Thursfield (Cranford, Northants) 2, C. Pooley 3, N. Golden (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5. First quarter by ringer of 'inside' and first 'inside' by tenor ringer, who, with those of 3rd and 4th, are from Northrepps.

A SHROPSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.**CHESWARDINE'S TWO NEW BELLS.**

The dedication of the augmented peal at Cheswardine, Shropshire, took place on Thursday evening, August 1st, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. V. C. Borden, Rural Dean. The service was largely attended, the church being full, and ringers were present from Market Drayton, Hodnet, Stanton, Norton-in-Hales, Burton-on-Trent, etc., also Messrs. C. Harrison and J. Oldham, who represented the founders (Messrs. Taylor and Co.).

The octave has been completed by the addition of two trebles, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on making an excellent 'splice.'

The treble is the gift of the family in memory of the late Mr. William A. Hinstall, for many years parish clerk of Cheswardine, and the 2nd was given, as a thankoffering for having come safely through the Great War, by Dr. Basil Hughes, son of a past Vicar of Cheswardine.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes by the local ringers, assisted by several of the visitors, and after the service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, everyone being highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings and fittings of the latest pattern. The old 5th (now 7th) has been recast and the others tuned. A set of guides has also been put in, as the bells are rung from the ground floor.

The tenor is an interesting bell, it was cast by Clibury, of Wellington (who cast numerous bells in Shropshire and district), and bears the following inscription: 'SOLI DEO IMMORTALIA SIT GLORIA. 1634.'

The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper by the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Renfree.

On Saturday last a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by members of the Shropshire Association, but came to grief after over two hours' good ringing.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, on Monday, August 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 minutes: F. Price 1, W. H. Ball 2, Ben Gough 3, J. Reynolds 4, W. Anker 5, W. Davies 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. Trinder 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Ansell, of Moore Hall, Four Oaks, who was interred earlier in the day.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I give the figures of the peal of Cambridge asked for a short time ago by Mr. Coles, also of the peal of Cambridge rung at Killamarsh on November 13th, 1926. The peal rung on February 18th, 1928, was as follows, Bankes James' arrangement, 2nd group, as given in your issue October 19th, 1923 (by request), and Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of the 720's given below and completed by calling W.R.W.—Yours faithfully, C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh

1.					2.					3.				
2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H
2534	—	—	—	—	4352	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—	—	5432	2	2	—	—
2453	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—	—
3254	—	—	—	—	5432	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—
5243	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—					
2345	—	—	—	—										
4.					5.					6.				
2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H
5243	—	—	2	—	4352	—	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—	3542	—	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—	—					
					2345	—	—	—	—					
7.					7.									
2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H					
2453	—	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—	—					
4352	—	—	—	—	4352	—	—	—	—					
4235	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—					
5324	—	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—	—					
3425	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—					
4523	—	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—	—					
2345	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—					

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A veterans' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was 'rung in masterly style' at Guiseley, Yorks, on August 24th, 1868. The combined ages of the band totalled 553 years. The conductor was Henry Hubbard, who was then 64 years old.

The College Youths rang a peal of 10,640 Bob Major at Mortlake on August 26th, 1776, in 6 hours 31 minutes.

At this same church, exactly 100 years ago last Friday, the Junior College Society (an off-shoot of the College Youths) rang a 'true and excellent' peal of Grandsire Triples. It was conducted by Thomas Tolladay, who did a great deal for the old St. James' Society in its early days, and among those who took part were some well-known London ringers in those days, including James Mash and Edward Lansdell.

A record peal of Treble Bob was rung at Otley, Yorks, on August 27th, 1814, the length being 12.320. It occupied 7 hours 15 minutes.

Benjamin Annable called a peal of 5,040 Bob Major St. George at St. George's Church, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It would be interesting to know what method this was.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, one of London's most famous old ringers, died at the age of 87 years on August 27th, 1912.

The ringers of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will spend the day at Liverpool to-morrow. They will visit the docks and Cathedral, and hope to meet some of their Lancashire friends at St. Nicholas' Church, where they will ring at 3 p.m.

Mr. R. H. Bartram writes with reference to the footnote to the peal at Oakham, published in our last issue, that the first peal of Superlative in the county of Rutland was rung on the bells of Oakham Church on May 26th, 1923, by members of the Midland Counties Association.

'Belles on parade' is the heading of a paragraph announcing that a bathing belle parade will be held at a Woking carnival at the end of August, and a correspondent asks, 'Is it true that our Editor has been appointed to act as the judge at this beauty belle competition? If so,' remarks the inquirer, 'he is reminded that some of our bachelor ringers would much like to be present.' Why?

Three new hemispherical bells have been presented to St. George's Church, R.N. Barracks, Chatham. It is unfortunate that 'J. B.,' late of the R.M., is no longer in the 'Service' at Chatham. Had he still been there a peal of six real bells hung for proper ringing might, perhaps, have been installed at St. George's instead.

The marriage of Mr. C. C. Mayne, of Beaconsfield, and Miss Phyllis Moss, of Uxbridge, took place privately, with only a few friends present, at 9 a.m. on St. Swithin's Day at Fulmer Parish Church. The happy bellringing couple spent their honeymoon with fine weather at Rottingdean, and rang at St. Peter's, Brighton, and at Shoreham during the week with a good Hart.

Berks and Bucks ringers wish them every happiness and success in their new home at Harrow, and, writes a correspondent, the fatherly prophecy of the 'Lancashire Terror' some years ago has practically come true—a rolling Main gathers no Moss.

NO LODGE OF FREEMASONS FOR RINGERS.

PETITION REJECTED.

The proposal which has been made to establish a Lodge of Freemasons with membership restricted to church bellringers has been rejected by the responsible officers of the craft. It had been suggested that the lodge should be formed at Birmingham, as a convenient centre, and should be known as the 'Campana' Lodge. A considerable measure of support had been promised and the sanction of Grand Lodge was applied for. The petition has, however, been rejected.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose copy of letter received from the Grand Secretary with reference to the proposed 'Campana' Lodge of Freemasons, which I should be glad if you would kindly publish for the information of those ringers who have taken an interest in the movement. I need only add that I am much disappointed that so promising a project should have met with this sad fate.—I am, yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT, P.G.D.,

Assistant Prov. G.M. (Warwickshire).

55, Temple Road, Birmingham.

(Copy.)

8th August, 1929.

Dear Sir and W.Bro.—With further reference to your letter of 9th February, I regret to inform you that the Grand Master's Advisers are unable to recommend the petition for the proposed new lodge to meet at Birmingham to be called the Campana Lodge, there being, in their opinion, no sufficient reason to justify the formation of a new lodge.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) P. COLVILLE SMITH, G.S.

W.Bro. John B. Wilson, P.A.G.D.C.,
Provincial Grand Secretary,
Warwickshire.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN TEN METHODS.

Another great advance in the splicing of Major methods was made when Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Pont Talbot, South Wales, published on March 22nd last a peal of Surprise Major in ten methods. This composition was rung on Tuesday, August 13th, at Willesden, by the same band that had previously rung the five and six method peals in that tower. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that a peal of such intricacy was not rung at the first attempt; indeed, two previous attempts had each lasted nearly two hours, whilst one of about 30 minutes' duration had given an opportunity of some good practice afterwards. The achievement of this peal is unquestionably the most brilliant performance ever accomplished on tower bells.

Some idea of the mental activity involved will be gathered when it is pointed out that there are 128 changes from one method to another, and that no method is rung for more than two leads (64 changes) at any one time. Indeed, in by far the most cases, only one lead of a method is rung before a change to another method is called. Then again, the variety of methods, and the similarity of the work in some of them, makes it necessary for the ringer to be always on the alert. It is not only essential to look out for the change of method at the lead-end, and to take care that the work of the next method is properly picked up, but it is necessary to keep wide awake so as not to forget, during the lead, which method is being actually rung. One ringer trying to ring Rutland whilst the others are ringing London is sure to bring disaster.

The odd leads of comparatively unknown and little rung methods are in themselves causes of much necessary thinking. For instance, only five leads of Yorkshire occur throughout the peal. Thus, any one working bell can only ring each of five leads once. Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Bristol have ten leads each, and Norfolk and New Gloucester nine, so that leads in these methods are never rung by the working bells more than twice. As the work of these leads has to be remembered, possibly until nearly the end of the peal, it says much for the mental alertness of the ringers. For the conductor it is a gigantic task, and Mr. William Pye is again to be congratulated. Recent performances have once again proved him to be the greatest all-round ringer that has ever lived.

THE COMPOSITION, 5,120 CHANGES.

The methods are indicated as follows: London, L.; Rutland, R.; Cambridge, C.; Superlative, S.; Lincolnshire, Lin.; Pudsey, P.; Yorkshire, Y.; Bristol, B.; Norfolk, N.; and New Gloucester, N.G.

First part.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods
64352	—	—	—	R. C. L.
(34256)	—	—	—	L. P.
62453	—	—	—	N. S. R.
64523	—	2	—	R. C. R. B.
56423	—	—	—	R. Lin. L.
(46325)	—	—	—	L. P.

The above four times repeated, substituting N. for R. in first course of each repetition, and calling Rutland at W. in last course, adding a bob H., bringing 42356.

Second part.

42356	M.	W.	H.	Methods
43526	—	2	—	R. Y. R. B.
65324	—	—	—	L. C. L.
36524	—	—	—	L. S. L.
25463	—	—	3	L. Lin. R. N.G.

The above four times repeated, omitting one bob H. and one lead of New Gloucester in last course.

Cambridge and Superlative are interchangeable, and as rung at Willesden were called alternately throughout the peal. The course-ends bracketed are not actually rung, the change from Pudsey to Norfolk cutting out the H. lead. Norfolk is rung with a 4th's place Bob.

ANOTHER COMPOSITION.

The following is a second peal in ten Surprise methods by the same author:—

5,280 IN TEN METHODS (No. 2).

BY A. J. PITMAN.

2345678

- 6423857 London.
- 4357682 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 5437682 Bristol.
- 6354278 Rutland.
- 5634278 Gloucestershire.
- 3564278 Gloucestershire.
- 2635847 Rutland.
- 3265847 Bristol.
- 5427386 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.

(Continued in next column.)

THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, wish to express our regret at the recent action of our association in ceasing to be affiliated to the Central Council.

We do not propose to enter into details here, but at the same time we are keen that the Exercise should be under no misapprehension as to the real state of feeling on the subject in our association.

It is to be regretted that a small number of our members could not see their way to settle a slight difference of opinion without resorting to this precipitate and, to our mind, unnecessarily drastic action; and while we freely admit that the resolution was carried by a perfectly fair vote at an annual meeting, we wish to make it quite clear that in our opinion the idea of ceasing to be affiliated to the Central Council is only favoured by a very small number of our members.

We feel sure that we have the majority of our association with us in regretting the unfortunate resolution which 35 of our members were able to pass at Chippenham, and it is our sincere hope that a resolution more in keeping with the real feeling of the whole association, proposing re-affiliation, will be passed at the earliest opportunity.

We can assure the Exercise that we will do all that is in our power to achieve this object.

Signed (Rev.) C. D. P. DAVIES (ex-Master).

(Rev.) R. H. WHITFORD (Bristol).

A. WRIGHT (Painswick), ex-Master.

F. J. LEWIS (Cirencester), ex-Master.

E. BISHOP (Swindon).

S. H. WOOD (Bristol).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'SHORT NOTICE' MEETING AT BARNES.

A 'short notice' meeting was held by the Southern District of the London County Association on Saturday at Barnes, Surrey, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. W. Patrick Dotts). The bells are a light eight, augmented from three old bells (1600-1700) in 1897 by Warner, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the tenor being about 11 or 12 cwt. Ringing commenced in the afternoon with a touch of Stedman Triples under Mr. Mance (Master), and various touches were rung till 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where a tea had been arranged, kindly provided by the Rector, who was unable to be present, being on holiday. His place was, however, ably taken by his warden, Mr. Bowes Loddiges, who welcomed the association in a few well-chosen words. After tea a short business meeting, of the usual routine character, was quickly disposed of.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and church-warden for the hospitality and welcome extended to the association, also to Mr. Charles Hunt and the local men for the help and speed with which the meeting was organised. Some 25 members from a not very wide area attended, and rang methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. Perhaps worthy of note is the fact that four men who rang in the first peal on the bells accidentally sat in a row at tea.

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5427386	
2534678	Rutland.
6325847	London.
3547682	Cambridge.
4365278	London.
2643857	Rutland.
3567284	Yorkshire or Cambridge.
2635478	Rutland.
3265478	Bristol.
4632857	Rutland.
2567483	Superlative or Cambridge.
3462857	Norfolk.
2547386	Superlative or Cambridge.
4235678	London.
6342857	London.
2537684	Yorkshire or Cambridge.
6325478	London.
4263857	London.
2357486	Cambridge.
6452837	Norfolk.
2347685	Pudsey or Cambridge.
4263578	London.
5642837	London.
2367584	Pudsey or Cambridge.
5623478	Rutland.

Repeat four times.

This composition is a reduction from a peal of 5,760, and contains 15 leads of Bristol and ten each of Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, and Norfolk.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' acknowledge with sincere thanks all the messages of congratulation that have been received by us on the successful outcome of the long peal attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday?

These congratulations come from ringers in all parts of the country, including the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, ringers, and are too numerous for them all to be acknowledged separately.

We trust, therefore, that this brief, but none the less grateful, acknowledgment will suffice.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.
C. T. COLES.

MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

The long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th was the first in the method by Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin. It is an extraordinary coincidence that his first peal of Stedman Cinques was also a record, this being the 11,111 rung at Birmingham in 1901.

AN ASHTON PRESSMAN'S VIEW.

Usually peals, and especially long peals, if they excite comment at all in the public Press, bring forth protests, but in the case of the record twelve bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne the Lancashire people seem to have entered into the spirit of the performance, and Ashton-under-Lyne is proud that the record should have been made at their own Parish Church. 'Ashtonian,' writing in the 'Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter,' said: 'I know far more to-day about campanology than I did a week ago. I have hitherto regarded bellringers as men who had a penchant for letting everybody know they were enjoying a little manual exercise, men who pursued their hobby on Sunday mornings and told all and sundry that the hour of morning service approached.'

'Now I know that bellringers are gentlemen who combine with their bellringing a scientific study of numbers. They truly know what "ringing the changes" means. After meeting twelve good men and true, who cheerfully consented to be shut in a belfry for eleven hours and 33 minutes, to be without food or drink, to toil ceaselessly at their ropes and concentrate their mental faculties on their work to such a degree that they managed to ring 15,312 changes without error, then I think I am justified in attempting to dispel any impression that they were merely disturbers of the ether on a Bank Holiday.'

'Mind you, you have to be a campanologist to detect the changes. I frankly confess that not until the close of the record peal in the Ashton Parish Church on Bank Holiday did I detect any difference, and then the bells seemed to ring right down the scale, but my education has apparently been neglected. We all know now that it is possible to ring a complete peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and Ashton has the honour of having a peal of bells in its historic Parish Church on which the feat was accomplished. A cynic asked "What for?" but I sternly reminded him that the passion for records is not confined to bellringers, but dirt track enthusiasts, cricketers and footballers also attach great importance to records.'

VISIT TO YORK MINSTER.

WORSLEY RINGERS RENEW ACQUAINTANCE WITH GREAT PETER.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mark's Church, Worsley, took place on Saturday, August 10th. Leaving Worsley at 7 a.m., they journeyed through Bolton and Blackburn to Whalley, where they had a substantial breakfast. Then going on through beautiful country via Clitheroe, Gisburn and Skipton, they arrived at Harrogate, where they partook of lunch, which everyone enjoyed. After a brief look at the northern spa, they proceeded through Knaresborough, and reached York Minster at 2.15 p.m. Here they were met at the west end by some of the York ringers, who at once took them up into the tower. The middle eight were raised, and, after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the tenors were pulled up and a touch of Grandsire Caters rung. Owing to the service, the bells were lowered at 3.45, but the visitors were taken round to see the bells they had been ringing and also the 104 ton bell. This was a case of reviving old acquaintanceship, for most of the ringers had seen 'Great Peter' in the bell foundry at Loughborough two years ago prior to its departure to York. After a peep into the Minster and tea at Ouse Bridge, the party set out to make a call at Knaresborough, but, owing to a misunderstanding, they were delayed and had to cut it out with regret. They extend their apologies to the Knaresborough company, who were expecting to see them. Leaving York at 6.45 p.m., the party started the return journey, and after a most enjoyable day arrived at Worsley at 11.30 p.m. Their best thanks are offered to the Dean and Chapter of York for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Horner's colleagues for the kind way they were treated and shown all that could be seen in the time available.

'ROPE-SIGHT.'

A NEW EDITION.

One of the greatest services which Jasper Snowdon rendered to the Exercise was that of placing in the hands of beginners a book, written in simple language, which explained the rudiments of change ringing and their practical application in the belfry. He called this book 'Rope-sight,' and its usefulness and popularity as a means of instruction was at once appreciated. For exactly 50 years it has remained the first text book of the beginner, and, incidentally, it may be noted it was the forerunner of the Snowdon series, which has done so much to raise the standard of method ringing.

'Rope-sight' has now reached its eighth edition and is as much in demand as ever. It should be placed in the hands of every beginner and part of his education in ringing should be a study of the chapters of this book. It can be obtained (price 1s. 10d. post free) from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, N. Lanes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INTERESTING MEETING AT DORKING.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their summer meeting at Dorking on Saturday last. This is the first visit of the Guild to this fine church, and proved to be quite successful. The Church of St. Martin, rebuilt in 1873 in the decorated style, is the third edifice to be erected on this spot, and with its handsome spire is the most conspicuous building in the town. Rumour has it that had Dorking not been right on the edge of the diocese, the Church of St. Martin would have been the Cathedral. The bells are quite the oldest part of the church, and, judging from the remarks of some of the visitors, it is time some of their antiquity was shorn from them in the shape of completely rehanging the whole peal. Unfortunately, 'the powers that be' rule otherwise, so for the present the ringers' task here must remain an unenviable one.

About 30 members and friends took the opportunity to meet here, many of them for the first time. The following towers were represented: Dorking, Leatherhead, Hersham, Guildford (St. Nicolas'), Billingshurst, Pulborough, Warnham, Epsom (Christ Church and St. Martin's), Newdigate, Southgate, Merstham, Crawley, Horley, Godalming, Deptford and Southwark. Amongst the visitors were Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. J. Bull (hon. secretary, Surrey Association, Southern Branch).

Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and under the able management of Mr. Alfred H. Winch, who carried out very successfully the duties of ringing master, everyone had a pull, and some of them had too many. The remarks and facial expressions of some of the visitors who tackled bad going bells round the 'heavy end' were one of the amusing features of the meeting. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise defeated the efforts of the company.

Service was held in the church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Newill). Mr. J. Gore provided the musical accompaniment.

The members then adjourned for tea to the Church Room, and, following the tea, came a short business meeting, at which the Rev. E. J. Newill took the chair. Mr. Arthur H. Smith, of Leatherhead, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, of Brasted, Kent, a compounding member. Following the usual votes of thanks, the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which was continued till 8.30 p.m. Thus ended another successful meeting of the Leatherhead District. Good food, good music, a trial of strength and a trial of skill—the Leatherhead District provides them all, and after the meeting there are always members willing to show visitors the 'sights of the town.' This is the Leatherhead district's motto, and the committee beg leave to suggest that they have lived up to it at the latest of their meetings. The next meeting is at Epsom (St. Martin's) on October 12th. A. R. P.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Willingham on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended, including the general secretary, the Rev. R. Copeman. The towers represented were Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Chatteris, Fulbourn, Great Staughton, Hemmingford Abbots, Long Stanton, Melbourn, Over, Peterborough (Mr. Jutson), Somersham, Sawston and the local band. The association service was conducted by the Rev. J. G. Garland (Vicar of St. Mary's, Cardiff). Tea and meeting were held at the Three Tuns, and Ickleton was voted as the place of the next meeting at the latter end of September. Notice will be given in due course.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for conducting the service, to the Rev. A. C. Hair (Rector) for use of the bells, to Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. A. Huckle for having the bells in readiness. Touches in the standard methods were rung until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being satisfied with an enjoyable meeting.

BARKING'S 'COPYRIGHT.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Some 16 or 17 years ago we were short of ringers, and the then Vicar of Barking, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, asked me to write something for the Parish 'Mag,' drawing attention to the shortage. I did so, in the form of an advertisement, and the Vicar, being a 'sport,' published it as sent. I remember, when stating the terms of remuneration, being afraid of that part being censored.

Some Knight of the Scissors and Paste got hold of it, and part of it appeared in almost every newspaper at the time—even in places as wide apart as British Columbia and at least two Australian newspapers. Journals as divergent as 'The Star' and 'The Church Times' honoured Barking by telling the world the Parish Church wanted ringers, and their rate of pay. Tom Hibbert, of Reading, wrote me for it for use there a few years back.

In your this week's issue it appears that it has been resurrected as the product of a Leicester Vicar. Well, he is welcome to the use of it, and may it produce the desired result, but the copyright (if any) belongs to the 'Barking Parish Magazine' and yours sincerely,

THOMAS FAULKNER.

GRIMSBY RINGERS' OUTING TO LEICESTER.

On Saturday, July 27th, the ringers of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives and lady friends, had their annual outing and visited Leicester. Leaving Grimsby in the early morning, they picked up the G.O.M. from the country, who, as usual, came provided with a buttonhole for all. A halt was made at Newark for light refreshment and for a visit to the castle ruins. Then they went on to Loughborough for lunch. Here the party were shown over the celebrated foundry of Messrs. Taylor, with Mr. Stubbs as guide. A most interesting time was spent here, and at first trial the foundry bells played tricks with the ringers. Touches were also rung at the Parish Church. At Loughborough, too, the visitors were joined by their old friend and host from Leicester, Mr. F. H. Dexter, who piloted them to his city. Ringing was indulged in on the beautiful ring of twelve at St. Margaret's and on the rings of ten at the Cathedral and St. John the Divine Church. The ladies, meanwhile, 'faded away' into the large open market place, and found useful presents to take home. The return journey was made through Melton Mowbray and Grantham, Grimsby being reached at midnight in a blaze of light from a huge timber yard fire in the docks.

The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeple keepers and their old friends, Messrs. Dexter, Poole and W. Willson, of Leicester, Mr. Stubbs, and their own local secretary, 'Freddy.' Their best wishes also go out to all the newly-wedded couples they saw leaving the various churches on the way to Leicester.

THE 'MAASTER' RETIRES.**'FAREWELL' TO EAST ILSLEY VETERAN.**

'Twelve of the 'bwoys' and the 'passon' from East Ilsley village recently had their annual outing. At Caversham, where ringing is ringing, the 'bwoys' did their best to emulate the deeds of the local band, and met with fair success. Someone suggested that a visit to Caversham without calling at the 'Griffin' would be out of course; therefore, a sample was tried. Lunch took place at the Ringwell Cafe, Reading. Leaving Reading (having picked up 'Old Tom' and 'Young Bill'), Basingstoke was safely reached, the party being met by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. Here a pleasant half-hour was spent putting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis 'through their paces.' Whitechurch (Hants) was next on the programme, but a halt was made at Laverstoke, just outside Whitechurch, and at the tower Grandsire Doubles were tapped off. Arrival at Whitechurch was the cause of considerable amusement. The 'all ready' was shouted and 'Owd Bob' tugged and pulled at the 3rd without result. When the other seven bells had been set up the third was pulled up, much to Bob's surprise. Grandsire Triples was then rung. After tea Highclere, a fine little eight by Taylor, was visited, and the party arrived at Newbury at 8.45 p.m., whence 'Old Tom' departed for Reading. Later Ilsley was safely reached. To the various incumbents and tower keepers of the churches visited the Ilsley 'bwoys' extend their best thanks. The conducting of the day was shared by 'Old Tom,' 'Young Bill' and 'Buffer.'

On Sunday evening a 500 of Grandsire Triples was rung as a compliment to the 'Maaster,' who was retiring after 50 years' faithful service to his church and fellow-ringers. It would benefit a great many if a pattern was taken from 'Maaster's' book, as for 50 years he had been punctual and regular in attendance, always ready to do that which he considered right. It is hard to replace such men as these. The proudest day of his ringing career was blowing the 'big inn' behind to the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples. This was the extent of his peal ringing, but his loyalty to his church and the Guild will long be remembered after the peal has been forgotten. The ringers of the 500 were: G. J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 4, E. Sneller 5, W. Hibbert, sen., 6, H. Brown 7, K. Burt 8.

W. H.

CHESHIRE RINGERS AT NOTTINGHAM.

A party of Cheshire ringers, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, R. Sperring, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards, G. Jones and J. W. Clarke, set forth on Friday, July 5th, to sample the bells in the Nottingham district. Shortly after three o'clock the party and luggage were comfortably packed in two cars, and the ancient city of Chester was left to enjoy its own rain! Macclesfield was reached in good time, and the noted climb over the Pennines to Buxton loomed ahead. The famous Cat and Fiddle Inn, perched on the crest of the hill, is passed (if shut) on the left, and Buxton soon appears at the end of a long descent. It was unfortunate that the rain made it impossible to enjoy the fine scenery in this district.

Duffield, the first place of call, was reached about 7.30 p.m., where several members of the local company met the visitors, and conducted them to the belfry of this beautiful church, famous among ringers for its associations with the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Among the many peal boards in the tower, the one recently erected by the Central Council as a memorial to Sir Arthur is of special interest. Ringing was enjoyed for about an hour, after which the remainder of the journey to Nottingham was completed. Here the travellers were met by Mr. A. Coppock, who had been good enough to make arrangements for them, to 'park' at the George, and as it was 9.30 p.m. the visitors' book was signed with all speed, and a few good 'rounds' were enjoyed before supper.

There was considerable improvement in the weather next morning, and Ilkeston was reached shortly after nine. This tower contains a pleasing ring of eight, and with the help of Mr. Wragg, who kindly took the tenor rope, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was completed in 43 mins. Stanton-by-Dale, the next tower visited, was of considerable interest, especially to Mr. Wilde, for it was in this church that he was married. The bells were soon raised, and an extent of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, followed by 360 Kent and a course of London. The Rector's kindness in showing the party round his delightful garden, and presenting a basket of refreshing strawberries, was greatly appreciated.

After a short run, Sandiacre was reached in time for ringing before lunch. It was on this fine old-fashioned ring of six that Mr. Wilde rang his first peal in 1889. That peal is made more interesting by the fact that it was the first for the M.C.A. To commemorate the event, Mr. Wilde called a 720 of Oxford and Kent spliced, and before the visitors left Mr. J. Hall, the towerkeeper, joined in a course of London.

Permission to use the bells at Long Eaton had been obtained for the early afternoon, and Mr. Coppock, having joined the party, coats were again discarded. The tower, although rather small, contains a light, smooth-running eight, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 42 mins., followed by touches of Double Norwich, in which some of the local company joined.

The large, roomy tower of Beeston made quite a contrast with the previous one. Here, again, some of the local ringers were good enough to meet the visitors, and touches of Treble Bob Major and Cambridge were completed before turning towards Nottingham again. Halts were made on the way to view the new university opened last year by H.M. the King, and the magnificent war memorial arch surrounded by its delightful grounds.

After a leisurely tea to the strains of music, a little sightseeing was indulged in before repairing to the belfry of St. Peter's shortly before eight o'clock, where the visitors were very pleased to meet Mr. W. E. White (former secretary of the M.C.A.), Mr. F. Blood and Miss Thompson. Touches of Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. It was regretted that Mr. Cobbin, who had been good enough to make arrangements for the bells to be available, was not able to join in the ringing. Nottingham boasts many quaint old taverns, with names equally quaint, so, having come to the end of a good day's ringing, it was not very difficult to find a congenial retreat.

On Sunday morning the meeting place was St. Mary's, where the fine ring of ten were rung for the special thanksgiving service, which was attended by His Grace the Duke of Portland and the Mayor and Corporation. In the early afternoon, Nottingham was left behind with many regrets. The return journey was made via Leek, where a halt was made to visit the tower of the Parish Church. Although the visit was unexpected, Mr. Ridgeway, the leader, was good enough to hand over the ropes to the visitors, and, after a touch of Stedman Triples, the ten were heard in Caters. They are undoubtedly a beautiful ring in every respect.

This concluded the ringing part of the programme, and there was nothing left to do but to go home. Good things, they say, soon come to an end, but, fortunately, they leave pleasant memories behind. The Cheshire ringers will retain many pleasant memories of their tour in the Nottingham district, and would like to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for the warm welcome extended to them at all towers. Special thanks are due to Mr. Coppock for his many kindnesses and unsparing efforts, which undoubtedly made the week-end the success it was.

J. W. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Keevil, on Saturday, August 3rd, but on account of the wet afternoon and the holidays the attendance was small. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Weller), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Hegginsbotham. The choir boys were in attendance, and the singing was unaccompanied.

Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. The Chairman referred to the inductions of the Rector of Trowbridge and the Vicar of Edington, also to the death of Canon Mogg, formerly Vicar of Bishop's Cannings, an hon. member of the Guild, who took a great interest in the branch. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the last named.

The Chairman also congratulated Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, on ringing his 100th peal for the Guild, and also the ringers who had rung peals for the branch for the King's thanksgiving.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported that he had written a letter on behalf of the branch to Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, on the occasion of his birthday, and at his request the chairman read Mr. West's reply.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Urchfont on August 24th, if the bells are available.

On the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, also to the choir boys and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar replied.

Ringers were present from Keevil, Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Keevil possesses a nice ring of six (tenor 19 cwt., diameter 48in.). The treble is by Thomas Meats (1842). The second is inscribed, 'Hope Well, I.W., 1609,' and the 3rd 'Fear the Lorde, I.W., 1609.' James Wells, of Aldbourne, cast the 4th in 1810. The fifth and sixth were cast by Thomas Bilbie in 1761. They bear the names of Samuel Atwood and Thomas Bell, John Marieram and John Taylor, churchwardens, and are ornamented with roses, crosses and fleur-de-lis. There is also a Sanctus bell, which is ancient, and hangs in the original cot at the east end of nave.

The church, an early English building, was unfortunately remodelled in the 17th century. The window of the north transept is a memorial to the Right Hon. W. Hicks-Beach, Father of the House of Commons, who died in 1903. There are the names of four churchwardens on the 5th and 6th bells. This may be accounted for by the fact that the living is held with Bulkington, the church of which was destroyed about the time of the Reformation. The people of Bulkington then attended Keevil Church until between 60 and 70 years ago, when a new church was built at Bulkington. The living is now known as Keevil-cum-Bulkington.

MR. WALTER PERKINS' 300 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	2	—
Plain Minor, 1 method	1	1
Plain Minor, 7 methods	19	8
Treble Bob Minor, 7 methods	4	—
Surprise Minor, 1 method	5	4
Surprise Minor, 7 methods	1	—
Bob Triples	2	1
Grandsire Triples (c)	17	7
Stedman Triples	55	18
Bob Major (b)	4	1
Treble Bob Major (a)	8	—
Double Norwich Major	72	20
Superlative Surprise Major	67	13
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	3
Bristol Surprise Major	11	2
London Surprise Major	11	3
Stedman Caters	4	—
Bob Royal	1	—
Treble Bob Royal	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—
Total	300	79

(a) Includes 10,176; (b) 4 peals on handbells; (c) conducted 1 on handbells. Rung in 53 towers, in 10 counties.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On August 13th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Doubles, being three six-scores of Canterbury Doubles, four of Plain Bob and three and a half of Grandsire Doubles: E. Coles 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Bailey (conductor) 3, Lewis Wright 4, Evan Coles 5, Fred Wright 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Molton 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Reeves 3, E. Smith 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule 6, A. Prior (conductor) 7, J. Bullen 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong at the Parish Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 42 mins.: S. Warne 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. G. Welbourne 3, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, A. Tugwell 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Ticehurst.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, *E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, H. Arrand 5, Jim McCluskey 6, *Joe McCluskey 7, *E. Cooper (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Bob Major.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles and 504 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins.: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Hospital Sunday, August 18th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Robinson 1, W. Seekings (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, E. Wakeling 3, A. J. Abrams 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, F. Robinson 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 18th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) in 53 mins.: F. Barrett 1, R. G. Rice 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. Honey 5, J. Nobes 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, E. A. Passam 8, G. Caudwell 9, A. E. Lock 10.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, August 18th, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: G. E. Foster 1, J. F. Milner (conductor) 2, H. F. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, E. H. Clulow 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Longest touch on the bells since they were put on ball bearings.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: L. Nemes 1, J. Harper 2, B. Chew 3, G. Wilks 4, H. Reid 5, J. Bishop 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. W. Lowe.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Thomas' Church for evensong, 720 Kingston Treble Bob Minor: N. Clark 1, J. North 2, R. Stiles 3, I. Bryant 4, J. Roberts, sen., 5, E. B. McKie (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method on the bells and by all the band, who are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 11th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks (Beckenham) 3, T. Chinery (Long Melford) 4, F. G. Symonds (London) 5, A. Symonds 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Composed and conducted by S. H. Symonds.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 22 mins.: A. Harding (first 720) 1, C. E. Rayson 2, H. Harris 3, A. H. Beamish 4, J. E. Moreton (conductor) 5, G. Veasey (first 720) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 4th, for 11 a.m. matins, 816 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church prior to evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: J. Blackmore 1, W. Popham 2, W. Tanner 3, J. R. Jones 4, A. E. Parsons (Old Hill, Staffs) 5, E. Parker 6, C. R. Lilley, conductor (Congresbury) 7, W. Pitman 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Ward 1, C. J. Rugg 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, D. White 4, A. J. Turner 5, R. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. F. Steadman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who takes a great interest in ringing. It was the first quarter-peal by a local band for a long time.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins.: E. Tyler 1, E. Sargeant 2, O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung by an entirely local band.

TIVERTON.—At St. Peter's Church for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 51 mins.: Mrs. C. Knowles 1, W. Cockram 2, F. Viney 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Coles 5, F. Newcombe 6, E. Stith (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. Ringers of 4th and 7th from South Wales.

BATH.—On Sunday, July 28th, at the Church of St. Saviour, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss N. G. Williams 1, S. White 2, Mrs. Broome 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. Taylor 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, C. W. Bell 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—A J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) available at 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.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wilbarston (5) on Saturday, August 24th. Bus from London Road, Kettering, 2.20 p.m. Stoke Albany (6) bells after tea. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, August 24th. All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Andrew's 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. W. H. Lawrence as early as possible.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association, Little Munden, Ware, Herts; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting to appoint a successor to the Bedford District secretary, who is shortly moving to Peterborough, will be held at Kempston on August 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend, and that all of the District Committee will be present.—J. T. Newington, 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rogate on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the White Horse Inn. Nearest station Petersfield (4 miles).—A. W. Groves.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Folkestone on August 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wooburn on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley bells available afternoon and evening. Other towers to be announced later. All ringers welcome. Those desiring tea must inform Mr. J. Boyles, Hawley Bridge, Blackwater, before Wednesday, August 28th.—C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall (6 bells) on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 31st. All towers belonging to the association are requested to join at once; 6s. per tower; usual conditions and rules. First company drawn at 3 p.m. to take the ropes. Further particulars in next week's issue. Further practise not allowed. Good bus service from all directions.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 1 to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar. Those requiring tea please send card by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 31st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who notify Mr. D. England, Hatfield, not later than Wednesday, August 28th. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., which will be in Blaise Castle, by kind permission. All visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by August 27th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton Astley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Sept. 7th. Bells open early. Tea can be had by applying to Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms, Eyam. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Kenn on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available: Kenn (6), Alphington (8), Exminster (6), Kenton (6). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Whimble, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; business very important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (new peal of 6 by Taylor) Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Silver Queen bus leaves Lincoln at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; returns

from Grantham at 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Rank, New Lane, Malton Road, York, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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A party of 30 ringers and friends of St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare, had a long motor tour for their annual excursion. At Bristol they were joined by Mr. W. Thomas (president of the Bristol United Guilds), and the journey then took the company through pretty and interesting country. Ringing was enjoyed at Stoke-on-the-Wold, and the journey's limit, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, was reached at 1.30 p.m. Here dinner was served, and at the conclusion of the repast Mr. Thomas, after thanking the company for the cordial welcome extended to him, referred to the splendid efforts made by Mr. Ernest Parker in the interests of the Weston ringers, and also to his sterling work as conductor. He had worked hard in various ways, he said, and was an all-round sportsman, and his colleagues in the belfry desired to mark their appreciation of his valuable services by presenting him with smoker's requisites, which included a 'first-rate' pipe. Musical honours followed for the recipient, who suitably replied, thanking the company for their kindness and adding that anything he had done for them was in the best interests of ringing and had been a real pleasure to him.

The Westonians were then conducted by Mr. Bryan (captain of the Moreton band) to St. David's Church, where several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and the party then set off for Cheltenham for tea. On the way home ringing took place at Thornbury, and a supper and social were enjoyed at Bristol. Here the Westonians were joined by Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary of Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mr. W. S. Emery (associate of the Bristol Branch), and some excellent songs were rendered, among the contributors being Messrs. Milton Jones, E. Parker, G. Ralls, George Taylor and others, with Mr. Harold Minifie presiding at the piano. Weston was safely reached soon after midnight. The pleasure of this annual outing was considerably enhanced by the extreme generosity of a well-known local lady, who has always been keenly interested in the welfare of the Weston ringers, but who modestly desires to remain anonymous.

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