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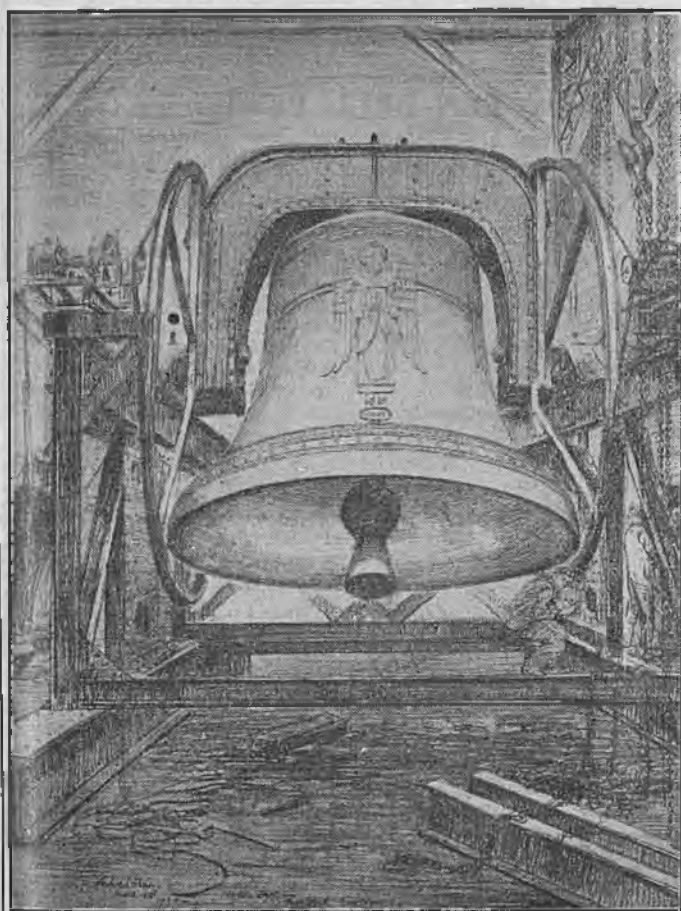
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A NATIONAL SOCIETY OF RINGERS?

As time goes on the various associations throughout the country get more and more inter-related through the now extensive practice of electing non-resident life members at an inclusive and reduced fee. In some cases the membership roll consists of as many as twenty per cent. non-residents, so that the overlapping is really of considerable proportions. This is all to the good in the interests of ringing, inasmuch as it is evidence of the growing intercourse which is taking place between one society and another. But this development of relationship opens up the question of a broader basis of organisation in the Exercise, and from time to time the suggestion of a national society for ringers is mooted. It was spoken of at a meeting reported elsewhere in this issue, and while the founding of one great central body is probably a very distant project, there is no reason why associations should not consider any ideas which may be put forward for drawing them closer together, in furtherance of their common objects.

To make one great and general amalgamation of all the ringing societies is open to many serious objections, not least of which would be the loss of individuality and local identity of the territorial Associations and Guilds. A national organisation is hardly likely to command the support of the individual ringer to the same extent as a diocesan or county association; its management and direction would be too remote to interest him—even now, in many cases, he shows only the faintest interest in the affairs of his local association, and if this frail link were broken his interest would doubtless evaporate entirely. And apart from the ringers, there would most probably be a loss of interest among those outside, that is among honorary members, who at present give their support to ringing societies. A national organisation would not be likely to appeal to their sympathy or their pockets in the same way that something intimately linked up with their diocese or county does to-day. Financially, therefore, there would most likely be considerable loss, and as few of our societies could carry on on present lines without the assistance of honorary members, it means that the ringer's contribution to a national society would of necessity have to be greater than he at present pays.

There is, however, a means already at hand, by which something could be done in the hope of drawing the associations closer together than they are to-day, and that is through the Central Council. There are various small ways in which closer relationship could be promoted between the societies, and if a reorganisation of the con-

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stitution of the Council is to be considered, associations might well explore any avenues by which their joint advancement might be furthered. One of the reasons which lead to the suggestion of a national organisation is the cost to a ringer who desires to visit some place outside his own area to ring a peal. He becomes mulcted in a 'compounding' member's subscription, which may be anything from half-a-crown to seven shillings and sixpence, and he may, perhaps, never visit that district again. There are some ringers who think that a scheme should be evolved to lighten this 'burden,' and this is one matter to which the associations and Council might give consideration.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 8
A. STANLEY BOAR 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET 11
HARRY BARTON 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Brundle on attaining his 78th birthday. Messrs. Barton and Boar were visitors from Ventnor and Teignmouth respectively.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* LESLIE R. WELCH Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert J. Maynard; also to Mrs. F. C. Maynard.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY 2	* WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK J. RING, JUN. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
WILLIAM MARTIN 4	MARCELLUS DIGBY Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* Proposed a member before starting.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	HENRY DANIELS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to William Savage, aged 75, for many years one of the local band. Mr. T. Newman was on a visit from London.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F

*WILLIAM BAILEY ... Treble	JOHN BAGLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM JAGO ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 6
JOSEPH LESLIE ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN BREESE ... Tenor

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON

Conducted by J. BREESE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. A. E. LOCK ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM STONE ... 6
JACK HONEY ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
JOHN NOBES ... 4	FRANK WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GEORGE H. COX ... Treble	*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	†FREDERICK APPLETON ... 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM STONE ... 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 4	†GEORGE COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight on a bob bell.
† First of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Wickson and Mr. Frederick C. Leach, who were married at the above church earlier in the day. Miss Wickson is the churchwarden's daughter, and the band take this opportunity of thanking him for his hospitality after the peal.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT RIBBANS ... Treble	*JOSEPH JENNINGS ... 5
†ARTHUR T. SMITH ... 2	†ALFRED PERRY ... 6
WILLIAM KEYBLE ... 3	†ERNEST TOWNSEND ... 7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEYBLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a thankoffering for the recovery after a serious illness of Laurence Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, who kindly entertained the band at the close of the peal.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 2	GYWN I. LEWIS ... 6
FREDERICK E. STONE ... 3	*WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
WALTER J. NURTON ... 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* Proposed a member before the peal. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Bridgwater.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HENRY C. ALFORD ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
RICHARD HAYES ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man and the conductor.

MILNROW, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

G. STAFF ... Treble	S. W. DUNN ... 5
JOHN FITTON ... 2	J. C. BENNETT ... 6
W. STAFF ... 3	A. BUCKLEY ... 7
J. B. SHAW ... 4	J. H. G. MASSEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD.

Conducted by G. STAFF.

All are service ringers at the above church. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the opening of the church.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	STAFFORD H. GAFEN ... 7
GILBERT R. GODSHIP ... 4	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Birthday peal for the ringers of 4th and 5th. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral, which had to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Buesden for his assistance, and the Rector of St. Stephen's for granting permission at a moment's notice.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS ESTHER MATHEWS ... Treble	MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 5
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 2	MISS RUBY HAZEL ... 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 7
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ... 4	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER
The conductor's 200th peal.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 5
JOHN J. PRICE ... 2	*MAJOR W. T. BOUGHNEY ... 6
THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
*WALTER FERN ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HARRY L. SMITH ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	JOHN W. RAWSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MISS F. DAVEY ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
THEODORE GANT ... 2	†DUNCAN MATHEWS ... 6
*STEPHEN J. WHITE ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
CHARLES W. BELL ... 4	FRANK PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble	†ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
*FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	†ALAN R. PINK ... 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE ... 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell. † First peal in the method. This is the first Surprise peal rung entirely by resident members of the Leatherhead District of the Guild.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 6 six-scores of Stedman, 4 each of New Doubles, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and St. Simon's, and 10 six-scores each of Grandsire and St. Dunstan.

*S. JOYNER ... Treble	E. PREEDY ... 4
A. HARNER ... 2	T. PRICE ... 5
J. JOYNER ... 3	L. BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. JOYNER.

* First peal and aged 14 years. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on attaining his 21st birthday. L. Barry's 50th peal for the association. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM BAVIN ... Treble	FRANK W. LACK ... 4
JOSEPH CRISELL ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
GEORGE L. PERKINS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, for whom the peal was arranged, belong to Great Staughton, and this was their first of Surprise.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS DORIS CLAY ... Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
GEORGE LADD ... 2	†JOHN G. AMES ... 5
*CHARLES H. FARR ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung recently in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery of His Majesty the King from his serious illness.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*ARTHUR HATCH ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal in the method. H. Blackledge was re-elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. William Henry Saunders, who was inducted on the 17th September.

MEAVY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT Treble	ALFRED W. MYERS ... 4
*WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 5
BERTRAM WEBBER ... 3	ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* 70th peal and first peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells. The band extend their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Stephens for making the arrangements and his kind hospitality after the peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

B. T. JEANES Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 4
ARTHUR H. REED 2	PERCY MERSON 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT GLYNN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

A SUFFOLK TOUR.

The following peals were the result of a week's ringing by members of the Suffolk Guild, organised by Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Pye:—

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the methods on the bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Thursday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: A. Missing 1, C. L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, F. Good 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, A. Foreman 6. Longest touch on the present six bells, and believed to be the longest ever rung in the tower.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 200th peal in the method.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS CHINNERY ... Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the methods on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	... 5
GEORGE WHITING	... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 3	ALBERT W. COLES	... 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS CHINNERY Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... 2	GEORGE R. PYE	... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

First peal in the method on the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... 5
GEORGE R. PYE	... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	... 6
ALBERT W. COLES	... 3	WILLIAM PYE	... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The above is the 100th occasion on which the conductor has rung two peals in a day.

The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the various clergy for giving permission, and the steeplekeepers at all the towers who did so much to make the tour a success.

A KENTISH TOUR.

Ringers of Lynginge Parish Church, Kent, and friends had their annual outing on Saturday, September 14th. Leaving at 8.30 a.m., they journeyed via Ashford to Harrietsham, where the first stop was made.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. de V. Watson) was soon on the spot, and the bells were set going for about an hour. It was at Harrietsham that James Barham rang his first peal. The company made their way to West Malling, where they were met by the Vicar and enjoyed further ringing. After lunching at Tunbridge Wells, they went on to Cranbrook. Here the only mishap of the day occurred, the hon. secretary of the party kindly breaking the rope of the tenor bell. This cut short the stop at Cranbrook, and the part set out for Headcorn, where they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Gertie), and Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the latter having things ready. Grandsire Triples was rung on these beautiful toned bells, and the company were loth to leave. The party then went on to Appledore, stopping en route at Tenterden to partake of a well-earned tea. Reaching Appledore, the ringers made their way to the tower, under the leadership of Mr. Johnson, and to complete the ringing for the day, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. It was the unanimous opinion of friends and ringers that the best ringing of the tour was at Appledore. After an excellent ride, an ideal day, and some beautiful bells to ring on, home was reached about 10.15 p.m. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Harrietsham, West Malling, Cranbrook, Headcorn, and Appledore for granting permission for the use of the bells, their kindness being much appreciated by all.

DORSET DAYS.

(Continued from page 603.)

BELLS CAST IN A FIELD

On Tuesday, Beaminster was the destination. While waiting for the conclusion of morning prayers, the ringers visited Broadwinor for a brief touch of Minor on the ring of six bells, rehung in an iron frame in 1837, and with tenor of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. St. Mary's, Beaminster, possesses a beautiful western tower, similar to Titchmarsh, Northants, and here the Vicar and Mr. Bugler, local hon. secretary, met the visitors and gave assistance in the belfry. A valiant attempt for Cambridge Major was made, but, there being no 'Varsity man' in the band, it failed to 'matriculate,' although owing to the heat of the day perspiration trickled freely for more than an hour. The bells are a complete ring of eight, tenor 45½ in. diameter, 20 cwt. in D, cast in 1785 by the Bilbies, of Culmpton, in the field adjoining the churchyard. The boundary wall shows to this day where it was cut through to allow the bells to be moved up to their long life in the steeple.

A hot lunch was welcomed at an inn named the New Hotel, which was probably standing when Tom Bilbie and his son came to cast their bells for both Broad and Beami parishes. This house possesses a skittle alley, tempting enough for an afternoon off by the 'Throw-bridge' man, but George Williams simply carried Sam away after three balls had been bowled.

After the successful peal at Bridport on Tuesday evening, some of the local band, with Mr. W. S. B. Northover, hon. secretary, came to offer congratulations, and explained that only two peals had been rung in the town previously—Stedman and Grandsire Triples. He saw that the names of the party were duly entered in the belfry book, and it is advisable not to state where they went afterwards, or how they fared at the Sun Inn when the sun went down. Seated beside the churchyard gate in his chair was one of the old Bridport ringers, who had placed himself in a favourable position to see the men and hear their performance. He is a young Lawrence, of Shifnal, in stature, weighing approximately 20 stone perhaps, and he stated that he had not been able to go up to the belfry for years, but had been to the bell loft, seen the new bells and frame, and had felt happier ever since. Wonder ceased when he explained that he had bribed the bellhanger to hoist him up to the bell loft before taking down the tackle.

How Mrs. Williams rolled her sleeves up to act as scullery maid and how Mr. Hector parked his five-seater in a rabbit hutch are side issues to be passed over, with the remark that bellringers do 'see life'—occasionally.

MILTON ABBEY.

'Make yourself at home and your friends will love you'—and this is exactly what the party of ten aimed at on Wednesday, when after a lost peal of Cambridge Major at Bradpole in the morning they again invaded the homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Beams. Devon cider and home-made Dorset sausage afforded ideal luncheon for a heat wave, but the company were denied the usual 'sit awhile' after it, and only time enough was allowed for Mrs. Williams to hand to Mrs. Beams a small parcel containing a 'keepsake' from the guests. On removing the paper coverings the recipient, already agreeably surprised, returned her thanks with a beaming smile, and thus farewells were spoken and taken and the journey of 22 miles resumed.

It was not a case of 'Hail! smiling morn,' to one of the band. Mr. Cave, half-mad with neuralgia, was driven to Bridport and had a painful tooth extracted as soon as the party left the belfry.

Milton Abbey, the next tower to be visited, adjoins one of the most ancient and stately homes of the county, and permission for a peal is seldom obtained. All the vehicles arrived safe and punctually, including the little West End 'Morgan.' Mr. Perkins' head gardener showed the grounds, gardens and greenhouses, where grapes and bananas were hanging temptingly. Of the ancient Abbey, only the chancel, transepts and the central towers are standing to-day, restored from the ancient ruins; there is yet the nave to reconstruct. Dedicated to St. Sampson, it is a beautiful building, separated from the mansion—formerly a Benedictine monastery—by a few yards. In 1861 there were five bells hung here by Warners. They have since been made into eight, tenor 38 in. diameter, 11 cwt. in G. These are quite separate from the three clock bells cast by Wells, of Aldbourn, in 1804. A whole book of history is attached to this famous place, stones and fronts of the building going back to 12th century. The main road of the village is an object lesson to all interested in garden cities, and it was laid out more than a century back.

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The performance here was slow, for one reason being that little 73 years old 'Sampson' on the tenor never hurries his ringing or eating; another that lights were not turned up, it grew dark and everyone slowed down to make sure if the ropes were at hand or backstroke. On the way back to Dorchester the motorists slowed down, too, the brothers Andrews, with their motor-cycle, 'helping' two of the cars in a predicament before ten tried churchmen slept in the county town.

Thursday, the final day, began at 8.15, and by a pretty ride to Wyke Regis, through Weymouth, only to find the church in disorder and electricians laying in their tubes. Lighting, however, does not trouble a morning attempt. Wyke bells are a peal of eight, cast by Taylor, 1891. Previously there were only three bells here, with the tenor badly cracked. A record exists here that three bells were blessed by Bishop Beauchamp in 1455.

After the peal a call was made on Mr. Jennings, local captain, who was laid up with a sprained back. His absence and that of the Vicar, who was on holiday, left the duty of host in the vergers' well-tried hands, and a roadman's lunch was consumed before returning for the final attempt at Dorchester Parish Church in the evening.

To Mr. F. C. Benger (captain) and Mr. J. W. Smith (secretary) the visitors desire to tender their thanks for attentions which helped to complete the Stedman peal achieved. The bells, a ring of six, of 1734—cast from five old bells of 1550—were made eight by Bilbie in 1750 (tenor 49in. diameter), Warners recasting two and restoring the peal in 1889. A notice appears on the belfry door giving the foreman's address and the hours of Sunday ringing and practices at St. Peter's. Rather a useful idea and a help to strange ringers to find their way up for a touch. Three cars and a cycle went their way of parting, and only old Bill was left for the railway to carry home with his little handbag, with the Irish customs' mark upon it still visible.

A VISIT TO WISBOROUGH.

On Saturday afternoon, August 31st, ringers from various towers paid a visit to the very pretty village of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and enjoyed a ring on the recently augmented peal. Among the visitors was Mr. Charles Tribe, of Tenterden, Kent, who in his early youth lived there. The ringing included 720's in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor, also 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The following took part in the ringing: T. Adams, J. Burdfield, F. Brooks, P. H. Doick, A. Fiest, C. Tribe, R. Wood, the conducting being shared by Messrs. A. Fiest and C. Tribe. At tea the company were the guests of Mr. Tribe. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Newton, M.A.) for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. G. Ford, the local secretary for his help.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A successful monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday. Members attended from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Husbands Bosworth, Monk's Kirby, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke in Coventry, Stoke Golding, Rugby and Willoughby. The bells, a light peal of six (the back five of which were cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1705, and retuned and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1927), were raised about 3 p.m., and kept going in various methods until five o'clock. The ringers then repaired to the schoolroom, where they partook of a splendid tea. Returning to the belfry, which has a stone floor sloping towards the main door, ringing was again indulged in until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob Doubles and Minor Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Stedman, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH. BUCKS. BRANCH.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, September 7th. The fine weather, the beautiful surroundings, and a good attendance made the gathering all that could be desired. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Stoney Stratford and Shenley, with visitors from Bedford, Woburn and Linslade. The bells were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Great Brickhill, Rev. D. R. James, the Guild form being used. A short and interesting address was given by the Rev. Harper, Vicar of Little Brickhill. Tea was served at the village hotel, when about 30 sat down.

The Secretary, Mr. W. Sear, announced that there was no special business to be transacted, but proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Great Brickhill for arranging for the meeting, to the Rev. Harper for his address, and to the organist. This was suitably responded to.

Great Brickhill is a beautiful spot, with a nice church. The only place that is not pleasant is the ringing chamber, because of the absence of light and ventilation. No ringing can take place without artificial light, and a window is badly needed. This was brought before those concerned with a view to discussing the matter with the Parochial Church Council to see if something can be done.

Ringling during the afternoon varied from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The secretary of the Salisbury Guild, Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who, in common with other members of the Central Council, has recently visited Belgium, has been elected a member of the Carillon League of Bruges, or, in the sonorous Flemish version of its title, Brugsche Klokkenpelvereniging.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle, the Ipswich veteran, celebrated his 78th birthday last week by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The ringers who spent the week-end at Surfleet, September 7th to 9th, will learn with surprise and regret that Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, and who rang in the peals at Ewerby and Heckington, is in bed suffering from typhoid fever.

A ringing week in Suffolk, which resulted in twelve Surprise Major peals, concluded on Saturday. This is the way in which they rang them:—

Sunday: London Surprise.

Monday: Bristol and Cambridge.

Tuesday: Superlative and London.

Wednesday: Bristol.

Thursday: Cambridge and London.

Friday: Bristol and London.

Saturday: Cambridge and London.

Four of the band, Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, E. P. Duffield and C. W. Roberts, took part in all the peals, and during the week Mr. W. Pye rang his 200th peal of London Surprise and two peals in a day for the one hundredth time!

Another ringing tour is in progress this week in Cheshire and North Wales.

A gift of £50 has been received from Mr. J. H. Putnam, of Hartford, U.S.A., towards a new bell at Ashton Abbots, Bucks, Parish Church, which his ancestors attended in 1640.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has met with an accident, which has temporarily laid him aside.

'Old Bill' has been having a good time in his favourite 'rest billet' in Lincolnshire. Taken on a tour over lines of communication, he has been able to pass an opinion on the rings of twelve at Lincoln, Sheffield and York. He is back again now in his 'dug-out' in London.

Thirty years ago to-day the first peal of Stedman Caters in Hants was rung at Winchester Cathedral. Only half of that band remain.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760. His investigations in the art and the publication of his 'Campanologia' make him one of the outstanding figures in the history of the Exercise.

A peal of 5,040 'Bob Majors,' the first peal 'on ye eight new bells at Saint Mary, Rotherhithe,' was rung by the Eastern Scholars on October 1st, 1749.

A peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston on October 1st, 1793, conducted by Joshua Short.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £3 13s., donation from a ringer who rang his first peal at Isleworth £1, A. H. Winch 5s., R. K. Knight, Leytonstone 2s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.

TIDESWELL'S FAMOUS CHURCH.

Tideswell Church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is of the 14th century, and the tower in particular presents a very fine spectacle with its four surrounding pinnacles. The interior contains brasses and tombs, one of which is dated 1358, and a chancel screen. The wood carving in the chancel and elsewhere in the church is particularly fine, most of the work having been done locally. It has a peal of eight bells recently installed by Messrs. Taylor & Co. This famous church is known throughout Derbyshire as the 'Cathedral of the Peak' and one has only to visit the church to realise the worthiness and aptness of its title.



TIDESWELL CHURCH—'THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'

A very successful joint meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at this church on Saturday week, when more than 70 ringers took the opportunity of trying the fine peal of eight bells recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The towers of the Peak District represented were Bakewell, Castleton, Eyam, Longstone, Matlock, and Tideswell, whilst members from Ashton-under-Lyne, Duffield and Handsworth were present on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. Other ringing visitors turned up from Ecclesfield, Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Derby, Staveley, Chesterfield, Loughborough and Norton, a party from the latter place taking the opportunity of making Tideswell their rendezvous for their annual outing. Some very good ringing took place during the day, and many were the expressions of appreciation of the fine 'go' of the bells; they are so easy to handle.

With their customary hospitality, the Tideswell folk provided a sumptuous tea, for which the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, expressed thanks on behalf of all present.

In welcoming the visitors, the Rev. W. P. Edwards, Vicar of Tideswell, also took the opportunity of saying how much they owed Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the fine work they had carried out; he felt sure it would last for generations to come.—In thanking the Vicar for his kind words, Mr. Colin Harrison explained what the restoration and augmentation had involved, and said the firm had felt honoured to be associated with such a magnificent church and tower.

At the meetings which followed, the Rev. W. P. Wright took the chair for the Peak District, and explained that the secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, much regretted being unable to be present owing to being on holiday.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Darley Dale on October 12th.

At the ladies' meeting, Miss N. Cawthorne, secretary, was in command, and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold their next meeting at Dore, near Sheffield, on the usual date.

Ringers were loth to leave the bells, but train and bus are no respecters of persons, with the result that at 8 o'clock the gathering broke up, but the memories of that happy meeting will linger for many days to come in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE OBJECTION TO ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The proposal to substitute annual for triennial elections to the Central Council is open to two objections. First, it would prove impracticable; secondly, it would have exactly the opposite effect to that desired. As is well known, the actual work of the Council is done chiefly by committees. If members held office only for one year, there would be no certainty that any of those appointed to serve on a committee one year would be present the next year to report! The only exception would be in the case of honorary members. The inevitable result of such a state of things would be that the work of the Council would tend to become more and more concentrated in the hands of honorary members, to the exclusion of the elected representatives, and the acts of the Council would consequently become less, instead of more, representative of the affiliated societies.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. EDWARDS.

ONE CENTRAL ORGANISATION.

CHESTER GUILD AND NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION MEET.

A joint meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and North Staffs Association was held on Saturday, September 14th, at Astbury, which is a delightful village in Cheshire just over the Staffordshire border. The church is one of the most ancient and beautiful to be found in the country, and well worth a visit by anyone interested in architectural beauty. This church formerly possessed a peal of four bells, which have recently been augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are now a lovely ring of six.

There was a good attendance, and almost all the towers in the surrounding district were represented. A service was conducted by the Rector.

Afterwards the company was entertained to tea by the Astbury ringers, after which there were votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Astbury ringers for providing the tea and entertaining the visitors so well.

Everyone agreed that this, the first joint meeting of the two Guilds, must be repeated, and it was decided forthwith to hold another meeting at the same place next year.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, spoke of the good work that might be done by these joint meetings, and expressed the hope that they would be held more frequently all over the country. He also quoted extracts from 'The Ringing World's' leading article on the subject, which was much appreciated.

Mr. Langford, secretary of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, spoke in similar terms. Mr. R. T. Holding referred to the good feeling which prevailed among ringers, and said that it was well that they should fraternise frequently at such meetings. He also prophesied that all ringing societies would in time be worked from one centre, and that all members would, therefore, be members of one great body, and so do away with the question of whether they were members of this or that particular association.

This idea seemed to meet with the approval of all present.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and various methods were rung, including London, Cambridge, Biddulph, Plain Bob, etc. This brought to a close one of the best meetings ever held in the district.

JAMES BARHAM'S GREAT FEAT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your correspondent's query re James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, it was not in the 40,320 that he rang 14 hours, but in the following:—

1755, March 31, Monday, we attempted a 40,320 Quadruple and Tripple changes of Bob Major and ended thus, viz., . . . at 2 o'clock in the afternoon Began and on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the 6th Bell Clapper Broke after Ringing 24,800 changes this never been attempted before and the Greatest Performance of Ringing ever known in this Peal James Barham stood 14 hours and 44 minutes under the 7th bell. Drank two glasses of wine and called all the Bobs.

ERNEST MORRIS.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Smart (conductor) 1, T. Laver 2, W. S. Lethbridge 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, C. Glass 6, F. J. Davey 7, A. Mitchell 8. The conductor hails from Pulborough, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

MEMORIES OF GREAT RINGERS.

Sheffield was this year the venue of the eighth annual dinner, organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, the first president, and past officers. The event drew together a company of a hundred, including representative ringers from various centres of the county and visitors from numerous other associations. Excellent arrangements for the enjoyment of the large party had been made by a local committee, consisting of Messrs. G. Lewis (president), M. E. Wilson, R. Harrison, jun., and Mr. S. F. Palmer, the last named discharging assiduously the duties of hon. secretary. In the afternoon ringing took place on the twelve bells at the Cathedral and the eight at St. Marie's Church. The Cathedral belfry is specially attractive to visiting ringers, not only because it is one of the twelve-bell towers of Yorkshire, but because of its association with Charles Henry Hattersley, whose library of ringing books has found a home in the ringing chamber.

The dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, under the genial chairmanship of the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. J. Russell Darbyshire), who was supported by the Rev. Canon Dolan (St. Marie's, R.C.) and Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). Among those also present were Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. James Cotterell (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Colin Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry), Mr. S. E. Roper (Creighton Bell Foundry), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas and Mr. W. Knight (Bristol), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Hewett (London), Mr. Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. B. Knights (Preston), Mr. A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. T. Wilde (Chester Guild), Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (secretary of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association) and Mrs. Cockey, Mr. J. T. Rew (Redbourne), Mr. and Mrs. F. Salmon (Halifax), Mr. A. G. Rivers (Cambridge), Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jowett, Mr. C. E. Rawson, Mr. J. Grimshaw (Leeds), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford), Messrs. J. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, J. Holman, J. Dixon, W. Bargar and P. Knights, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison, sen., Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison, jun., and Misses Harrison (Sheffield), Messrs. W. Biggin (Norton), G. Lewis (Ecclesford), F. Clarke (Doncaster), etc.

RINGERS' INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CHURCH.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. Colin Harrison then proposed 'The Church and State.' He said they regarded the presence of the Archdeacon as a great compliment, because it was to the Church that they were indebted for the privilege and undoubted honour of the inception and carrying on of the ringers' art. Despite a great deal of indifference by clergy in the past, they had only to think for a moment of what would more than forty thousand ringers be doing to-day if the Church had not founded the belfries of centuries ago, to realise what they owed to religion and the English Church in particular.

The glorious piles of York Minster, Lincoln Cathedral, Selby Abbey, Beverley Minster, St. Paul's Cathedral, Lichfield and Southwark Cathedrals, and other instances of ecclesiastical architecture, with their magnificent towers, each with a beauty of their own, were a legacy which the Church had handed down from generation to generation, and yet, even in their present impoverished state, all the dollars of America would not tempt them to part with one of them. Not only had the ringers to thank the Church for all she had given them in the past; they had also to appreciate the intelligent interest and help which the majority of her clergy were taking and had taken for some years now on matters connected with both bells and ringers. Their influence had done much to speed up belfry reform and bell restorations, and they hoped the present happy relations between clergy and ringers would continue (applause). As far as the State was concerned, it had much to thank the Church for. Not only did the State benefit financially by the visits of thousands of American cousins and foreigners, who came to view the stately structures, they had also to remember that the law-abiding nature of our citizens was due to a great extent to the teaching they had received from the Sunday School teacher, the Bible Class leader, the curate and the Vicar, for it was undoubtedly from them that we had inherited the knowledge of what was right and what was wrong. All this tended to show the very important part which the Church played in our national life, and, despite the upheavals in politics which we had from time to time, we found the Church still maintaining its dignity, and its clergy continuing the duties they had undertaken. Whatever Government might be in power, whatever attacks modernists and scientists might make upon the Church, so long as she continued to teach the children to fear God, to love their parents and to honour the King, she could depend

upon it that, not only ringers, but the majority of the citizens of this vast Empire would support the Church and its undertakings (applause).

The Chairman, in replying to the toast, referred to the great pleasure it had been to him to have the Rev. Canon Dolan next to him that evening. He was not at all sure that Canon Dolan should not have responded to the toast, as many millions of his fellow-churchmen in England had been rejoicing this year upon one hundred years of happy relations between his Church and the State, whereas some people seemed to think that the Church of England was having somewhat strained relations with the State at the present moment (laughter). The Archdeacon went on to say that he was very happy to think that in that fine gathering the co-operation and association between the Church and the ringers was so clearly demonstrated. He hoped that priests and parsons on their part would long continue to show sympathy and co-operation with the ringers, and that the ringers, on their part, would realise that theirs was more than an art, that it was a piece of service which they rendered, not only to the community, for which the community was not always as grateful as it might be (laughter), but to the Church and to God (hear, hear). The bells were not merely put into the churches in order that eight, ten or twelve men might enjoy themselves from time to time, but they were placed there for the glory of God. He hoped that all those whose vocation it was to recommend the Gospel to mankind would always recognise the ringers as brothers in that service, and that the ringers would recognise their art as a sacred art. If that were remembered he thought they could look forward to a great succession of those happy gatherings when, with acclamation, if not always with eloquence, the toast of 'Church and State' would be honoured by the whole company (applause).

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association,' and first read a letter which he had received from Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, who, in expressing regret that he was unable to be present owing to pressure of business, wrote that he rang a peal of Grandire Triples with the late Jasper Snowdon in 1878. 'Jasper Snowdon,' wrote Mr. Pates, 'was a great man.' Referring to his respected and revered friend, the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. Pates added, 'What a striker; what company! His motto was "Short visits; long peals."' They were all glad, said Mr. Marshall, to receive that greeting from one of the few surviving people who rang peals with their first president and founder. He thought he would be in order in suggesting that Mr. Palmer should send greetings from that gathering to Mr. Pates and thank him for his expression of kindness. Continuing, the speaker said he had received a letter from Miss Snowdon, daughter of the late Mr. W. Snowdon, in which she said that she and her mother would be thinking of them that night, and wishing the association every prosperity and its members every happiness in the work. They were proud to bear the name of Snowdon and would continue to take an interest in the activities of the association to the end of their lives. He (Mr. Marshall) took it it would be their pleasure that he should write and reciprocate the kind wishes expressed in the letter (hear, hear). Continuing, Mr. Marshall said it was with mixed feelings that he rose to propose the toast which was to revive their memory of the founder of that association, their first president, and other past officers, and to renew their gratitude to them for all that they did for the association, and in that gratitude to renew their own purpose to do their best to carry on the work which had been handed down to them. He felt it a great honour to have been asked to propose that toast, coming, as he did, as their third president, following their illustrious founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and his brother, William Snowdon. He had held office since 1911, and, while he felt it an honour to be entrusted with the toast, he wished someone else might have been found, outside themselves, to propose it, someone who was, perhaps, more fitted to speak, either from personal knowledge of the founder or from a more personal knowledge of their second president, and one who could speak on the deeper side of change ringing better than he could. He had said that their purpose was more especially to revive the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. There were some there who had personal knowledge of that great man, for undoubtedly he was a great man, a man who brought to the work of change ringing and to the formation of their association great ability, a very strong, sterling, manly character, surpassing energy and a very keen desire to lift the work of the bell ringers to the very highest plane, realising that that work was an integral part of the work of the Church, of which he was so devoted a son. On these points he would like to say a word or two.

AN HONOURED PIONEER.

Jasper Snowdon was a man of great and outstanding ability. He brought to the work of change ringing a very keen and active brain, and he did a work for change ringing such as no man before him had ever done (hear, hear). As a ringer himself they were told that in 16 short years he did more than most, and he actually rang 129 peals, besides attempting 127 which were not successful. That was some consolation to those who often failed in their attempts for peals. But it was probably in the sphere of the literature of ringing that he out-distanced all others, and ringers knew how much he did

for the Exercise by the assiduous, careful and able work which had been handed down in the various books on bellringing. And not only did he do this great work for bellringing by the books which he wrote, but it was well also to remember that he wrote at the same time a great many articles on bellringing in the popular papers of the day, and by that means did more than, perhaps, any other man to raise bellringing in the estimation of the people of the land and to raise the whole tone of the Exercise to a higher level altogether. Secondly, they had to try and recollect him as a man of great and sterling character, and all who knew him very soon learned to love him. The accounts which they had of the affection in which he was held by the ringers of that time showed them something, at any rate, of the extraordinarily kind and strong character he must have borne. That again was a thing most worthy to remember. The next thing which they recalled was his assiduousness and hard work and the unselfishness in all that he did for ringing, in fact, in everything he undertook. As one read of his life it was hard to understand how he did all that he did do in those few short years for bellringing and for that association, in addition to carrying on his own business. He never spared himself in his desire to help other people, and he could only have accomplished all that he achieved by never wasting a moment of his life and by giving to everything that he did the very best that he could give. Those were things which they wanted to remember. Mr. Marshall recalled the instance of Jasper Snowden's unbounded energy, when he walked from Leeds to London in five days for a holiday, and, on his arrival in the Metropolis, took the next train home. The next point was a great point for them to remember, and that was his desire to raise the status of bellringers and the art. He enabled ringers to see and to realise that their work was a very real and integral and important part of the work of the Church. He was a pioneer in that way, and his purpose in founding the association, with the others who assisted him, was to bind ringers together as a real part of the working personnel of the Church. Before him very little had been done in that way. The Yorkshire Association was the second county or diocesan association to have been formed. The Devon Guild was the first and Yorkshire came next, and those who did the work in those days deserved all the honour that they could give them as pioneers. It was one thing to be a pioneer, it was another thing to follow, and it was as a great and honoured pioneer in that matter that they thought of Jasper Snowden. In reviving that memory they desired to renew their own purpose in trying to bring something of that same spirit into the work which they had been called upon to undertake, especially in connection with the great art and science of bellringing.

OTHER ILLUSTRIOUS MEN.

Passing on to refer to other past officers of the association, Mr. Marshall spoke of Jasper Snowden's brother, William Snowden, who, he said, was, perhaps, sometimes rather eclipsed by the glory which surrounded the memory of J. W. Snowden, but they had to remind themselves of what they owed to William Snowden for the fostering care which he bestowed upon that association through 25 years of presidency. It was interesting to remind them that the first minute book covered ten years of the life of the association, and with the exception of one meeting it was written in the handwriting of Jasper Snowden. The second set of minute books covered 25 years, and without exception, he believed, was written in the handwriting of William Snowden. He believed he was right in saying that during the whole of that time he did not miss a single general meeting of the association. He undertook the work in loyalty to his brother and with the real desire to fulfil and carry out to the best of his ability the work which was so suddenly thrust upon him, and they must that night do honour to his memory and remember with gratitude what he did for their association. There were other names which, of course, came to the minds of many of them, but he could not mention them all. One or two, however, stood out conspicuously, and the first was William Horner Howard, the old veteran of York, a devout son of the Church, who was one of the first and most interesting supporters of the association. He took the chair at the preliminary meetings and in other ways showed his keen and active interest in the life of the association. They in Sheffield would not need to be reminded of the name of Charles Henry Hattersley, whose keenness that the very best should be given to ringing would be remembered by those who knew him. Mr. Marshall went on to mention the names of Charles Jackson, George Bolland, William Pearson, Harry Williams, all of whom laboured devotedly in the interests of the association. It was, he said, to ask them to revive their memories of these men that he stood before them that night, and to ask them to remember that they were called as their successors to a great and honourable work and a great and honourable heritage. Sometimes one felt that these days in which we now lived were difficult days for bellringing. He did not think there was the same enthusiasm amongst young people that they used to find. It was not so easy to get young people to stick to this work, and if those who were carrying on the traditions of these men of the past would put into the work the same real unselfishness, it would be the best way in which they could honour their names. Also he would like to emphasise the desire of those who had gone before them

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION WELCOMED BY DEAN OF BATTLE.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Battle on Saturday, when 27 members, representing the following towers, attended: Battle; Christ Church, Blacklands; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Heathfield; Heene, Ringmer; Salchurst; Christ Church, St. Leonards. Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m. and various methods were indulged in during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard), who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room through the kindness of the Dean, who presided. He also occupied the chair at the short business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. Stokes) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, for the address at the service, and also for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea. He also thanked the organist for his services and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly attended to the visitors' wants at the tea table. This was supported by Mr. Amies, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

The Rev. W. W. Youard responded, and stated that it was just over four years since the association had held a meeting at Battle. He thought perhaps their visits could be made more frequent. He was very pleased to welcome the ringers and to know that he had helped to make their visit an enjoyable one.

This terminated the meeting, and the ringers then returned to the tower and kept the bells going until about 8 o'clock.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western District was held at Beddington on Saturday, members and friends attending from Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chislehurst, Crawley, London, Merstham, Mitcham, Queenborough, Redhill and Reigate. The bells were kept going for an hour before service, which was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Witcomb (curate at Beddington), who gave an excellent address. Tea followed at the Harvest Home, 34 sitting down to a very enjoyable meal. After some handbell ringing, the business was transacted, with the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presiding.

The secretary reported the death of Mr. W. Groves, of St. Peter's, South Croydon, since the last meeting, and the members stood for a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

Six new members were elected and it was decided to hold another meeting in November, the tower being left to the secretary to arrange.

Members were also reminded of the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on October 5th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Rev. F. G. Witcomb for kindly conducting the service, and to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making the necessary arrangements.

The tower was again visited and some good practice was obtained in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major. The majority of the company then returned to the Harvest Home for a social evening, kindly arranged by Mr. Kippin, who gave selections on his fine set of handbells, while songs were also rendered by Mrs. Darby and Messrs. D. Wright, C. H. Kippin, F. Jennings and H. B. Wells, which brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

The district secretary would have liked to see a few more North-Western District members present at the meeting.

'UNSPICED!'

At All Saints' Church, Maidstone, on Saturday last, after 2 hours and 55 minutes' good ringing, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal came to grief through a spliced rope becoming unspliced in the 9th course. Those taking part were: C. H. Sone 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, T. Saunders 3, J. Bassett (first touch on ten) 4, H. Baker 5, T. E. Sone (conductor) 6, F. G. Brett 7, C. W. Franklin 8, C. W. Player 9, F. White 10.

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to cement the connection between bellringers and their Church. That was a thing which all ringers ought to be doing to-day, and the more they could welcome amongst them the clergy who had charge of the bells and interest them in the work which the ringers were doing, the more they would be fulfilling the trust which had been handed down to them (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence and a 'loving cup' was then passed round. This cup is a cherished possession of the Sheffield Cathedral company and is inscribed: 'Presented to the Sheffield St. Peter's Amalgamated Society of Ringers by the ringers of Ashton-under-Lyne as a token of esteem and friendship, 1836.'

A course of Stedman Cinques was afterwards rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Harrison, J. Thorp, A. Walker, G. Lewis, S. Briggs and S. Palmer.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**CENTRAL COUNCIL DISCUSSED.**

A meeting of the above association was held at Caldicot on Saturday last, when there was an excellent muster of ringers from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a good going eight, were raised about three o'clock and rung in various methods. Advantage was taken by a number of the opportunity to go through Caldicot Castle and grounds, the various objects of interest being explained by the Vicar's brother, who acted as guide. Tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and his co-workers, was served in the Parish Hall, between 60 and 70 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, who commenced by heartily welcoming to Caldicot the ringers, for whom, he said, he would always be only too pleased to do his level best.

Instructors' reports and reports on restorations and augmentations were dealt with.

The hon. secretary brought to notice the recent letters, articles, etc., which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the Central Council. Mr. Pike then gave notice that he would, at the annual meeting to be held on December 26th, put forward something in regard to it; in the meantime he would consider what form his resolution should take.

Owing to illness near the church, the meeting fixed for Llantrisant cannot be held, and it was decided to hold it at Caerphilly if it could be arranged. After the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed and a move made for the Parish Church, where service was held at 6 o'clock, the Vicar officiating and having the assistance of the organist and surpliced choir. The address was one of encouragement to ringers as churchworkers, and most interesting.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening, and the meeting may be described as a huge success.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**'SPICED' RINGING AT DISTRICT MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association was held at Barley on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Anstey, Barkway, Elmdon, Melbourn, Nazeing, Royston, Offley, Great Shelford, Trumpington and the local band. The bells were opened at 3 p.m., when 240 changes of Stedman Doubles were rung. A short service was held, at which the association's form was used, and the Rector gave a brief but instructive address. He said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Barley, for the Church owed a debt of gratitude to the ringers for their voluntary work, which was carried on Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, presided at the organ. Tea was provided by Host Bettridge at the Waggon and Horses Inn, when 16 ringers were present.

The usual business meeting followed tea, the Rector being voted to the chair. The Rector (the Rev. J. R. Gardiner) was elected as an honorary member of the association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at King's Walden, where the bells have recently been rehung, the date being left to the secretary to arrange, if possible, during October.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to Mr. A. E. Austin for presiding at the organ.

The tower was afterwards again visited. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Wells, Annabell's London Surprise, also spliced touches of Cambridge, Ipswich, Beverley and Surfleet, Spliced York and Durham, and Spliced London and Wells. Some of the local band had the opportunity of ringing their first courses of London and Wells Surprise. Courses of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung for the beginners.

COALBROOKDALE RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, September 21st, Mr. W. D. ('Billy') Wase and Miss D. Roberts were married at St. Luke's Church, Iron Bridge (the Parish Church of the bride). As Mr. and Mrs. Wase are making their home at Warrington, his friends of the tower, assisted by Messrs. A. Greenfield (Dudley), H. Boswell (Blakehall), C. Watts (Dawley), and A. Pritchard (Wellington), attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters at his old tower at Coalbrookdale, but this unfortunately came to grief after 1½ hours' good ringing. Other ringing took place during the evening, and, to finish, the bells were 'fired.'

Afterwards the band adjourned to the Coalbrookdale Inn, to partake of refreshments, which were generously provided by the bridegroom.

A very pleasing little ceremony took place on Sunday morning in the belfry. Twelve of the local ringers, together with the Vicar and churchwardens, met to present Mr. Wase with a silver bell inscribed suitably inscribed. The Vicar, in making the presentation, wished Mr. Wase every success in his new home.

Mr. W. Saunders (head ringer) also wished Mr. Wase, on behalf of the local band, every happiness and success. Mr. Wase suitably responded.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's on September 22nd for evening service, 1,248 London Surprise Major in 44 mins.: H. Inckle 1, A. H. Ward (conductor) 2, C. E. Hart 3, G. Freebrey 4, E. H. Clarke 5, W. Wallace 6, A. Braines 7, P. Tate 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: M. Johnson 1, F. Good 2, A. Missing 3, W. Good 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, A. Foreman 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 15th, for the early service at the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 6-8 covering, in 45 mins. Rung after meeting short for Triples: F. Harrington 1, Miss D. Richards 2, J. Davies 3, J. Phillips (conductor) 4, P. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, S. R. Barker 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss D. Richards 1, G. Large 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, P. Heath 6, A. Parnell 7, J. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Stedman): W. Finch 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, W. Collett 3, G. Horwood 4, F. Beckett 5, P. A. H. Wilkins 6, R. Allsworth 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, A. Holden 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, C. Smart, sen., 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. R. Pink (Dorking) 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 8th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. S. Roberts 1, J. Arbury 2, R. G. Townsend 3, R. W. Hyner 4, E. Bishop 5, J. Berry 6, S. Palmer 7, H. A. Hearl 8, L. A. Wilson 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10. First touch of Royal by J. Arbury, of Ottery St. Mary.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, September 8th, for morning service in 47 mins., 1,264 Bob Major: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. R. Madgwick 3, F. E. Ringrose (first quarter-peal of Major) 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. W. Fussell 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. Burcombe 5, A. King 6, H. Acock 7, E. Cooper 8. Ringers of 3rd and 5th hail from Dursley.

PERRY BARR.—For evening service, on September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Davies 1, H. H. Fearn 2, F. Horton 3, R. Ingram 4, M. J. Morris (conductor) 5, G. E. Fearn 6, F. W. Rishworth 7, C. H. Cook 8.

EAST BRENT, SOMERSETSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Braddick 1, C. Wear 2, W. E. Wiseman 3, A. Ham 4, E. Stinch (conductor) 5, C. Daunton 6. Arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit home from South Wales.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

The meeting at Barking on Saturday last was attended by between 70 and 80 members and friends, and there is no doubt this large number was attracted owing to the meeting taking place on the concluding day of the week's Hallowing Services, which have been held in connection with the restoration of St. Margaret's Church which has now been restored with the exception of some of the outer walls, windows and tower. The bells were raised by 2.30 p.m. and soon going to various methods till 4.45, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, was held, during which those present once again had the pleasure of hearing Miss Dawson splendidly render one of her solos. A move was afterwards made to the Municipal Restaurant, where tea was served to a company of 64.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Hunter), supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. A. Prior (District Master), Messrs. Nevard and Saunders (District Masters respectively of the North-Eastern and Northern Divisions), Messrs. G. and T. Faulkner, etc.

Two new members were elected and Leytonstone agreed upon as place of the district annual meeting on November 23rd next.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, to the organist for kindly accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service, to Miss Dawson for her solo, to Messrs. T. and G. Faulkner for making the necessary arrangements, and to all those who had in any way helped to make the afternoon a success.

During the day members were present from Leytonstone, London, Romford, Malden, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, West Ham, Bentley, Prittlewell, Leigh, Edmonton, Braintree, Hornchurch, Stanford-le-Hope, Orsett, Tilbury, Dagenham, Brentwood, Barking, Leyton, Thorington, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular. — W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Minster on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting at Milton on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Henley on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers service at 6. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, Cul-de-Sac Road, E. Molesey.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, London. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Meeting, tea etc., at 5. Every one welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E 18.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5. Tea by kind invitation 5.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome. — J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bristol and Wotton, under-Edge branches will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Alveston and Thornbury. Service and tea at Alveston. Ringing after tea at Thornbury. All ringers welcome. Bus leaves Centre, under the Clock, 2.15 p.m.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. G. W. Froggatt, Vicar of Stockton. Committee meeting at 11.45 and dinner at 2 at the Three Tuns Hotel. The bells of the Cathedral (8), St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, Sept. 28th.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45.—Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m., and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

CLAVERTLEY, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, tenor 17 cwt., restored and augmented by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, 29th inst., at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 1st and 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 3rd, St. Magnus on the 10th and 24th, *The Coffee Pot or St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frampton on Thursday, October 3rd. Bells (6) (also Bradford-Peverell and Sydling) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by the Master of the Guild, followed by tea and short business meeting. Motor leaves St. Peter's, Dorchester, about 2 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weston Favell, not Wootton as arranged, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea notify me not later than Tuesday, October 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, at the Club Hall, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Oct. 1st. A good attendance of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreek Road, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Wisbech and Marshland Branches will be held at Leverington, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea will be provided. Please let us know early.—W. G. Cross and H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 1st?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Further details in next issue if possible.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, by Wednesday, October 1st?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District; SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—Joint Meeting at Guildford, Saturday, October 5th. Bells of the Cathedral Church available 2.45 to 4.15 p.m.; S. Nicolas', afternoon and evening. Service at S. Nicolas' at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, by Monday, September 30th.—G. L. Grover; D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Lutterworth is on L. & N.E. main line. Trains leave Leicester 12.55, 3.50. Committee meet 4.15 in Church Hall. Tea (1/3 per head) at Coach & Horses Inn 5.15, followed by meeting. Lutterworth is famous for John Wycliffe's relics, the great reformer and bible translator. It is essential that those requiring tea advise Mr. E. W. Tipler, 22, Baker Street, Lutterworth, not later than Thursday, October 3rd.—Ernest Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AND CHESTERFIELD BRANCH, M.C.A., JOINT MEETING.—A joint meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, October 5th. Tea provided to those who advise Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield, before October 3rd. It is hoped we shall have a good attendance. Bells (8) open early.—R. Harrison and J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea (Magnet Restaurant) at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, Monday, the 7th (quarterly meeting) and 11th; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st and 29th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than October 8th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, October 12th. Tea free to all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, before October 9th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Also a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, November 2nd. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Basford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Dis. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 8th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Edwin Jennings is now 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, Westmorland.

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