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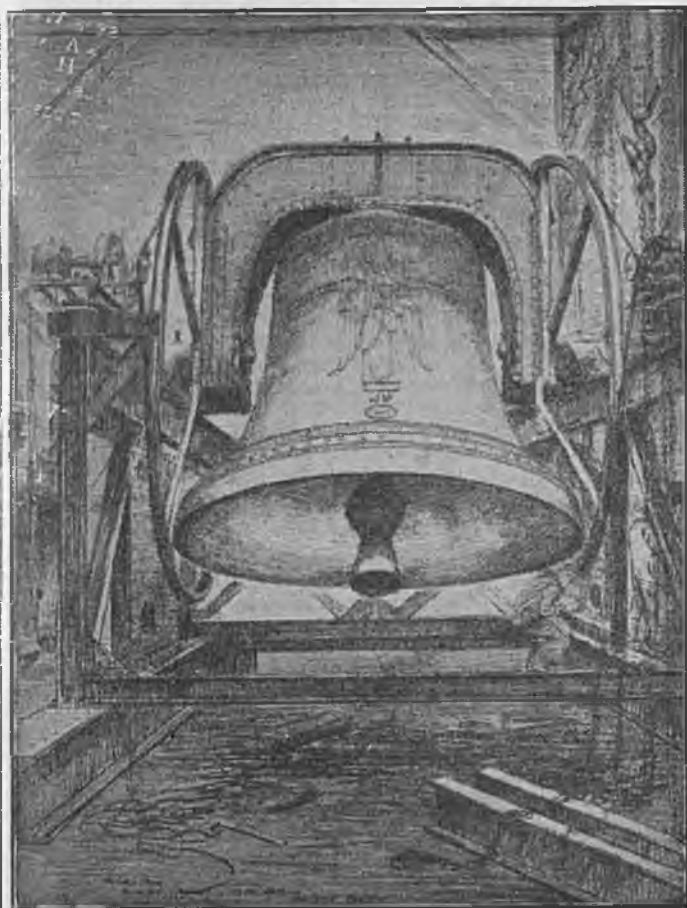
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LOST PEALS.

A new departure, as far as we are aware, has been embarked upon by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It is the recording of peal attempts as well as of peals which are successful. If the members of the Guild will seriously act up to the decision and carry out the proposal to the letter, there is no doubt that much interesting material may be added to the records of the Guild and hitherto unobtainable statistics will be available. In these days of prolific peal ringing, we are apt to forget the efforts of some of the less successful and less prominent ringers, who have a real struggle for every peal that they score, and whose perseverance in face of difficulties and constant failures is often worthy of higher praise than the achievements of others who, highly accomplished, go on from peal to peal with few losses to break the sequence, and seldom a disappointment to leaven the run of successes. Even among the more skilful of bands, however, there are occasions when a lost peal, by the sacrifice of time or energy that has been called forth, may be counted a greater effort than many another attempt which has ended successfully.

Associations as well as individuals are perhaps inclined to set undue store upon the peals rung; peals lost are in many respects often just as interesting; and, in course of time, if accurately maintained, the record of these attempts would prove no less valuable from their historical standpoint. There are individuals in the Exercise who have religiously kept a record of losses as well as gains, and those who have done so are able to look back over this reminder of thwarted hopes and draw from it a variety of recollections, which, if not entirely pleasant, often contain a spice of humour. Association records will serve a somewhat different purpose. They will, to a certain extent, be a recognition of efforts which have failed entirely to materialise, just as the peal records are a recognition of successful achievement. They will also form the basis of interesting comparisons. For instance, an association may ring less peals in one year than another. If a record of all attempts is kept, it will be possible to say whether this is due to a falling-off in peal ringing energies or to a greater proportion of peals lost. Even an analysis of the losses may be interesting in showing the causes of breakdown, such as the failure of the human element or the intervention of some cause outside the control of the ringers. We fully believe that the experiment of the Oxford Guild will prove to be of real interest, and, if it is, doubtless other associations will adopt the idea. The value of it will be in the loyalty of the members in communicating all their failures as faithfully

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as they now chronicle their successes. The record will lose much of its usefulness if only a part of the failures are notified. Occasionally the loss of the peal may be a thing about which the less said the better, but even these exceptional occurrences must not be allowed to spoil the completeness of the list of 'unfulfilled hopes and disappointed ambitions.' Otherwise the co-operation of the rest will be largely wasted.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
FREDERICK N. SKEATON 2	*ERNEST G. HIGGIN 7
WILLIAM COLLINSON 3	*ALEC RICHARDSON 8
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Ten. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Collinson, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCY FELTON Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	PERCY GREEN 7
FRANK G. RINGB 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	*GEORGE WM. MOODY 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	*GEORGE L. HALL 6
MARTIN WALKER 3	†WM. EDWARD BROUGHTON 7
JOSEPH BROUGHTON 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal and belongs to a four-bell tower (Goxhill). Rung to commemorate the 1,262nd anniversary of Old St. Peter's Church, and also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Varah.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Shrivenham, Berks, on July 27th, members of the Vale of White Horse Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., with the bells muffled, for the chairman of the branch (Rev. Canon E. F. Hill, R.D.), who passed away on Wednesday, July 22nd. The ringers were: Rev. A. J. De Denne 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, E. C. Hughes 4, T. Clarke 5, F. Whipp (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 6.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JACK BAILEY 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	FREDERICK T. JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

HAROLD EASTON Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	GEORGE WM. MOODY 6
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 3	* MARTIN WALKER 7
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, who is the president of the Northern Branch of the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. GEO. H. CROSS Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVER 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 3
* WALTER THOMAS 2	† EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
* ARTHUR NEWELL 3	* PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	SAM JONES Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First 'Spliced' peal. † First peal of Spliced Major. First Spliced peal on the bells. Mr. W. Thomas' 100th peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

* MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
† MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	JONATHAN PRESTON 6
† MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells away from the treble. Arranged for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th, who hail from Folkingham, Lincolnshire, Mrs. Humphrey being a former resident of Erdington. This is the first peal of Major in which a mother and daughter have taken part.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church, on Aug. 12th, 600 Grandsire Doubles in 23 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. E. Brown 4, R. E. Scambles (conductor) 5, W. Norman 6. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Minor, which came to grief after one hour's ringing.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

* WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	* CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURBAGE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN W. RANDES Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY 5
* ALFRED BALLARD 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	† PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal inside. 300th peal by Mr. T. W. Chapman. First Surprise peal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
REGINALD REX 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	GEORGE KING 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	JAMES G. POWELL 6
FRED. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. ERNEST PROCTER Treble	ROWLAND MYERS... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORMAN BROWN Treble	NORMAN HEAP 5
ALBERT PARKER 2	S. FORSHAW 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
EVEREST FORD 4	R. W. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NUTTALL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. D. Brownlow on the completion of 71 years as a ringer. Mr. Brownlow is still an active and regular service ringer at the above church.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
E. CHARLES PATTEN 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the society previous to starting for the peal. First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

CLANFIELD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE GARDENER Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
NOBLE SPINDLOW 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
GEORGE CLARKE 3	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	*PERCY GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. Rung for the anniversary of the Dedication Festival.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*F. SINGYARD Treble	*G. SINGYARD 4
*I. MAY 2	J. BEACH 5
*W. HESKETT 3	*F. BEVAN Tenor

Conducted by J. BEACH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 13th, a 948 of Minor, being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 72 Kent Treble Bob and 36 Plain Bob: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. Also a course of London Surprise Minor.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's.

*SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT Treble	FRED WOODING 4
THOMAS LAW 2	*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5
*FREDERICK BROWNING ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

WILLIAM DENYER Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 4
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES WOODS Treble	*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
*SISTER K. JUTSON, C.A. ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	*FRANK RAWLINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waldron and also to oblige Sister Jutson, who is spending her holiday at home.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	*MORRIS R. PARKER 4
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	CYRIL F. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARCIA WHITE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the Guild before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT NO. 1 SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	ROBERT ANDERSON 5-6
WM. H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by F. CLAYTON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung on the ninth anniversary of J. Anderson's wedding day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

The following peals were rung during a visit to Surfleet:—
SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At GLEN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7-8

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. C. I. DAVIES
and MRS. W. AYRE.

* First peal in hand.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Eighteen-half Minutes,
At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. W. AYRE.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. W. AYRE.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*EDWARD G. COWARD 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	*EDWARD G. COWARD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*EDWARD G. COWARD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
HECTOR G. BIRD 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	*EDWARD G. COWARD 5
*THOMAS F. KING 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS F. KING Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	LEONARD G. TANNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALEXANDER EVANS Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* 50th peal for the association. Rang as a compliment to Mr. Wm. Pye, brother of the conductor, on the occasion of his 61st birthday.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. BROWN.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A WEEK IN NORTH SOMERSET.

INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

'Harewith programme for week August 10th-15th. Headquarters, Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol. Conveyance to towers by public services' (and, we might add, by the renowned Chilcompton bus, two private motors and two motor-cycles). This intimation to hand, who would not be pleased to join the party?—knowing well that all would run without a hitch and strictly up to time, seeing that the arrangements were made by that prince of organisers, Mr. J. T. Dyke, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. W. A. Cave giving valuable assistance in the case of towers in Bristol—a city and county divided by the river, part being in Somerset and part in Gloucestershire. Peals were therefore rung under the two associations concerned. The party having assembled, it was found that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher were unable to come owing to pressure of business. There were, however, plenty to ring, to the satisfaction of some who would feel it a hardship not to ring two peals a day.

A short account of the doings day by day may prove of interest.

Monday.—Wroxall, 9.15 a.m., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Clevedon, 3 p.m., a peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

Tuesday.—Chewton Mendip, 10 a.m., a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The bells are believed to be the best for their size in all England. Mr. Dyke had long desired to conduct a peal of Double Norwich here, and now had his desire gratified.

In the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

Wednesday.—Before ringing came an instructive visit to Somerdale, Messrs. Fry's chocolate factory, entailing a two hours' walk, while viewing everything from the raw cocoa bean to the perfect product full of taste in the mouth. Having viewed this most interesting factory, a move was made to Keynsham, where an attempt was made on 'Thurstans' peal of Stedman. The horrible noise outside quickly caused the three outstanding ones to bundle into a motor and take a drive to Downside Abbey, a most perfect specimen of Gothic architecture. On returning to hear the end of the peal, silence reigned supreme, and the ringers had departed with only a course to their credit. It appeared that no intimation had been given to the steeple-keeper. After obtaining the key and pulling off the chimes as well as tying back a clock hammer, a start was made, no one ever dreaming there were several other wires concealed in a cupboard. The chimes went as usual at the hour, with results which all can imagine. One result, however, must be noted—many inhabitants near the church took it as a slight on the town that the visiting party had been ignored by those in authority and no preparations made for their reception. In the evening a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Nicholas', Bristol, a good peal, but not good enough to cover the disappointment of the morning.

Thursday.—Barrow Gurney, a peal of New Cambridge Surprise; a peal of Stedman Triples in the evening at Long Ashton—a heavy job and all the more so because between the two peals was sandwiched in a visit to W. D. and H. O. Wills' great tobacco factory. As this entailed a perambulation of some two hours, much of it in great heat engendered by the baking of Cavendish, all in the steamy odours of nicotine, most were agreed that it was harder work than ringing a peal. As the equivalent of three peals, with only a hasty snack of bread and cheese, it speaks well for the grit of those who started tired, but hung on to the last welcome call, 'This is all.'

Friday.—Burnham-on-Sea; method, Cambridge. A shift course after half an hour, but an excellent peal followed, to the great satisfaction of several local ringers, who assembled to hear the last part. One, indeed, put in the whole morning to listen, giving over his work of sterilising milk bottles to other hands. Mr. Evans, a local man, who rang the treble, his 50th peal for the association, was revenged for what happened at Weston-super-Mare last year. From Burnham to Bridgwater, the route was a road in rain—three distinct cloudbursts flooding the countryside. On arrival at Bridgwater an evil omen was given by way of warning. The ringer of the treble, who had hurried on to get the bells up, in an idle moment put a penny in the slot of an automatic weighing machine; the pointer spun round to over 20 stone with a mighty crash in the interior. A similar crash in the peal occurred after 50 minutes. Possibly the knowledge that the last bus was due to leave before the peal could be finished had something to do with it. It transpired later that the machine was not in fault, for 20 stone 4 lb. was registered on the following day on another machine—proving that ringing is a healthy exercise—5 lb. having been put on in five peals, upsetting the theories of medical men and certain of the ignorant and uninstructed world.

Saturday.—St. Ambrose, Bristol, a lively little peal on ball bearings. An early start at 8 a.m. was necessary, as a wedding was to be solemnised at 11 a.m. The peal was rung with nearly 20 minutes to spare, too fast to please the writer, but 'necessity knows no laws.' Three o'clock saw the band augmented by Mr. Stafford Green, from London, ready to pluck the plum of the week—Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Redcliffe. Here the architect responsible for the restoration work on the tower, rendered possible by the princely gift of £60,000 by one of the Wills family, telephoned forbidding the use of the bells—by no means an unreasonable order, seeing that the steeple was sur-

rounded by scaffolding. With much loose stonework and statuary not thoroughly set, it was evident that much damage from vibration might be done. Glum looks were soon dispersed by Mr. Cave, over ready in an emergency, who said, 'Why not go to St. Stephen's? We can always ring there.' Bristolians are proud of their bells, so a second peal in the week would be welcomed, though rung in the very heart of the commercial life of the city. Cambridge Surprise Royal was soon under way, but failed after 1 hour 20 minutes. Thus the week ended with 12 peals attempted, with two failures, putting aside the hopeless if abortive attempt at Keynsham; in all, nine successful.

As a small token of gratitude to Mr. Dyke and acknowledgment of all the trouble he had taken in arranging the tour, a small present of a pipe and pouch was tendered outside St. Stephen's, with sufficient tobacco to ensure calm repose and sweet satisfaction for many an evening as he calls to mind the details of the tour and its great success, with good fellowship all round.

The writer of these notes had to leave before the last attempted peal. The members of the band took such kindly interest in him from day to day that he thinks they may like to know how he fared on his way to Exeter. To begin with, a mackintosh was left in the cab which took his heavy baggage to the station. This was retrieved from the cab rank in ample time, for the North Express (?) was 1½ hours late in starting, and lost another 1½ hours ere it arrived at Exeter at 8.15 p.m. instead of 5.45. A bag with Sunday clothes, pyjamas, shaving tackle, etc., was put out in error at Taunton, but turned up by the next train, while starvation was warded off by recourse to the souvenir box of chocolates presented by Frys and the tin of 'Gold Bar' presented by the firm of Wills—no refreshment being obtainable at the many wayside halts at which this noted express frequently pulled up. It is to be hoped that all the band will find these gifts as truly acceptable, though they probably intended to give them away to some favoured claimant, as was the intention of

G. F. C.

THREE PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY G. LINDOFF.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
234567	234567	234567
672453 2	672453 2	462375 3
476325 5	346572 1	534762 1
764325 4	723654 2	465327 3
537264 1 A1	467523 1	654327 4
375264 4	674523 4	426573 3
273456 5	426735 3	734652 2
352764 3	574326 1	267534 1
473652 1	265437 2	562473 5
674235 5	742365 1	736246 2
526374 1	347526 5 A1	627435 1
745632 2	267554 2	356742 2
457632 4	472563 1	563742 4
324765 2	634527 2	345627 3
573624 1	576423 2	763245 1 A1
245367 2	S 745362 5	457326 2
732645 1	237645 1 A	634257 1
637524 5	562437 1	S 326745 5
456237 1	S 475362 1	573426 1 A
374625 2	374256 5	645273 1
563274 1	623574 1	S 236745 1
375642 3	376245 3	452673 2
S 243567 2	763245 2	364752 1
752643 1	637245 4	523476 2
367452 1 A	526437 1	765342 2
S 423567 1	375642 2	367254 5
	P L 342567 At 3	P L 342567 At 2

Each of these peals is contained in Six Parts, three from 234567 and three from 423567, each of the parts being called alike. The two

halves are singled together A to A1, or A1 to A, whichever suits best. Other connections from the singled in blocks are possible. These peals have not yet been rung.

KENSINGTON GUILD'S EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 18th, St. Mary Abbots' Guild held their annual summer outing. Starting from the church at 1.30 p.m., they motored first by way of Kingston and Newlands Corner to Shere, where they stopped for a ring at the church. From Shere they went to Haslemere, and again rang some short touches on the ten bells of Haslemere Church. After an excellent tea in Haslemere, they made their final halt at Farnham Parish Church. The homeward journey was made through Aldershot, Sunningdale, and Virginia Water. It was a most successful and enjoyable expedition, and the Guild are greatly indebted to those officials who not only permitted them the use of their towers but showed them so much that was of historical interest and beauty in their churches.

BOLSOVER RINGERS' 180 MILES TRIP.

The Bolsover ringers had a red letter day when they embarked upon their 32nd annual outing. It had been planned on rather a large scale and proved to be a heavy but interesting excursion. Twenty ringers, wives and friends met at the Parish Church gates at 5.15 a.m. and in the course of the day travelled 180 miles by motor-coach through five counties and rang at six churches. Peterborough, 75 miles distant, was the first stop. Here Mr. Davis and others of the local band gave them a real good welcome and had the bells of St. John's Church up ready. These were soon going to Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Superlative and Cambridge, apparently much to the annoyance of the market people and other tradesmen, but to the pleasure of the visitors and their ringing friends, who told some of the tradespeople that they had no ear for music. The party were fortunate to have a word with Canon Gibson and to thank him for the use of the bells.

Going on to Whittlesey with Mr. W. Rose, of Peterborough, as pilot, they were welcomed by Mr. W. Smith and Mr. Newman, and Norfolk, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Little Bob, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were tapped off in fine style on the bells of SS. Mary and Andrew's Church, and rarely if ever had ringing like this been heard at Whittlesey. After lunch at the Falcon Hotel, the company moved off to Crowland Abbey. The peal of six were set going to Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. The 90ft. of rope frightened some a bit at first, but this difficulty was overcome and some good ringing took place. Following the ringing, the party had a hurried look round this interesting place before going on to Spalding, where they were met by Mr. A. Farr, Mr. Brown and others. The bells here are worth a visit and made the ringers loth to leave them. Touches in all the Surprise methods of which they were capable, as well as other methods, were brought round with great satisfaction. The ringers of Spalding are very fortunate and should be grateful for the possession of such a splendid peal—one of Taylor's best. After a bountiful tea at the Red Lion, the party went on to Surfleet, and were met by the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, who joined the visitors in ringing Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Superlative and Cambridge. Most of the visitors were by this time tired and had the courage to own up to it and left at 8.30 on their 65 miles' journey for home. They desire to tender their grateful thanks to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, to those who met them at the various towers and all others, especially Mr. Rose, who helped to make the outing a huge success. J. F.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. HOLDEN.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Frederick A. Holden, whose death we recorded last week, were laid to rest on the 10th inst. at Ewerby, Lincs, where he had been living for the last few years, and of which village he had been postmaster. Since coming to reside in Ewerby he had formed a band of ringers at the Parish Church. Most of them he taught to handle a bell, and they had progressed as far as being able to ring Grandsire Caters.

The funeral service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Stephens). The family mourners were the widow, three sons and a daughter, and Mr. William Haigh (father-in-law), who until a year or so ago was tower keeper at Rochester Cathedral. Among those present were representatives of the deceased's Masonic Lodge and many ringers from surrounding towers, in addition to the local band, and many of the inhabitants of Ewerby. Immediately after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, S. Proctor 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, W. H. Hewett 7-8. This was followed by three courses of Grandsire Caters on the tower bells, which were half-muffled: R. Scott 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. Richardson 3, S. Proctor 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, J. Wilson 6, G. Robinson 7, F. J. Hairs 8, R. Richardson 9, R. Pick 10.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred suddenly on Monday, August 10th, of Mr. Fredk. Schofield, a prominent and much esteemed ringer in the Huddersfield district. Mr. Schofield, who was 73 years of age, began his ringing career when the bells were installed at St. Stephen's, Lindley, in 1874, and was the last surviving member of the original company. He was an exemplary conductor, and, a good striker himself, he always insisted on good striking, as the many pupils who have come under his tuition can testify. Though not a great peal scorer, he had rung about 17 peals, several of them having been with the late Jasper Snowdon in the early days of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Schofield had also acted as judge at the Halifax and District Association's contests on many occasions.

The interment took place at Lindley on Thursday, August 13th, when, owing to it being the local holidays, all but three of the local company were away on vacation, but a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by J. E. Carter 1-2, C. H. Craven 3-4, H. H. Smith 5-6. Prior to evening service on Sunday, August 16th, 608 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells fully muffled: J. C. Meller 1, J. Turner 2, J. Berry 3, J. Craven 4, G. T. Turner 5, D. Snowball 6, C. H. Craven (conductor) 7, H. H. Smith 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. H. Pagett, who has been a ringer and chorister at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, for upward of 50 years, has met with an accident. He had a nasty fall in the street and is confined to bed, but we are pleased to say he is progressing favourably.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding ringing master of St. Martin's Guild, his 76 years sitting lightly upon him, has just climbed Cader Idris for about the 20th time, the journey occupying something like ten hours. During August the alderman is sitting as deputy for Judge Reeve in a County Court circuit, and in September is acting as deputy Stipendiary for Birmingham in place of Lord Ilkeston. Such activities are a wonderful tribute to both the physical and mental fitness of Alderman Pritchett, who, it will be remembered, scored a peal of Stedman Cinques on both his 75th and 76th birthdays.

We mentioned in connection with the Oxford Diocesan Guild's jubilee that the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. D. Cullum was among those who took part in the festival. There was a still younger member present in the 13-year-old son of Mr. J. Keyte, who is hon. secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. Master Keyte has attended the annual festival of the Guild for the last three years.

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Brighton, Sussex, on Saturday, August 1st, 1931, the ringer of the 9th was given as Henry Page, which should have been Charles H. Page.

The peal rung at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on August 1st, was Aspinwall's six-part, and the ringer of the 5th was W. Pennington. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to add two bells to the three existing ones at Stanwick, Northants. The old bells are to be rehung in an iron and steel frame.

It is hoped that the new edition of the 'Ringers' Directory,' which is being prepared by Bristol United Ringing Guilds, will be ready for issue by the end of September. It will include an Empire section and several pages of Sunday service touches, and altogether will run to 100 or 120 pages.

Readers will be interested to learn that a Vicar not 100 miles from Leeds, having a complaint from a parishioner to the effect that the bells in the Parish Church were distressing to his illness, very kindly had the bells rung fully muffled the following week, since when no further complaints have been received.

Few can equal the record of Mr. D. Brownlow, of Horwich, Lancs. He has just completed 71 years as a ringer and is still active and regular in taking part in service ringing. He looks good for many more years of usefulness in the belfry, and everyone will hope that this may prove to be the case. Last Saturday a peal was rung at Horwich in his honour.

THE RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the articles in 'The Ringing World' regarding the Ringers' Pilgrimage to Ypres. Like many more, I lost my sons in the war, the name of the elder being inscribed at Menin Gate. To the chaplain, organiser and all who took part in the pilgrimage I sincerely say 'Thank you.'

Madresfield.

R. G. KNOWLES.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Copies of the group at the Menin Gate, published in 'The Ringing World' last week, can be supplied, postcard size, at 6d. each. Remittance should accompany order.

HANDBELL RINGING ON THE CONTINENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There was a considerable amount of handbell ringing at Ronet during the war, 1915 to 1917, and various touches were published in 'The Ringing World' at the time. I have not the copies by me, but I remember the names of those taking part. They are as follows: Messrs. C. Glenn, A. Hague, C. I. Davies (of Liverpool), Bert Cryer (Selby) and — Blake. This information may be of interest to your readers.—Yours faithfully,

Rotherham.

COLIN RYDER.

SUPERLATIVE OR 'REAL' SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the account of a peal rung at Wymondham, Norfolk, on August 1st, and published as Superlative Surprise. On reading the footnote it stated that '... is the first to be rung in Norfolk with two bobs in a lead.' This means to say that this lead was 'Real Superlative,' and I fail to see how the peal can be claimed as 'Superlative' when in reality it is 'Spliced Superlative and Real Superlative.' Where is the Central Council ruling on this? If this is to become the fashion we shall see every double method such as Double Norwich, Bristol Surprise and others being trotted out in this fashion for the simple reason of shortening existing peals.—Yours truly,

F. W. ROGERS.

BIRKENHEAD.—On Monday, July 27th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor by the following: W. Goodwin 1, J. Gibb 2, G. W. Battle 3, W. Battle 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 'inside' in any method by the ringer of the second, who hails from Kilkenny, Ireland.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES' DELAY.

Unexpected delay on the part of the diocesan authorities is holding up the commencement of the work in St. Bene't's tower. For nearly a month the committee have been waiting to give the word 'go' both to the bell founders and the builders, but despite letters and telegrams pointing out the urgency of the matter, if the scheme is to be carried through in the time arranged, the final authority of the Chancellor is still awaited. The delay is seriously jeopardising the proposal for the reopening of the bells on September 26th—the last Saturday before the commencement of the Cambridge Term, after which Corpus Christi Hall will not be available for serving luncheon and tea, for which purpose it had been kindly offered by the College authorities. If, before these lines actually appear in print, the official sanction to the scheme is forthcoming, it is just possible that the work will be sufficiently forward to carry out the reopening on the date arranged.

Meanwhile, those who wish to contribute to the fund should send their donations to

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

The hon. treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

PROTEST AGAINST A CHIMING APPARATUS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I could hardly believe my eyes when I read in 'The Ringing World' that it was proposed to include in the scheme for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells—of all monstrosities imaginable—a chiming apparatus! Sunday in Cambridge is already made hideous by the use of these mechanical contraptions. Why on earth introduce another to add to the cacophony? Doubtless the bells will be needed for use at times when a band of ringers is not available, but I, for one, would far rather hear two of them raised and lowered, as at Magdalen College, Oxford, than any number thumped with chiming hammers, and I suggest that any money forthcoming would be far better spent in employing a couple of choirboys at 3d. a time to ring two of the lighter bells up and down, or even to assist the vergers in the legitimate chiming—on the swing—of three or four. If anything could be calculated to make the late Fabian Stedman turn indignantly in his grave it would be the thought of his historic bells being subjected to the indignity of a mechanical apparatus. Anything more flagrantly out of keeping with a Stedman commemoration it would be hard to conceive.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

STEDMAN'S PROFESSION.

Sir,—Tradition seems to arouse strange feelings in people's minds. Some think that if a thing is a tradition, it means that it never happened. Others seem to treat tradition as more valuable than proved facts. They even speak of a tradition being proved, forgetting that if a thing is proved it can no longer be a tradition. The truth, of course, is that tradition is a valuable aid to obtaining the exact facts, but it must always be used carefully, or it may easily lead us astray.

We cannot do wrong if we say with Mr. Daniell that we accept a tradition. He adds that he regards the Leicester account as a confirmation. I wish he would tell us why. Of course, it is possible; just as it is possible, on the other hand, that it is the source of the tradition. I cannot see that we have anything to guide us as to which of these we believe. In any case the tradition is as yet no more than a tradition. We may believe with Mr. Daniell that it is confirmed. We cannot believe with Mr. Trollope that it is proved.

The further facts discovered by Mr. Trollope are most interesting. If he would also give us his authorities it would increase the value of what he tells us. At present it is not clear whether these facts apply to Stedman the ringer, or to Stedman whose will has been published. When I wrote that the publisher of 'Tintinnalogia' must have been either a man of some means or have had access to those who had, I did not expect my statement to be so soon supported in this way. These statements make it difficult to believe that Stedman worked as a Cambridge printer, but fit in very well with Mr. Daniell's suggestion that he was a son of the gentry, apprenticed to that trade.

HERBERT DRAKE.

ONE OF STEDMAN'S CONTEMPORARIES.

A FORGOTTEN WORTHY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In his 'Campanalogia' (1677) Stedman gives 53 London peals composed by F. S. and 17 peals composed at Cambridge by Mr. S. S. F. S. is, of course, Fabian Stedman himself, but who is S. S.? From the similarity of initials and the connection with Cambridge we are tempted to conclude that there was another Stedman, a relative; and Benjamin Annable and the rest of the London ringers evidently thought that all the 'peals' that came out of Cambridge were the work of Fabian. Both conjectures are wrong. S. S. stands for a man who was quite a considerable person in his own day, and, though quickly and completely forgotten by ringers, deserves to be remembered as one of the early composers.

Among the leading divines of the Church of England in the 17th century was a man named Antony Scattergood. He was the son of a Derbyshire gentleman, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, took orders, and held many preferments in the Church, including prebends at both Lincoln and Lichfield Cathedrals. He was a friend of Sancroft, afterwards the non-juring Archbishop of Canterbury, and his position among his fellows is shown by the fact that he was the person who was directed by Convocation to see the revised Book of Common Prayer through the press in 1662.

His eldest son was named Samuel. He was born in 1646 at Winwick, Northamptonshire, where his father was Rector. There are three bells at Winwick, which were already old when he was born. Like his father, Samuel was educated at Trinity, Cambridge, being entered there on May 20th, 1662. On April 29th, 1664, he was admitted a scholar at the same time as Isaac Newton. Newton is said (on what authority I know not) to have taken some interest in ringing. If he did, this was the time. It is permissible to suppose that he and Scattergood were acquainted, and the latter certainly got to know Fabian Stedman and practised ringing with him at St. Bene't's.

Another man who may have belonged to the same company was Joseph Holland, a clergyman of the Church of England and a Doctor of Divinity. He joined the College Youths in 1668 and served the society as steward in 1675. Of him at present I have no further information.

What a band that must have been which included three such men as Stedman, Newton and Scattergood! Newton, who was beginning to lay the foundations of his reputation as one of the greatest mathematicians of all time; Scattergood, who was to become famous as a leading preacher and churchman; and Stedman, whose mental abilities made him a worthy companion of the other two. Stedman published his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1669. It contains, I think, nothing which is his own composition. It is an attempt to explain the whole art and science as it existed in his day. In its style and the grasp of the subject it is worthy of a man who (possibly) was on terms of intimacy with Sir Isaac Newton. It strikes me as being a much greater book than the 'Campanalogia,' Stedman's later effort, though necessarily much more elementary.

If Newton was ever a ringer, he did not maintain his interest in it for long. Samuel Scattergood did. When, following the publication of the 'Tintinnalogia,' cross peals began to be more commonly rung, he was one of the new composers. Here are the names of some of his peals—'My Honey,' 'The Whirligigge,' 'Jack on Both Sides,' 'Non-such,' 'The Dream,' 'The Contention,' 'The Cheat,' 'Topie-turvie,' 'Symphonies.' They are good evidence that he looked on ringing as a pleasant diversion from the more serious things of life. As names they are not nearly so good as those Stedman gave to his methods. One of his methods is Jumping Doubles, an experiment in which a bell passes over two other bells at the same time—an innovation which, happily, did not take on in the Exercise. He may have got the idea from 'Grandsire True,' by Robert Roan, in the 'Tintinnalogia.'

Perhaps the most interesting of Scattergood's names is 'Winwick Doubles,' which he called after his birthplace, and which enables us to identify him without a shadow of doubt.

For some years he remained at Cambridge, spending, no doubt, his vacations at Winwick or at Lichfield. He graduated B.A. in 1665 and M.A. in 1669, and at the same time he was made a fellow of his college. In this same year the Sheldonian Theatre was opened at Oxford, and on that occasion both he and his father were incorporated members of the university, a pretty good proof that he had already made a name.

In 1672 he joined the Society of College Youths, necessarily as an honorary and non-resident member, like Fabian Stedman before him. It may have been on a visit to London or it may have been when the College Youths visited Cambridge. If ever that society did visit Cambridge and ring Stedman's Principle for the first time at St. Bene't's, this was about the date; 1657, the year given by Shipway, is certainly too early.

In 1676 Scattergood took orders. From 1678 to 1681 he was Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield; in 1681 he was presented to the living of Ware, but in the same year he resigned it and accepted the Vicarage

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PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT STOURBRIDGE

RECORD OF LOCAL BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on January 26th, the first on the bells by a local band, has been permanently recorded in the belfry on a board given by Mr. G. H. Bateman. The unveiling took place after evensong on Sunday, August 9th. The Vicar referred to the event in the course of his sermon and afterwards, in the presence of many members of the congregation, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Walter Farley, conductor of the peal, presented the board to the Vicar as representing the parish. He said he was pleased to see such a good attendance of members of the congregation to see the ringers do a bit of work (laughter). The ringers were usually unseen, but were heard, and he thought that those present often wished the ringers were somewhere else (laughter). As the conductor of the peal he felt very proud to be there and ask the Vicar to unveil the board. It was the ambition of every band of ringers to ring a peal of that description, without outside help, and it was the first time that the local band had done it.

The band then rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples (which was the method rung in the peal), standing in the same positions as when they rang the peal on January 26th, and afterwards the Vicar accepted the board on behalf of the parish. He said it was a red letter day in the history of the local ringers, and they thanked God for the spirit that existed in the belfry. There was ordered decency and reverence, and a splendid spirit among the ringers as worshippers. He thanked God from his heart for that, and that peal board would bring happy memories of ringing in the town.

The Vicar then unveiled the board, which is lettered in gold on black. Mr. Whatmore proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the churchwardens and others who attended.

The Vicar said those present would see that ringing was pretty stiff work, and he did not think ringers gained the recognition that they should. They owed a great deal to Mr. Cooper, the secretary of the band, and to Mr. Farley.

It was stated by Mr. Farley that Mr. Leech, who rang the treble bell in the peal, had been ringing for only twelve months.

The Vicar referred to a complaint which he received, in an anonymous letter, as to the ringing of the bells of the church, and said the writer was going to shoot him at sight, and hoped all sorts of evil things would happen to him (laughter).

Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), who is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, congratulated the congregation on the enthusiasm of the ringers. He rang on those bells nearly 50 years ago, and rang with Mr. Whatmore (father of Mr. A. E. Whatmore) 40 years ago. He wished to congratulate the band on their achievement.

The bells were rung again, in touches of Bob Major.

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of Blockley, which he held to his death. In 1682 he succeeded his father as Prebendary of Lichfield, and the following year in his other prebend at Lincoln.

How far he kept up his active connection with ringing is doubtful, but he never lost his interest in the art. In 1676 he served in the office as steward to the College Youths in succession to Joseph Holland, and in 1685 he was Master of the society. The question arises with him, as with Fabian Stedman, how could he discharge the duties of those offices when, obviously, almost all his time was spent away from London? The answer is that in the old days the duties of these officers were concerned almost entirely with the annual feast. The duty of the steward was to guarantee the cost: the duty of the Master was to preside at the function. The man who managed the ordinary routine business of the society was the Beadle, who was a paid official.

Thus in the list of Masters of the College Youths between 1637 and 1755 there are men who were active ringing members, and men who were really honorary members and not necessarily ringers at all. Prominent among the first class are Robert Roan, John Tending, John Patrick, Matthew East, Benjamin Annable and John Cundell; while the other class includes, besides Stedman and Scattergood, men like Sir Henry Tulse, who the same year was Lord Mayor, Henry Brett, of Cowley, Sir Henry Hicks and others.

Samuel Scattergood died at Blockley in 1696 and was buried there. He left some money to the poor of the parish—a charity which is still administered. He gained a great reputation as a preacher and a volume of his sermons was published. In the College Youths' list of members' names he is given as D.D., but that, I think, is a mistake, probably caused by confusing him with his father.

The above account is the result of a very interesting little bit of historical investigation. The initials 'S. S.' in Stedman's book were all I had to start on. The appearance of the name Samuel Scattergood in the College Youths' list of names and their mistake of adding D.D. suggested that he might possibly be the man. When I found that there was a clergyman who was born at Winwick and that S. S. had called one of his methods Winwick Doubles there was no room for doubt that they were the same.

RINGERS AND POLICE.

AN ENJOYABLE LANCASHIRE SOCIAL.

On Saturday last, ringers, their wives and friends were invited to the Athletic Ground of the Bolton Borough Police to have what has now become their annual gathering, and many accepted the invitation, although some who sent their names did not turn up, probably on account of the uncertainty of the weather.

A bowling match had been arranged with the police, but owing to special duties, it had to be cancelled. The weather during the afternoon was very kind and some old scores were wiped off by trundlers on the bowling green, while the ladies and younger members enjoyed a game of rounders on the football ground.

About 40 sat down to tea, after which more outdoor games were enjoyed until about 6.45 p.m., when a shower sent all into the pavilion, where a 'free and easy' social was at once set going, and kept up until 10.15 p.m. Artists galore, all bubbling over to give a turn, were ready to assist. Mr. and Miss Booth gave selections on their handbells; Miss Annie Potter, Miss Esther Bell, Mr. Brown of Walkden, and Mr. N. Brown, of Wigau, were the vocalists in solos and duets; Miss Hannah Sandiford delighted the audience with her elocution; and Messrs. A. Stewart, A. Sandiford and J. Sandiford provided music with violin and piano for singing and dancing. There were also touches on the handbells. With Sergt. Peter Crook at the helm, there was never a dull or idle moment.

At the conclusion Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation. He said it had given the ringers an opportunity to meet under very pleasant conditions, and he hoped they would be able to pay another visit.—Chief Inspector Tootell, in replying, said they had all enjoyed the evening, especially the handbells, and extended a hearty invitation to come again.—Inspector Rostron supported him.

Although what appeared at first (owing to the weather) to be a disappointing day, it had turned out to be one of the best socials held at the club.

LONDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A visit to towers in Berkshire and Oxfordshire formed the annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. A party of 23 members and friends journeyed to Reading by train and were there joined by Messrs. Boreham (2) and F. West, of High Wycombe, and G. Martin, of Bayne Hill. The excursion was then continued by motor-coach, and the first call made at Goring, where the bells were soon going to various methods. Goring Church has a light and most musical peal of eight, with the 'go' of which everyone was delighted. The next move was to Appleton, safely reached after a most pleasant drive through Dorchester and Abingdon. The party were met by Mr. G. Holfield, and Cambridge Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round. It was on these bells that the longest peal of Stedman Caters was rung. At The Tavern a most excellent lunch was laid out under the spreading chestnut trees, and, as is customary on these occasions, full justice was done to all the good things provided.

The journey was then resumed to Wantage, where there is a delightful old church and a fine old peal of bells, on which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. The next call was East Hagbourne, where Mr. T. East was awaiting the party. Various methods were rung on a peal, splendid alike in 'go' and tone. After tea at the Fleur-de-Lys, the party made for Blewbury, where the bells were soon rolling to Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. These bells are of good tone, but the 'go' could be better. After a little delay owing to two of the party being absent in search of 'stable secrets,' the excursionists started on their journey over those glorious downs to Reading, where they had to say good-bye to their Wycombe friends. The rest of the party wended their way to The Shades, where they were joined by Messrs. Tom Hibbert and Bert Cullum, and a most enjoyable 1½ hours was spent in music and song, the organ solos by Norman Bagworth and James Bullock being much enjoyed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and churchwardens of St. Andrew's, Holborn, for their kind generosity towards the outing, also to the secretary, to whom musical honours were accorded for the excellent arrangements he had made. Paddington was eventually reached just after 11 p.m. This opportunity is taken of thanking the various incumbents for the use of their bells and the towerkeepers for their help, which all combined to make the day so successful.

ON THE SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK BORDER.

For their annual outing the ringers of Beccles Parish Church, Suffolk, with one or two friends from adjoining towers, made a trip along the Norfolk and Suffolk border. The towers visited were Fressingfield, Stradbroke, Wilby, Eyc, Diss and Saxlingham. The weather for this event was, for a change, fine, and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of the company are tendered to the incumbents of the churches visited for permission to ring, and to the local ringers for their help in making arrangements, and having everything in readiness for the visitors' arrival.

THE SURFLEET 'ANNUAL.'**TOO MANY CONDUCTORS SPOIL THE PEAL.**

'The annual gathering of the non-shaving brigade.'—This was the event to which Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, sent out invitations this year. Whether the wording had an effect on the peal ringing or whether the beards of the ringers obscured their ringing vision cannot be said with certainty, but the fact remains that very few peals were rung. The company this year were joined by Claude and Mrs. Davies, of Liverpool, but much to the disappointment of everybody, Mrs. 'F. I.' was unavoidably absent, owing to the indisposition of her daughter.

The first peal attempt on Saturday came to an end through the conductor missing a bob, the attempt on Sunday was brought to a finish owing to a bob being called instead of a single and on Monday a peal 'went west' by two of the band calling a bob where the conductor did not want one! The absence of the usual 1-2 'man' was by now very evident. A second attempt was more successful, and Claude scored his 'first' in hand.

Monday night saw the arrival of the 'Penny-in-the-slot' trunk, which had discovered a cheap means of travel, namely, by taking a cheap ticket to Peterborough and then hiring a car to Surfleet, paying the driver in 'kind' by inviting him to supper at Glyn Garth. The driver, however, turned out to be a handbell ringer, so several methods up to Grandsire Cinques were rung, Albert, of Derby, eventually taking the road again about midnight.

After a day at market on Tuesday, the evening was devoted to bowls, in which there were some very good 'woods,' but whether by good play or good luck it is hard to say.

On Wednesday the hostess threatened to lock up the bowls and reduce the rations if more attention was not paid to ringing, but it had no effect, as an attempt for Cambridge Major on the tower bells came to a sudden end after nearly two hours. Then after two blank days Friday was spent at Skegness for the 'annual.' Only two of the party ventured into the water. The owner of the 'trunk' intended to bath, but Rupert's costume was rather a bad fit for 'Ole Bill,' as he could not stop in it, there being too much costume at backstroke!

Kent Treble Bob was attempted on Saturday, but joined the great majority—cause unknown! Plain Bob was then again brought forward with better success. Saturday also saw the departure of the Liverpool section.

Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples were rung for morning service on Sunday, and after dinner another 5040 of Bob Major was recorded.

All hands and the car were needed on Monday to carry the 'luggage specialist' to Spalding, thus bringing to a finish another very enjoyable ringing week, for which the party once again thank their very entertaining host and hostess.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Great Waltham on Saturday, when 21 members attended from ten parishes. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and later a service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Stanley Gresham, the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Allington) being away. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. Tea was served at the Six Bells and was followed by the usual business meeting.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Ford End on Saturday, October 3rd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Stanley Gresham for conducting the service and his helpful address, and also for accompanying the hymns on the organ. The ringers made another visit to the tower and kept the bells going till 9 p.m.

WORSLEY RINGERS VISIT SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday, August 1st, the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, with their wives and friends, together with the Vicar (the Rev. I. Renshaw), set out for Shrewsbury. Leaving Worsley at 7.10 a.m., in somewhat damp weather, they proceeded via Barton, Altrincham and Northwich to Hartford, where at the Red Lion Hotel, tea and sandwiches were served. Visiting the church with its peal of six bells, they found a wedding in progress, and had the pleasure of ringing the bride and bridegroom out of church after the ceremony. Touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and the journey was resumed through beautiful country to Shrewsbury, which was reached at 11.45. A little later the party sat down to a hot luncheon, and it was 'a right good do.' At St. Chad's Church there hangs a beautiful peal of twelve bells by Taylors, and these were at the disposal of the party for an hour. They were set going to Stedman Triples, after which the twelve were put into motion with the help of the local company, and the ringing finished with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards some went for a sail on the Severn, others sightseeing and rambling in the quarry, where the great show is held, until the party assembled for tea. The journey home was commenced about 7 p.m., and home was reached at 10 p.m., after a long and very enjoyable day.

The ringers wish to thank all those responsible at Hartford and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything ready.

WEDDING BELLS.**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD SECRETARY MARRIED.**

Ringers will be most interested to hear of the wedding on August 3rd at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, of two of the most popular and well-known ringers in Warwickshire, namely, Miss Dorothy Eva Lewis and Mr. Arthur Henry Beamish. They have been members of the Chilvers Coton band for a number of years, the bride being one of the first lady bellringers in Nuneaton. For two and a half years she has been the very able secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, and her expert ringing has won golden opinions in many churches throughout the Midland Counties. Mr. Beamish is also a keen and expert ringer, and it is mainly due to his enthusiasm that the band at Chilvers Coton Church is becoming more and more efficient.

The wedding service, which was fully choral, was attended by many guests and wellwishers, and crowds lined the church walk to catch a glimpse of the bride and her groom. The Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A. (Vicar of Chilvers Coton and president of the Warwickshire Guild), conducted the service, at which Mr. Norman Dodds (organist) played the Cantique d'Amour (Lemare), Serenata (E. Markham Lee), Andantino in D flat (Lemare) and Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The hymns sung were 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O perfect love.'

The bride was an exquisite figure in parchment satin with orange blossom headdress and long embroidered veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and roses and wore a double rope of pearls, with jewelled clasp, the gift of the bridegroom. The two bridesmaids (the Misses May and Phyllis Godderidge, friends) were charmingly attired in ankle-length delphinium blue flowered georgette, with black crinoline hats, trimmed with pink and blue, and they carried pink carnations and delphiniums.

Mr. George Lewis gave his daughter away and Mr. Reginald Morgan (Birmingham) was best man. The ushers were Mr. Albert Beamish and Mr. William Crabtree.

As the happy couple left the church the bells rang out merrily, the following ringers taking part: T. W. Chapman, E. Stone, J. E. Moreton, C. Rayson, J. Draycott, H. Harris, A. Haswell and G. Yeasey. Afterwards they joined the other guests at the reception, which was held in the Mascric Hall. There were many allusions to ringing in the various speeches, one guest saying that they all hoped the married life of the newly-wedded couple would be like a peal of good change ringing, even and in tune, whilst another humorously remarked that Miss Lewis had exchanged 'ringing round' for a 'round ring.' During the reception tunes on the handbells were rung by the bride and bridegroom and one of the bridesmaids, and 'the wedding peal' was rung by six of the ringers, led by Mr. T. W. Chapman, including again the bride and bridegroom. This was heartily applauded, and non-ringers were surprised and delighted by the performances.

After the reception the guests went to the bride's home to see the presents, which were numerous and beautiful, and included a case of stainless cutlery from the Chilvers Coton ringers. Other ringers who sent gifts were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), cut-glass salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), pewter cake basket; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. White (Coventry), cut-glass salad bowl; Mr. C. Rayson (Burslem), black Wedgwood bowl and ornament; Miss M. V. Godderidge (Folkestone), table lamp.

The honeymoon is being spent in touring the West and South of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish's future address is Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Attleborough, Nuneaton. Everyone will join in wishing them a long and happy married life, and the ringing world in general may rest assured that it has not lost two of its keenest ringers.

DOVER SECRETARY WEDS.

On Saturday, August 15th, Mr. J. Eagles, secretary of Dover St. Mary's ringers, was married to Miss I. G. Wickes, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Haley's) was rung for the occasion in 44 minutes by S. A. Wells 1, W. Frigate (Hythe) 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The members of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association held an enjoyable meeting at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, and there was an attendance of about 50. Crich is always a popular venue for a summer meeting, and, excepting for one shower, the weather was on its best behaviour. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Jones). Several visitors were present in church during the service and were greatly impressed by the address.

A substantial tea followed, and votes of thanks to the Vicar and those who had arranged the tea were proposed by Mr. W. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. H. Fretwell, who congratulated the Vicar on his excellent address and his departure from the usual custom of chastising ringers who do not attend service regularly.

In reply, the Vicar said he did not believe in the practice of 'rowing' those who were present for the faults of those who were not, and, therefore, he got on very well with his parishioners.

Further ringing was indulged in until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal, and another good meeting brought to a close.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XI. 1771-1787.

After the death or retirement of George Meakins in 1771, the junior society of College Youths had four or five years when little peal ringing was done. E. Rumball called a couple of peals, and Thomas Sylvester five; but the company evidently lacked an energetic leader. They found one in 1776 in Charles Purser. Purser was one of a family of ringers, and is an early example of what are sometimes called 'peal snatchers.' That is to say, he was continually going from society to society, if only he could ring or call peals.

Samuel Austin, at one time secretary to the College Youths, writing to the Rev. C. W. Lukis on June 17th, 1865, said he had often rung with Purser, and goes on: 'Mr. Purser, a respectable Inhabitant of the parish, was proprietor of the Ben Jonson Tavern, Booth Street, Spitalfields, a House resorted to by the Gentry of the parish, and he had for several years the Care of the Bells.'

Purser began as a Cumberland, and left and rejoined that society several times. At other times he belonged to the London Youths, and twice he joined and left the 'ancient' Society of College Youths. From 1776 to 1779 he was with the junior company, calling all their peals except one. Those years are memorable as being the time when the famous long peal duel with the Cumberlands was at its height. Jasper Snowden, in his 'Treble Bob,' has given most of the particulars, and I need not repeat them here, but a list of the performances in the order they were rung will be interesting:—

- 1741. 5,200 Royal, St. Sepulchre's, 32 cwt., Eastern Scholars.
- 1758. 5,040 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1758. 5,400 Royal, West Ham, 28 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1766. 6,000 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., College Youths.
- 1766. 5,136 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1767. 6,200 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., London Youths.
- 1767. 7,080 Royal, Shoreditch, Cumberlands.
- 1777. 6,240 Royal, Shoreditch, Cumberlands.
- 1777. 5,232 Maximus, St. Bride's, 28 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 10,000 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 6,000 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 10,200 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1777. 11,080 Royal, Shoreditch, College Youths.
- 1778. 6,240 Maximus, Norwich, 41 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1784. 7,008 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1784. 12,000, Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1802. 7,104 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., Cumberlands.

The London Youths' 6,200 of Royal, rung in 1767, was called by Christopher Wells, and is false. The 7,080 Royal, rung in the same year by the Cumberlands, was conducted and probably composed by John Reeves. It was not booked by the Cumberlands, and evidently was false also, for that society claimed the 6,240 rung in 1777 as 'the first true 6,000 and the most ever rung.' The wording seems to cast doubts on the performance as well as the figures of the 7,080. Snowden does not include that peal in his account.

Purser composed and conducted the two long peals of Royal and the two peals of Maximus rung in 1777; but no figures known to be his have come down to us, and we cannot judge of his merits as a composer. In 1779 he quarrelled with the College Youths, and went back to the Cumberlands. In 1783 he joined the old society, and after that did little more peal ringing; but in 1791 he was once more a College Youth. In January and February of that year he rang two peals with them. The second, one

of Treble Bob Major, at Battersea, he called, and that was his last.

After the Cumberlands had rung the 12,000, 'it was mooted by some of the College Youths to endeavour to eclipse that number, but not enough of them could be found to attempt such an undertaking.' 'Mr. William Lyford, a College Youth, has often said that the height of his ambition was to stand the dial around.'

The double victory was with the Cumberlands, and that, after all, was only fair, for they had to fight not only the College Youths but the men whom they themselves had trained and brought out. Charles Purser and John Povey, who called the College Youths' peals, and Samuel Muggeridge, their tenor ringer, had all started and rung their early peals as Cumberlands.

On March 12th, 1778, Charles Purser called at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, '5,184 Double Bob Major in 3 hrs. 24 minutes, With 2 Bobs in a lead one before and one behind. Being the first peal of the kind ever completed.'

When Purser left, the leadership of the junior society fell to John Povey. In 1779 he called 5,126 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's. This was Thomas Bennett's final peal. In 1782 he made the last of his many changes and rejoined the Cumberlands. It was forty-nine years since he first rang with the Eastern Scholars, and during that time he had played a big part in the life of most of the London societies. His name appears no more.

In 1780 Povey called 5,360 Grandsire Tittum ten in at Fulham. In the next year the society went to Ware and rang a peal of Bob Major. They had to put two of their best men on the second, as the gudgeon was broken.

On January 18th, 1783, Povey called 5,214 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Two were needed for the tenor, and this was 'the first peal ever rung there by 13 men only.' When the London Scholars rang their 6,204 Grandsire Cinques in 1729 they had two to the tenor and two 'assistants' as well, whose duties, apparently, were to give help in turn to any of the other ringers who needed it. In the olden times the go of some of the bells must have been very bad indeed, and ringers attempted and scored peals under conditions in which nowadays no one would think of starting.

An unusual and interesting peal was rung in the same year at Fulham by the West London members of the society, 5,220 Old Double Caters, conducted by E. Simmons.

A few years later—1787—the first single-handed peal was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow. This was Grandsire Caters, and the tenor man was Philip Pilgrim. In the same year a peal of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight at Windsor Castle took two men to the seventh and two to the tenor.

The 'ancient' Society of College Youths had now once more a first-class peal-ringing band at headquarters. In fact, for a few years—1783-1787—it was the best company in London, although both the junior society and the Cumberlands had excellent bands. In Reeves, Wells and Blakemore it had probably the three cleverest and most brilliant ringers and composers. The first performance was to repeat the Cambridge Surprise Major. As the first had been found to be false, Reeves composed another, and the same band, except for the treble man, rang it at the same church on February 23rd, 1783. The 'Clavis' says, 'It was rung by the "ancient" Society

of College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1783, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever.' The word 'ancient' is spelt with a small 'a,' and is in inverted commas, and at the foot of the page there is this note: 'There were two Societies of College Youths at that time' (Note 16). Charles Purser rang the treble to this peal.

On March 24th, 1784, the junior society rang at St. Bride's 5,160 'Real Double Bob Maximus with 2 Bobs in a lead, one before and one behind, Being the first ever rung.' The ancient Society had rung thirteen years earlier a peal of Double Bob Maximus 'with as many bobs before as behind,' but possibly the bobs were not in pairs, for Edmund Sylvester rang in both peals, and would have known if the junior society's claim was unfounded. Anyhow the St. Bride's peal, if it were the first 'real' Double Bob Maximus, did not long remain the record, for two days later the ancient Society rang 6,048 at Southwark. John Reeves rang the treble and conducted, Blakemore rang the fifth, and Wells the seventh (Note 17).

The next year Blakemore called the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's. Reeves rang the treble and Wells the second, and that was the last peal in which those three rang together.

NOTE 16. 'Clavis,' 1788 Edition, page 176.

NOTE 17. There is a reference to this peal in the 'Clavis,' page 252, with a footnote almost identical with that of the Cambridge Surprise Major.

WOOLWICH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I beg a small space in 'The Ringing World' to make an appeal on behalf of the bells of the Woolwich Parish Church? The ringers have set out gallantly to raise the necessary sum (approximately £250) required to do what is necessary. The work will consist of the recasting of the 5th and tenor, tuning the other bells, tightening up the frame and rehanging the peal. Of the amount required, the ringers have raised £105. Ringers desirous of helping them should send their donations, however small, to the undersigned or direct to the treasurer, Mr. E. G. Dixon, J.P., O.B.E. Barclays Bank, Wellington Street, Woolwich, S.E.18. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' at the completion of the fund.

CYRIL E. PALMER,

Hon. Secretary, Appeal Committee.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, C. A. Nicholls 3, E. Hancock (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. G. Swift 6, F. Corke 7, W. S. Childs 8.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): Wm. Clover 1, Alf. Baker 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, Jesse Baker 4, W. Farrow 5, W. Chandler 6, G. T. Peggall 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Specially arranged for 3rd and tenor man at a few hours notice.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Peter's Church, a date touch (1,931 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hour 15 mins.: H. Dransfield 1, A. Dransfield 2, H. Lumb 3, P. Byram 4, M. Hodgson (conductor) 5, F. Hewitt 6, G. Hewitt 7, J. Hewitt 8. Longest touch by 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service at St. Mary's on Sunday, August 9th, a 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, St. Magnus' on the 27th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The meeting at Oatlands Park to-morrow has had to be abandoned. A practice meeting will be held instead at Ottershaw (6) at 7 p.m.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells of St. Peter's (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 1s. each. Burbage bells (6) may also be available. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea announcement later.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Rd., Nuneaton

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 22nd, when a tablet recording five peals in Surprise methods will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea will follow afterwards.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A joint meeting with the Herts Association will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. This meeting has been arranged at the invitation of the Rector of Seals (Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert) and should be well attended. Reports for disposal and subscriptions gratefully received.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea at 5.—D. Clark, 36, Bromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Reopening of Stapleton bells (6) after rehanging, on Sunday, August 23rd. Service at 3.15 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m., also after the service. Address by Bishop of Malmesbury. All ringers welcome.—F. Skidmore, Chairman; H. Bennett, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th, at Hatfield Broad Oak. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. G. Bird, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate, on or before Thursday, August 27th. Tea at 1s. (approximate).—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Whalley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Social commences at 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. All those intending to be present please write Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Wednesday, August 26th.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill and Stoke Golding respectively on Saturday, August 29th. Higham bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at Higham only for those who notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by the 27th. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, August 29th. Usual arrangements. Wilbarston bells (5) available after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, August 25th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Arundel on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Owen's, High Street.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Fishlake, near Doncaster. Bells (6) ready early. Will all those requiring tea please send p.c. to H. Cooper, The Bank, Fishlake, not later than the 27th inst.? Will all members please make a special effort for this meeting?—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, August 29th, at 5.30. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Those requiring tea notify me by the 26th.; 1s. each.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 29th. Tea at the Fox, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please advise E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Wednesday, September 2nd?—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be free to all those who notify either secretaries on or before September 2nd. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall, Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 2nd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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LEYTONSTONE ASSOCIATION VISIT THE MIDLANDS. TWO CROWDED DAYS.

The annual outing of St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, was, in accordance with custom, spread over two days, the centre this year being Leicester, which they reached on Friday evening in time for the practice at St. Margaret's tower and to spend a social hour with the Leicester ringers. Four of the visitors were 'billeted' at the Fox Hotel and the other eight at the Three Cranes, where they were surprised to find that their host was Mr. Harry Gumsley, who entertained them so well last year at the Park Hotel, Blakeney.

Saturday, after early breakfast, was spent in a charabanc tour through Leicestershire, with Mr. Ernest Morris as pilot. A visit was first paid to Ratby, where, on the handy ring of six, 720 Beverley Surprise was rung, followed by 240 Cambridge to enable all the party to have a pull. A move was then made to Groby, where 720 Wells and 240 Kent Treble Bob was rung. The journey was continued through some pleasant Leicestershire scenery, through Markfield, Swithland and part of Sharnwood Forest to the Church of Woodhouse Eaves standing in very picturesque surroundings. The bells here are a jubilee peal by the well-known firm of Taylor and Co., and 'go' like tops. Here 720 of Cambridge and Ipswich were tapped off, and afterwards all enjoyed the lunch at the Pear Tree Inn. Woodhouse-in-the-Elms was next on the list. Here 720 of Norwich was lost owing to a change course. A touch of 240 York followed, and the party then got on the road again to visit the famous bell foundry at Loughborough, which proved both instructive and very interesting, especially with Mr. Colin Harrison as guide. The inspection of the foundry and all things appertaining to the making and tuning of bells proved a great attraction, as did also the great carillon of 48 bells which will shortly be shipped to North Carolina. Tunes were played on this for the benefit of the visitors, which was greatly appreciated. They then tried their hand on the light ring of ten at the foundry, with a tenor only 6½ cwt., and the first item was 720 London Surprise on the front six (tenor 2½ cwt.), a fairly good touch being the result. A touch of Grandsire Caters followed, but the striking was not perfect. This over, the party were kindly entertained to tea, which was greatly appreciated. Before leaving Loughborough, they were invited to ring on the grand ring of ten at the Parish Church. Here Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and a course of Cambridge Major were rung. Thurmaston was last on the list for Saturday, and on this well-going ring of six 720 each of Cambridge and York Surprise was rung. On returning to headquarters a social hour was spent with local ringers. Touches of Minor were rung on the middle six at St. Margaret's Church for 8 a.m. service, and the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral were placed at their disposal from 10 till 11. Good use was made of them, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Major being rung. After lunch the party paid a visit to Thurlston, with its modern ring of six by Taylor (tenor 15 cwt.). The Vicar kindly put off the children's service and a good 720 Cambridge was brought round. Earls Shilton was the last place on the list, and on this handy ring of eight Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and a course of London Surprise was rung, with the assistance of Mr. E. Morris. A drive back to Leicester brought about train time, and Marylebone was reached at 10.20 p.m., with pleasant recollections of the association's first visit to the Midlands. The company wish to thank all the local ringers who welcomed them and gave up their own ringing for the visitors' benefit. They also desire to thank Mr. Harrison for making their visit to the bell foundry so enjoyable, and Mr. E. Morris, who made arrangements and acted as pilot throughout the visit.

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