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A WORD TO THE THOUGHTLESS.

Ringers, when they go abroad upon their annual outings, are a very privileged class, for they are given the use of bells in other churches and ring them purely for their own gratification and pleasure. In the course of a single day it is not uncommon for a company to be given entry to half a dozen or more towers, there to exercise their art. This freedom of the belfries is one of the phases of that freemasonry of the Exercise of which we are so proud and the privileges attached to it are valued, and treated accordingly by the great majority of ringers. But there appear to be exceptions and at this season, when many outings are taking place, it is not inopportune to give a word of warning to those thoughtless people who fail to exercise that respect and restraint which is demanded at any church visited in the course of their excursion.

Here are some of the things which have happened this summer, and of which we have authentic information: Parties arriving without previous arrangement and expecting to be allowed to ring; one company of unexpected visitors had actually taken possession of the tower before their presence was known to the authorities. Others have walked into the churchyard smoking; in one case non-ringing friends went into the ringing chamber with hats on and lighted cigarettes in their mouths, while some of them took a stroll round a neighbouring garden without permission. Then there have been ringers who on these occasions have made their ringing a 'practice,' without consideration of the public, to whom their visit in such a case may be anything but a pleasure. We also have information of another party of 'litter fiends' who threw the accumulated rubbish out of their coach and left it at the entrance to the church.

All these things are, to say the least, rank bad manners and hardly to be expected from ringers, who would probably be the first to resent it at their own towers. Such actions give a 'handle' to all who would find fault with ringers, and the general body of well-behaved and reverent members of the Exercise have their reputation besmirched by the careless conduct of just a few. Unimpeachable behaviour is essential in the precincts of the church at home; it is no less important when ringers are visiting other towers.

As we have said, the great majority of ringers appreciate the opportunity of ringing at other churches as a privilege and their conduct is above reproach; it is a great pity if their reputation has to suffer from the actions of the thoughtless few. The instances we have quoted may only be isolated ones, but the bad impres-

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sions created are not only among ringers, but among others who may be tempted to judge the whole by an unfortunate sample. Courtesy demands that towers should not be invaded unless proper arrangements have been made; reverence for the church and its hallowed precincts ought to be observed without any reminder, and when the privilege of ringing on such occasions is granted, the ringing itself should be only of the best within the competence of the band. The holiday spirit which characterises these excursions may bring relaxation, but it does not do away with the need for the observance of the rules of decent conduct and the respect for the conventions.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

THOMAS R. WHORTON ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... 6
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 2	WILLIAM GREEN ... 7
*JOHN GOODMAN ... 3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 8
†FREDK. V. NICHOLLS ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... 9
HENRY HUBBALL ... 5	GILBERT T. GUEST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* 200th peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. T. W. Last's 300th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (171).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ... Treble	LEONARD G. WEBB ... 5
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
RICHARD W. L. COATES ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rector of St. Margaret's, Canon H. J. Enraght, and to the Rector's warden, Mr. T. H. Thirtle.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

BEWLEY WEAVER Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
FREDERICK C. NICHOLS 2	*EDGAR C. PIZZEY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	FRANK W. CORNEY 7
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4	† PHILIP BICKNELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK 3	ROBERT E. COLES 7
EDWARD T. BAILEY 4	ALFRED W. HEATH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung as a thankoffering for the recovery from a serious illness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon David Phillips, M.A., R.D., Vicar of the parish for 38 years.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDGAR J. BARRETT Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
ERNEST H. OXENHAM 3	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.

* First peal on eight bells.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILFRED P. OCKENDON Treble	NORMAN F. GRINHAM 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD 6
HARRY WAIN 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 7
*JOHN M. GAYFORD 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REV. C. E. WIGG Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*A. E. F. TROTMAN 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	GORDON CROSS 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS H. FRANCIS Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Major.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS PHYLLIS KNIGHTS Treble	WALTER L. C. BARLOW 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	†HOWARD S. IRELAND 6
MISS E. JESSIE ANGIN 3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK CARDWELL 5
JOHN E. TURLEY 2	G. GORDON GRAHAM 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The composition, No. 408, was rung for the first time.

SOMERSET TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a ringing tour in Somerset for
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN B. WOOLLEY Treble	ARTHUR REED 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BANWELL.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS	Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... ..	5
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS... ..	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	3	EDITH K. FLETCHER	7
ALBERT A. HUGHES	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHEW MAGNA.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ...	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 40 of Grand-sire, with 12 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SAMUEL P. BISHOP	Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL	4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL	2	FREDERICK J. MARSH	5
STANLEY GUPPY	3	*ARTHUR PEACH	Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... ..	Treble	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ...	4
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	2	GEORGE M. KILBY	5
THOMAS COLLINS	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILFRED BROADHEAD... ..	Treble	DANIEL SMITH	4
ROLAND HILL	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON	3	ERNEST BROOKES	Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	JAMES W. JENNINGS	5
EDGAR RIVERS	3	*RONALD W. STEWARD ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. JENNINGS.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

THARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight extents (four callings) of St. Simon's, eight extents (four callings) of Bob, and 26 extents (ten callings) of Grand-sire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SYDNEY FLINT	Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONDS	3
GEORGE MAYERS	2	ALBERT G. WARNES	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor		

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in three Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. E. BANKS JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

JOHN O. BUCKINGHAM	Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH	4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
HARRY R. A. APPLETON	3	FRED CHALK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT	Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
GEORGE MAYERS	2	*ROBERT W. COOKE	5
*GEORGE A. COOKE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in six methods.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY	Treble	ALAN D. STEEL	4
WILLIAM PERKINS	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
EDWARD STEELE	3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Mrs. M. Shelley, mother of the tenor ringer.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*AMOS INGALL	Treble	JOHN FREEMAN	4
WALTER TOMLINSON	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal, rung in 95 towers.

HOOE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grand-sire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS	3
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	FRANK H. HICKS	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	Tenor		

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

First peal on the bells. First peal in two methods on five bells by all the band.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 21 methods, viz.: (1) Frodsham and Windermere; (2) London Bob, Lytham, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck and Double Bob; (5) Court Bob and Oxford Bob; (6) Double Court and Hereward Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	ALEC M. GENTRY 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 21 methods by all. There were 206 changes of method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (5) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 4
MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in 20 methods. There were 27 changes of method.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Double and Single Court; (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

PERCY HOLMES Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER 4
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
JOHN WALDEN 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in 12 methods by all except the conductor. First peal in 12 methods as conductor. There were 45 changes of method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 13 in D.

JOCELYN B. GARDINER 1-2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 3-4
IVAN B. GARDINER 5-6	

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

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RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Like those ringers who think the control of all belfries rests with the associations and not the church authorities, Mr. Bigley 'puts the cart before the horse' when he asks, 'which of the two types of clergymen mentioned in his letter is doing the most to further the good work of the associations.' Rather should his question have been, 'Which of the two clergy are doing the most to further the good work of the Church?' In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I wrote giving what I maintain to be some of the reasons for diocesan committees being indifferent to accepting ringers' advice on bell restorations, and further commenting upon what I had said to me by one or two clergy—remarks which I notice Mr. Bigley very conveniently refrains from discussing, but simply turns aside to talk on the social side of ringing. There are two sides to ringing as to every other branch of church work—the spiritual side and the social side. The Holy Scriptures tell us (do they not?), 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'—then all these other things shall be added unto you. Another scriptural passage tells us, 'I am the vine, ye are the branches,' but how many ringers do we find treat the social side of their art as the vine and the spiritual side as the branches? It is no exaggeration to say that with two-thirds of ringers the only time they ever attend a divine service is at an association meeting, and many would shrink that if they could! I know of an association not a great way from where Mr. Bigley lives who, several years ago, were persuaded by a certain clergyman to hold a service prior to their meeting. They did so for a time, but it was not long before they fell back into the old way. I know of another guild who started the idea some years ago of issuing a card to every belfry, upon which was written prayers to be said by the captain before and after all ringing. That, too, was like the old saying about 'a new broom.' . . . Go round to those belfries to-day and you will find scarcely one in twenty who still possess that card, much less repeat the prayers. In my business travels I have come across numerous papers and journals where bishops and clergy alike have complained during the last year or so about the ever increasing number of people who belong to the Church simply for the organisations, with little or no desire for worship. Only a week ago I was staying in a town, and, picking up the local newspaper, read an article by a clergyman with the prominent headline, 'Church-folk who prefer to be entertained.' There the Vicar had a grumble about members of his Boys' Brigade only attending service once a month, when they were due on church parade, and yet when a social or anything of the kind was to be given, would turn out in full force. Were that clergyman to read Mr. Bigley's letter I am afraid he would have much the same impression about ringers. I suppose, upon reading this, Mr. Bigley will try to hold up to me as an example the case which has been given such wide publicity at Walgrave in his own county, where there are five bells with eleven ringers—one a churchwarden, several in the choir, several on the Church Council and so on. Will he, at the same time, state how many others there are where the ringers just simply go to ring and walk out? Were this practice to be permitted with sidesmen there would soon be an outcry, and I quite believe ringers would be among some of the people to cry 'shame' on it. To my mind, the office of a ringer is just as sacred as that of a sidesman, and the sooner ringers realise this the sooner will they win the support of the diocesan committees which they so earnestly desire. There are some customs in the Church which are good, and others which are bad and ought to be done away with—and the custom of ringers going to ring and walking out is one of them. Whatever ringers may say about feeling tired and so on is, I contend, no excuse.

Churches were not built to be treated by members of the public as 'museums' or belfries as 'places of amusement' for ringers. 'My house is a house of prayer' are we not told? The social side of all church life is very nice, but it has a tendency to be abused.

'RINGER AND CHURCH OFFICIAL.'

EARLY CHANGE RINGING RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the letter of Mr. C. K. Lewis in your issue of August 5th on the peal of Bob Minimus, I was recently shown by Mr. F. C. Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, an old churchwarden's book, dated 1611, in which was written on the front page the following extent on four bells. The date beside these figures is 1621. Mr. Lambert believes they were written by one of the Brends, of Norwich, who did some repairs to the bells at that time.

This must be one of the earliest records of change ringing in existence, the novelty being the extent without a dodge.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

1234	4321
—	4312
2134	4132
2314	1432
2341	1423
3241	4123
3214	4213
3124	4231
1324	2431
1342	2413
3142	2143
3412	1243
3421	1234

A 'FIRST' IN WALES.

At Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, July 17th, after a peal of Cambridge Minor had come to grief, 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by A. Devonald 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, T. Roderick 3, H. Boyce 4, E. Phillips 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of London on the bells and by all the band. It was also the first in Wales by a resident band.

PEAL NOTES.

NOISY BELLS.

The deafening noise from the bells in some towers makes peal ringing—indeed, any ringing—a trying and, in fact, almost a distressing job. Such a place is Great Ryburgh, Norfolk, where there the tenor is 11½ cwt. and there is only one boarded floor between the bells and the ringers, in a short round tower.

Only one peal had been rung there prior to last week, and that was 36 years ago. A Norwich Association band went there for a peal on August 11th, but took the precaution of using a set of 'silencers.' Even then the conductor had to use the full power of his lungs to make himself heard. A peal in six methods of Minor was rung. The previous peal was in one method only.

The peal of Minor at Sproughton on August 6th was rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Staines, one of the ringers, on the occasion of his wedding with Miss Josephine Phoenix, which took place the same day at Sproughton. The methods rung in the peal were St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Ronald Steward rang his first 720's of both St. Clement's and Kent.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Helmingham, Suffolk, on August 8th, was Mr. T. W. Last's 300th peal. Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, rang their first peal in the method, indeed they had never before struck a blow in it. The peal was both composed and conducted by Mr. Sedgley.

The first peal on the bells at Tharston was rung on August 10th. There are five bells in the tower and three methods were rung.

Another tower in which the first peal has been rung is Hooe, an East Sussex village. There are five bells, cast originally at Whitechapel in 1789, but recast in 1899.

Originally it would seem there must have been some disagreement about the bells, for on the fourth, in addition to the founders' names, were the inscriptions, 'Peace and good neighbourhood' and 'Not to repeat what's gone and past; For the five bells are come at last.'

The two brothers Jocelyn and Ivan Gardiner, of Marple, Cheshire, who, as recorded a fortnight ago, rang on handbells 210 extents of Bob Minimus, have now, with Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, rung a peal of 42 six-scores of Bob Doubles. It was the conductor's first peal on handbells, but only the other day on tower bells he called a peal in 84 spliced Minor methods.

The death occurred, after a short illness, of Mrs. M. Shelley, mother of one of the Draycott, Staffs, ringers, Mr. Frederick Shelley. She was laid to rest on Sunday, August 7th, and on August 11th a peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a parting tribute of respect at Drayton Parish Church.

A peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung at Fobbing, Essex, on Saturday, and the ringers are much indebted to the Rev. Gardner for allowing them the use of the bells. They desire to express their thanks to him and also to Mr. A. Ockendon for having everything in readiness.

RETURNING TO CANADA.

Mr. A. E. F. Trotman, who was one of the earliest ringers at the Cathedral at Victoria, British Columbia, when the bells were installed about a couple of years ago, and who has been in England for some time, is on the point of returning to Canada. A farewell peal was arranged for him at Long Crendon, Bucks, and he scored his first peal of Bob Major.

By a sad coincidence, both the Rector of St. Margaret's, Lowestoft (Canon H. J. Enraght) and his churchwarden (Mr. T. H. Thistle) died within a few days of each other. A half-muffled memorial peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's Church on August 9th.

It was Mr. C. F. Sayer's 100th peal and his 70th with Mr. E. R. Goate, of Beccles.

There were 45 changes of method when 12 methods were rung in a peal of Minor at Welton, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, five of the six ringers ringing their first in that number of methods, and the conductor, Mr. Jack Millhouse, calling a twelve-method peal for the first time.

Another instance of the way in which 'multi-method' peals of Minor are 'catching on' was provided on Saturday, 21 methods being included in seven extents at Pebmarsh, Essex. In this case there were no fewer than 206 changes of method, and it was the first peal in 21 methods by all. It was called by Ralph Bird, who rang his 40th peal and his 25th as conductor.

By contrast, a peal in 20 methods at Marple the same day had only 27 changes of method. It all depends, of course, how you 'mix 'em.' The Marple peal was a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. P. Fethers. Spending a holiday in Suffolk, the Misses Dorothy and Kathleen Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, rang a peal of Superlative at Debenham and were elected members of the Suffolk Guild before starting.

The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal at Gilmorton on July 17th was J. Leslie Willars, not Williams.

Half the band, including the conductor, in a peal of Bob Major at Edmonton on Saturday were ladies.

Fifteen ringers took part in the four peals rung during the 'Somerset week.' Peal ringing is not the primary object of the tour, but the holiday party had a really good time. The peal at Chewton Mendip, on one of the most glorious rings of eight in the country, was Miss Norah Williams' one hundredth.

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ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address, either through his own general secretary, who will pass it on, or direct to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it.

Another purpose of this list is to enable ringers to know where they may obtain information about towers in any district they propose to visit.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck, Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.
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ONE HUNDRED PEALS IN 95 TOWERS.

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Mr. Pat Cannon rang his 100th peal on August 12th at Branston, Lincs. He has the exceptional record of having rung these 100 peals in no fewer than 95 towers in 18 counties. In 74 towers he has rung the tenor and 'turned in' 68 of them—the tenors, not the towers. The peals have been rung with 308 different ringers. He has conducted 52 peals out of his century.

We are informed that in the peal of Spliced Plain methods rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, all the bobs were made in Original, and were thus all 6th place bobs.

The report of a peal of Doubles by the Norwich Diocesan Association, rung on August 11th with the bells half-muffled for the late Rev. Maude Roxby, has been sent in without the name of the place where it was rung.

Mr. Cecil Pipe, who thought the peal of London at Framsdon on August 1st was his first in the method, rang a peal of London at North Mimms on September 6th, 1930, with the late Mr. W. Pye. The information comes from Mr. E. W. Pye.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Ufford, Suffolk, on August 10th, was specially arranged for Mr. F. W. Corney and Mr. B. Weaver, of Woodford, and Mr. L. H. Bywaters, of Bedfordshire, who were on holiday in the district.

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A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOUR.

The Lavenham Society spent a long day in Cambridgeshire for their 16th annual outing. They travelled by motor-coach and called first at Ickleton, where Mr. Percy Webb greeted them, and they were soon busy with the ropes. At Sawston, where more courses were 'tapped off,' luncheon was taken at the Unicorn Inn, followed by handbell ringing. Proceeding to Cambridge, the party were there met at the Roman Catholic Church by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss K. Willers. After a few courses on the fine eight, a short run brought the party to the University Church of Great St. Mary's, where Mr. Quinney gave them a hearty welcome. A few courses were rung on the back eight, and a course on the back ten. At Newmarket the party visited the eight-bell tower, and, with Reggie Sharpe, tapped off the final courses for the day, the ringers being too tired to try the peal of six a few yards away. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, and Grandsire Caters. Thanks of the party are extended to the incumbents and friends for their kind help, and especially to their genial secretary for another 'best ever.'

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Yours faithfully,
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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We are pleased to say that Mr. James George is steadily improving after his recent operation. He has been discharged from hospital and is now at his home at 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

The Bellringers' Festival, with special sermons both morning and evening, is to be held at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on August 28th. This is the way in which, once a year, the parishioners recognise the services of their ringers. The offertories throughout the day are given to the bellringers' fund.

Since the Hawkhurst and District Guild was formed out of the old Hastings and District Guild earlier in the year, 25 new members have been elected.

A notice of a meeting at Hinckley invites ringers to bring their wives and girl friends, and adds 'if they don't ring, you can "park" them at the local "wakes."' We hope this will not mean that the ringers will afterwards have to wake them in the local parks.

The meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association is to be held to-morrow (Saturday); not on the 26th as advertised last week.

There is one other living ringer, besides Mr. G. R. Pye, who had rung 1,450 peals before Mr. Frank Bennett, and that is Mr. George Williams, who reached the total a few months ago.

Mr. John Goodman rang his 200th peal on Saturday when he called a peal of Grandsire Caters at his own Parish Church of St. Thomas, Dudley. It was in honour of his birthday and of the 52nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Green. Mr. Green rang the 7th to the peal.

The peal was also one of farewell to Mr. Cyril B. Sheppard and his family, who are shortly returning to South Africa after a holiday in this country. Mr. Sheppard is the son of the popular hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild (Mr. Herbert Sheppard).

AN AMERICAN FAMILY'S INFECTION.

DOROTHY SAYERS' NOVEL CREATES INTEREST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Through the happy accident of reading Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors,' and finding that the neighbour we had recently moved next to was a bellringer, we first became interested in this art with a mysterious language all its own. During the past three years we have progressed by easy stages, which included watching the ringers at Groton and Watertown here in Massachusetts, to an earnest desire to learn to ring handbells. 'We' in my own family includes my father, my mother, my husband and me; and others in Bridgewater have been gathered in to a circle which met regularly all last winter.

Our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. James Laker, have most patiently and expertly guided us to a little understanding of what it is all about, using bells sent from Mrs. Laker's father in Wickhambreaux, Canterbury. In spite of our clumsiness, I think we have all learned a little of the magic of 'The Ringing World'—in this case I do not refer to your publication!—and we hope to continue.

I would be happy to have you use the enclosed. It may be of interest as an example of how thoroughly contagious the 'ringing' infection is!

DOROTHY K. HINCKLEY.
(Mrs. Edward B. Hinckley.)

44, Mt. Prospect Street, Bridgewater, Mass.

A SIMILE.

TO MY HUSBAND.

I'll ring the changes on my love—

An easy thing for me to do,

For I have known plain hunting since

The day I saw—and hunted—you!

Ah, me! How wise the novice feels

Who learns this simple, graceful art!

He does not guess the minor part

It plays in really ringing peals!

When duties called us from the hunt

We fired the bells, and no mistake!

In spite of all our confidence,

How many peals we failed to make!

Alas! I found I was inclined

To come too quickly down to lead,

And therefore had an urgent need

To learn smooth dodging up behind!

We've added bells since those first days,

And learned to do a neater job;

We've even double-dodged at times,

When Fate has called a sudden bob!

Sometimes we even guess the sound—

The chiming, mingled harmony—

That shall be ours eternally

When, at the last, the bells come 'round.'

DOROTHY KUENZLI HINCKLEY.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—32.**CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.**

Member of the band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where twelve-bell ringing has long maintained a high level of excellence and Maximus methods have been exploited more than anywhere else, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley has had no mean share in the successes which have come to this celebrated band in recent years. He began his ringing well over 30 years ago, but he did not take up conducting seriously until 1930. Since then he has called 48 out of the last 100 peals he has rung.

He was born at King's Lynn, Norfolk, in 1887, son of the late Mr. J. W. Sedgley, secretary of the local company of ringers, who rang many peals. It was natural, therefore, that he should take early to ringing, and he scored his first peal at Stow-Bardolph, Norfolk, on August 6th, 1906. Mr. Sedgley went to reside in Ipswich in 1909, at the time that James Motts was at the height of his career, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus having been rung in 1908. In the St. Mary-le-Tower band Mr. Sedgley found every encouragement, but there was at that time no inducement to take up conducting. He was, however, interested in composition, and as early as 1911 Mr. Motts called one of his peals of Superlative. He has produced numerous compositions since.

Mr. Sedgley had rung 68 peals before he called one, and this was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Henley, Suffolk, in 1921, when he rang the 4th. Indeed, practically all the peals which Mr. Sedgley has conducted have been called from a working bell. The second peal he conducted was Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, his third, another peal of Stedman, Carter's No. 33, the next a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the next a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus—all from working bells. Mr. Sedgley also called the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus ever rung. In addition he took part in the first peals of Superlative, Pudsey, New Cambridge and Rochester Surprise Maximus, in which methods he has also conducted peals, as well as calling peals of Cambridge, Double Norwich and Duffield Maximus. His peals on twelve bells number over a hundred, and include no fewer than 13 Maximus methods.

In 1934 Mr. Sedgley took part in a 'Charles' peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Ufford, and on November 11th called a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Helmingham, rung by a band of ex-Service men, all of whom had served overseas. Altogether Mr. Sedgley has rung 242 peals, of which he has conducted 54.

On the formation of the Suffolk Guild in 1923 he was elected Ringing Master, and has held the office ever since, and he has represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1927.

GAINSBOROUGH BELLS OVERHAULED.

After a silence of nine weeks, the bells of All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, Lincs, once again rang out on Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, and for about an hour afterwards. During the interval they have been rehung with new gudgeons, ball bearings, etc. The clappers have been rebushed and fitted with screw down lubricators. The rope rollers have been replaced with new ones, running on enclosed ball bearings. The steelwork of the bell fittings, bell frame and supporting girders have been thoroughly cleaned and painted. The housings of the bearings, specially manufactured by the founders, are made so as to contain a reserve supply of lubricant which will last approximately 12 years, during which time the bearings will require no attention whatever.

The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to whom great credit is due for the efficient way in which they have completed the contract. Those who took part in the ringing expressed complete satisfaction with the way in which the bells go.

**MR. CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.****CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****COMMITTEE ANXIOUS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP****Annual Meeting at Macclesfield.**

The annual festival and meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Macclesfield on Bank Holiday and attended by about 50 ringers and friends from all the branches of the Guild. The proceedings commenced with a service in St. Michael's Church, when the Vicar (the Rev. N. A. Vesey) delivered an inspiring address.

At the business meeting held after the service the statement of accounts and report were adopted.

The statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £54 6s. 1d., including £4 6s. 2d. from interest on investments, £44 2s. 6d. from branch subscriptions, £1 8s. from non-resident members, £4 4s. from advertisements in the annual report, and 5s. 5d. bank interest. The expenditure was £142 2s. 9d., but of this £84 17s. was contributed to the Cathedral Bell Fund, towards the provision of the two new treble bells, and £8 11s. 4d. the expenses of the jubilee dinner. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £79 5s. 11d., while there is also invested £102 12s. 7d.

The report recalled the fact that 1937 was the jubilee of the Guild, which was fittingly celebrated. It added: We are able to report that the general work of the Guild compares most favourably with other ringing organisations. At the same time the committee feels a little anxious about the reduction in membership, and an appeal is most earnestly made to all interested in ringing to join the Guild so that the strength of the organisation can be maintained.

The care of church towers and bells is the work of specialists. We, therefore, suggest that each incumbent whose church possesses a peal might reasonably join the Guild and call upon it from time to time to examine and report on the bells of his church.

The strength of the Guild now stands at: 2 honorary life members, 38 honorary members, and 616 ringing members. We regret the decrease of 21 ringing members, due in the most part to unpaid subscriptions.

The financial statement includes this year as special items: (1) The cost, to the Guild, of the jubilee dinner. (2) The payment of £84 17s., the balance of the account for the two new bells at the Cathedral. The Guild is pleased to be able to report that it was in a position to pay such a handsome figure to so worthy an object as the bells of the mother church of the diocese.

INCREASE IN PEALS.

For the fourth year in succession we are pleased to report an increase in the number of peals rung by members of the Guild, the total being 101, the second time the century has been passed, the first time being in 1929, when 113 peals were rung. This makes a grand total of 2,011, the 2,000th peal being rung at Wistaston on November 27th, the only successful peal by the Guild on that day. Thirteen peals were rung for the Coronation and another four were rung by a touring band later in the year. One peal of interest was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal at the Cathedral on December 11th, when at least one representative of each branch was in the band. This was the second attempt, the first being doomed when the belfry was put into darkness after half an hour's ringing. There were 195 ringers taking part in the 101 peals as against 163 in 77 peals last year; 24 rang their first peal, 18 last year; there were 29 conductors; 19 last year; while 28 rang peals in new methods. The multi-method band again increased the number of methods in a peal to 73 Treble Bob methods, the greatest number possible in seven extents. Mr. K. Lewis headed the list of peal ringers with a total of 31, and Messrs. James A. Milner, J. Worth and P. Swindley with 29, 27 and 27 respectively, while J. Worth conducted 18. For the first time we record a peal of Major in four Plain methods, consisting of Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Little Bob.

As already reported, the bells at the Cathedral have been augmented. The bells at Cheadle, near Stockport, have been rehung and were opened in November. No report has been received of any other restorations or improvements, although the opportunity is taken to draw the attention of those concerned to see that their bells and fittings are in order. There are one or two cases where expert examination is necessary.

There have been two cases of reproduced bells reported in the diocese. The calling of people to worship by the amplifying of gramophone records of bells is to be deplored and should not be encouraged.

The committee wish to place on record their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. J. W. Clarke for his work in connection with the augmentation at the Cathedral and also for his excellent broadcast on July 20th. The bells at the Cathedral, on this occasion, were a pleasure to hear, good striking and good reception.

In concluding, the committee take the opportunity to thank all the branch officials, the librarian and the peal recorder for their valuable assistance and co-operation, which is very much appreciated at all times, and also to all other members for their interest and encouragement to the younger ringers, and to the honorary members who, by their support, enable the affairs of the Guild to be carried on.

All the officials were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. W. Milner, Master; the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Vicar of Tarvin, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. H. Parker, hon. report secretary; Mr. J. W. Clarke, auditor; and Mr. R. W. Worrall, peal recorder. Messrs. J. Swindley (Chester) and

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N.U.T.G.'s RECORD EXCURSION.**FIVE HUNDRED MILES AND FIFTY-ONE TOWERS.**

Members of the N.U.T.G. (short for National Union of Tower Grabbers) spent an enjoyable week awheel in search of new 'scalps,' and rang in no fewer than 51 towers. That, indeed, should be enough to satisfy the ambition of the most enthusiastic 'grabber.' In the course of their tour they cycled through the counties of Gloucester, Monmouth, Glamorgan, Brecon, Hereford and Worcester and covered a distance of 500 miles. Here are the towers they visited, after meeting at the assembly point, Windrush, near Northleach:—

Saturday: Windrush (6), Sherborne (6), Chedworth (6), Rendcomb (6), Elkstone (5), Great Witcombe (6), Upton St. Leonard (8) and Brockworth (6).

Sunday: St. Michael's, Gloucester (10), Lydney (8), Chepstow (8), Mathon (6).

Monday: Caldicot (8), St. Woolos', Newport (10), Cardiff (10), Llandaff Cathedral (10), Cowbridge (8) and Llanwit Major (6).

Tuesday: Bridgend (8), Newton Cottage (6), Aberavon (8), Baglan (6), Neath (6), Cadoxton (6).

Wednesday: Aberdare (8), Merthyr Tydfil (8), Ebbw Vale (8), Abergavenny (8) and Llangattock (8).

Thursday: Llanarth (middle six of a peal of eight), Tregare (5), Dingestow (5), Monmouth (8), Goodrich (6), Ruardean (8) and Longhope (6).

Friday: Ross-on-Wye (8), Holme Lacy (8), All Saints', Hereford (8), Lugwardine (8), Ledbury (8), Malvern Priory (8), Malvern Link (8) and Madresfield (6).

Saturday: Powick (6), St. John's, Worcester (8), Pershore (8), Evesham (10), Badsey (8), Chipping Campden (8) and Stow-on-the-Wold (8).

The week was full of interest and incident, and the ringing took place on many grand peals of bells. At Cardiff an American gentleman went up into the tower while ringing was in progress and asked, 'Say, how do you play these instruments?' At Baglan the first course of London Minor on the bells was rung, while Ebbw Vale, with one of the finest as well as newest Taylor eights, was the 900th tower for the 'Grand Mug' and the 300th for the 'Queen of the N.U.T.G.'s.' We hear they 'pushed the boat out' that night.

Great interest was taken in the tour by the many clergy and local ringers, and the cyclists received generous hospitality at many places. Local towerkeepers had everything in readiness, and to everyone who helped in any way to make the excursion such a success the party wish to express their sincere thanks, especially to the gentleman whose organising genius made the trip such a delightful one.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The August meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Wragby on Saturday, when members attended from Badsworth, Barnsley, Darfield, Felkirk, Rotherham, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath, Wentworth and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and after tea the business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Moxon (vice-president).

Ackworth was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held on September 10th. The usual vote of thanks was passed to all who helped to make the meeting a success, and ringing was resumed in a variety of methods, with plenty of rounds for the recruits.

The church, which is a beautiful old building, stands among lovely surroundings within the grounds of Nostell Priory, but the bells are not of the best and no doubt are in need of attention by a bell founder.

MIXED.

Members of Alford and Mablethorpe (Lines) towers arranged a combined practice on Wednesday evening, August 10th, the sole object being to play joint-hosts to Mr. Fred Jeffrey, a member of the Burton-on-Stather band, who was spending a holiday at this resort.

However, arrangements went astray in that three Alford members travelled to Mablethorpe to find no one at the tower, and the Mablethorpe members, accompanied by their guest, arrived at Alford to find no one to meet them.

After the Alford members had given the practice up as a 'bad job' and were waiting for a bus to return to Alford, the Mablethorpe ringers returned, and, although the hour was late, short touches of Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and helped somewhat to smooth the troubled brows of the two ringers between whom the misunderstanding arose regarding the venue.

VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

By the kind permission of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., thirteen ringers from All Saints' Church, Isleworth, together with the curate (the Rev. C. A. De Jong) and three friends, paid a visit to Croydon Bell Foundry. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in going through the various departments. A carillon bound for San Francisco, the forming and baking of bell moulds and cores, the mechanism for the tuning of bells, all proved to be subjects of the greatest interest. The party are very grateful to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for allowing them to visit the foundry, and to their representative who kindly showed the party round.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**GATESHEAD VICAR DEPLORES MECHANICAL USE OF BELLS.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday. Ringers were present from Fenham, Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, South Shields, West Hartlepool, Epsom and the local men. The bells were kept going from 2.30 to 8 p.m., the methods rung being Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. A substantial tea awaited the ringers in the Anchorage, after which a short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, being in the chair, supported by Canon Stephenson and his curate, the Rev. Rose.

After the loyal toast, the chairman moved a vote of condolence, passed by the meeting standing in silence, to the widow and family of Mr. Johnson, of Durham, who passed away suddenly.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Massey and Master Massey, of Epsom, to the meeting, and said he was glad to see so many members present.

Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said the ringers owed a debt of gratitude to Canon Stephenson for his kindly interest in them.

Canon Stephenson replied in a happy little speech and said he was always pleased to see the wonderful team spirit that existed among the ringers. He went on to deplore the mechanical use of bells in some places, as ringers were very important members of the church.

Mr. May proposed a hearty vote to the ladies for the splendid tea.

This being the last district meeting before the annual, Mr. R. L. Patterson was again nominated for vice-president of the Eastern District.

Mr. Rose, the curate, who is going to Hong Kong, was wished 'God-speed' by the ringers, and he thanked them for their good wishes.

It was a very happy meeting, and all had a most enjoyable time. Mr. C. Pollard, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, visited the belfry during the evening, calling there on his way to Edinburgh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District at Elsham brought quite a good number of members, the towers represented being Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Bigby, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Barrow, Barton and local members, with ringing friends from Lincoln and members from the Gainsborough district. The handy ring of six were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Peacocke), who gave a very interesting address on the history of the bells and the chording of the octave. After the service members adjourned to the school, where an excellent tea was awaiting them, 34 sitting down, including the Vicar and Mrs. Peacocke.

Before being voted to the chair in the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), the Vicar of Elsham was made an honorary member.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 7s. 8d.

A discussion took place about the proposed Surprise Major books. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. Bray) explained the position with regard to the Guild and was thanked.

Included in the vote of thanks was the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address; Mr. G. Elsom and the ladies for the excellent catering, and Mrs. Peacocke for her presence at tea.

The Vicar said how very glad he was to welcome the Guild to Elsham and also to become an honorary member.

Mr. G. Blanchard was asked to convey the members' best wishes to the president for a speedy return to health and to say how pleased they were to hear he had returned home.

The usual handbell ringing took place, and further ringing on the tower bells brought a very happy meeting to a close.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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J. Cooke (Rock Ferry) were elected as representatives on the Central Council. Messrs. A. Crawley and H. Parker reported on the Central Council meeting held at Leeds, and, in accepting the report, it was agreed that the Guild subscribe £1 towards the cost of publishing the book on 'Surprise Major Methods' according to the C.C. conditions.

A discussion ensued on the date of the dinner, which it had been decided to hold annually. Runcorn was selected for the annual festival on Whit Saturday, 1939.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar of Macclesfield for his address and for allowing the meeting to be held at St. Michael's; to the Vicars of Christ Church and St. James', Sutton, for the use of the bells, and to the Master for his interest in the Guild and his able chairmanship.

Luncheon was served at the Angel Hotel, after which the various peals of bells were open in the afternoon and evening.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A RUN THROUGH SOUTH DEVON.

When the ringers of the Thiorverton Parish Church take their annual outing, 'Marshal' Ridler sees to it, with an ever youthful zest, that they 'make a day of it' without question of distance. This year the objective was Plymouth, noted for its beautiful 'belles' to run with or from, as the case may be. By 8.30 a.m. on August 6th a bus load of expectant ringers with wives, sons and daughters set out in high spirit. Mr. Laver (secretary of the Devon Guild) and Mr. Smale (treasurer) were picked up at Exeter. By 9.30 a.m. the octave at Chudleigh were going merrily in a touch of Triples. In the meantime other members of the party explored the interesting 14th century church and the Plymouth Inn, which is a remnant of the palace alienated by Bishop Vesey in 1550. The Parish Church was dedicated by Bishop Bronscombe in 1259, and the rather 'squat' Early English tower is probably all that remains of that dedication.

Thence the party headed for Plympton, and every member must have appreciated the charm of the scenery. Haldon Hills had been compelling and the valleys of the Teign and Dart were inviting, while the prospects of distant Dartmoor presented vistas not easily forgotten. Being well ahead of time, timekeeper Pook dodged the Crewys Arms, and by noon the party arrived in Plympton. Plympton was made a stannary town in 1328 and sent two members to Parliament from the time of Edward I. to 1832, Sir Christopher Wren being a member in the reign of James II.

After lunch the ringers visited Plympton St. Mary, a noble church with a fine octave, tenor 25 cwt. Many points of interest were described by the verger, Mr. F. Comer. The church was anciently the Chapel of St. Mary, and stands in the conventual cemetery of the college, founded by a Saxon King and afterwards a priory of black canons founded by Bishop Warlewast, circa 1131. The college was abolished in 1255, because the canons resisted the edict of celibacy and for 200 years previously had done so. At the time of the dissolution, 1540, the Priory in consequence of the patronage and benefactions of the Earls of Devon was the richest monastic institution in the county and its income was valued at £912 per annum.

The ringers particularly admired the bells at Plympton St. Maurice, a peal recently recast by J. Taylor and Co. This church was originally a chantry chapel of the Castle, of which the ruined keep on a high mound and the bailey remain. No bells were rung in Plymouth, rather was it a walk on the Hoe. After tea, some of the ladies tired themselves by shop-gazing, perhaps bargain-hunting, but the more sober-minded menfolk enjoyed the charm of a stroll by the sea. Towards evening, with a brilliant sun dipping to the west, the party journeyed through Tavistock to Okehampton, where a halt was called for 'fish and chips' or a glass to cheer, and at 10 p.m. a very tired, satisfied and happy company returned to Thiorverton.

'Thankfulness is the mark of a generous spirit,' and all thank Major Cory, Treasurer F. Milford, Timekeeper Pook and Marshal Ridler for a very happy day; further, appreciation must be accorded the incumbents, who allowed the use of their bells, as well as the vergers and steeplekeepers who kindly welcomed the ringers and gave valued assistance.

VISIT TO INTERESTING SUSSEX CHURCHES.

Members and friends of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, visited West Sussex for their annual tour on August Bank Holiday. They had with them Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, formerly members of the society. Mr. W. J. Ladd from East Grinstead, and Messrs. A. Ryman and V. Wood from Hartfield. The party in all numbered 26. They first visited Slaugham, a little village right off the beaten track. Here was found a splendid little ring by Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor of about 11 cwt. The bells were quickly put in use to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major, not forgetting rounds and call changes for the learners, of which they had the pleasure of taking three.

The next stop was at Billingshurst, where there is an interesting church. It is built on the site of a Roman church, and several Roman bricks are to be seen built into the buttresses. The tower is Early English with a fine shingled spire, 120ft. high. The roof is of Horsham stone, and the beautiful ceiling is of the 16th century. Roman remains, including coins, have been found at Billingshurst. The bells are a nice handy ring, tenor 13 cwt., by Mears. They were rung to Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. After ringing, 15 minutes was allowed for refreshment. One or two of the party, however, suffered the inconvenience of being unable to tell the time, and search parties had to be organised to find and tell them. However, only 15 minutes late, the journey was resumed via Pulborough and through magnificent scenery over Bury Hill to Arundel.

There was no ringing at Arundel, but lunch, which, judging by certain indications, was equally as important. This was partaken of on the lawn at the Castle Inn. It started off in quite an orderly manner, but, apparently, the sun was too much for some of the more lively members, and they found it necessary to remove bread rolls from one part of the table to another, sometimes with a considerable amount of speed. One lady was seen loading a piece of paper with plum stones, with the same purpose in mind. Order was restored at

length, and after lunch there was some handbell ringing. Then the party wandered off to see the various points of interest in which Arundel abounds, far too many to set down here. Mention must, however, be made of the Castle, the home of the Duke of Norfolk. The Saxons had a strong place here, and the first Norman Castle was built by Roger de Montgomery, soon after the Conquest. In 1580 it passed to the Howards, Dukes of Norfolk. The Castle has known the stress of siege, surrendering in 1102 to Henry I., in 1139 to Stephen, and to Waller in 1644, who reduced the south buildings to ruins. The rebuilding of these in the Early English style was completed early this century.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Philip Neri, built by the late Duke, is striking inside and out for the delicate artistry in the Early Decorated styles. The unfinished tower, designed to have a spire reaching to a height of 280ft., is rather a blemish on the exterior view, and the state of the subsoil will probably prevent the architect's plan being realised.

The next part of the journey was started without any search parties, the heat driving the members back to their seats in the coach, which, however, were found to be almost too hot to sit upon. The route lay through the Downs by Cissbury and Chanctonbury rings (the sites of ancient earthworks) to Steyning. At the time of Alfred, Steyning was a royal city, and when Domesday was written the town was one of the largest in England.

The church is surely the gem of the West Sussex churches. There was a wooden church here in the eighth century. The present Church of St. Andrew contains traces of Early Norman work, but the greater part was built in the reign of Henry I. The large and beautiful nave, with its exceptionally high (38ft.) chancel arch, and eight columns rising to capitals of different designs, and supporting rounded arches with zig-zag mouldings, was built c. 1150. The flint and stone tower is of the 16th century and contains eight bells by Mears.

Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were nicely tapped out before a move was made for Henfield. The first thing of interest here was Cruttenden's Bakeries, where a splendid tea was found laid out on the lawn. Mr. Cruttenden is himself a ringer, and understood what might be required, which turned out to be just as well.

The Church of St. Peter is in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, and has a fine ring of bells by Taylor. These were considered to be the last word in quality of tone and go. The tenor is about 16 cwt. in E. Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Superlative Surprise Major were tapped out in full justice to the bells. Throughout the day the card index system was used to much advantage, everyone knowing what touch to ring in, and which bell to take at the various towers, saving a good deal of time.

East Grinstead was the last stop of the day, and reached via Cowfold, Bolney, Cuckfield, Balcombe and Turner's Hill. No ringing was done here, but a general wind up, with refreshment and biscuits and cheese, and the usual chatter about the happenings of the day, pronounced by one and all to be 'the best ever.'

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' EXCURSION INTO CHESHIRE.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, accompanied by ringing friends from Southport, Wallasey, Bootle and Huyton, had a most enjoyable trip into Cheshire. The first tower to be visited was Stretton, where a nice peal of six was made good use of and a new tower was added to the list of most of the party of twenty. Great Budworth, too, where the fine peal of eight was much enjoyed, was next visited, and it was with reluctance the party left this old-world church and village. At Northwich they enjoyed ringing on a pleasant peal of eight so much that they were able to persuade Mr. Johnson to allow them to return after tea. An excellent meal had been arranged by Mr. H. Parker, and the visitors were all indebted to him for his kindness in arranging everything so well. They were also privileged to ring at Mr. Parker's tower of Davenham before returning home, and a variety of methods were rung on this pleasing ring of six. Liverpool was reached just in time for the Southport contingent to catch their last train home, all having had a most enjoyable day. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' they would like to thank the clergy of the various churches for granting permission to ring, and the towerkeepers who met and received them so cordially. Mr. Devonport at Stretton, Mr. H. Dickens at Great Budworth, Mr. Johnson at Northwich, and last, but not least, Mr. H. Parker, of Davenham.

FORMER DEPTFORD VICAR'S DEATH

Many ringers will regret to hear of the death of the Rev. T. Pitman, formerly Vicar of St. Nicholas', Deptford, which occurred on July 23rd. He will be remembered by many for his hospitality at ringers' meetings held at his church. He was in failing health for many years, and his indisposition ultimately led to his resignation early this year.

Half-muffled touches were rung on St. Nicholas' bells on August 3rd as a last tribute of respect by J. R. Forwood (the only member of the local band), E. J. Barrett and D. G. Brown (Penge), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), G. E. Rawlings (Deptford St. John), G. W. Poyden (Beckenham) and P. A. Corby. The very hot weather and the bad state of the bells rendered a long length impracticable.

TWO MORE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

Below we give two more of the methods that have recently been rung for the first time. They were rung within two days of each other, Cranbourne Surprise at Egham, Surrey, on June 16th, for the Middlesex Association, and Southall Surprise at Bushey, Herts, on June 18th, for the Hertford County Association. The former was conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink and the latter by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and in both cases the peal was rung without any previous practice.

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32546	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	3	
23645	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	3	
35426	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

5,024 by A. Knights.

23456	M	B	W	H
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23645			2	2
52436	—	—	2	2
65324	—	—	2	2
46253	—	—	2	2
23564	2	—	2	2
32465	—	1	2	2
25463	1	—	2	2
32654	2	—	1	2
56234	1	—	2	2
64235	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456	1	—	2	2

WEDDING BELLS.

FEN DITTON RINGER MARRIED.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Fen Ditton, Cambs, were rung on Saturday, August 13th, for the wedding of Mr. H. L. Martin and Miss A. Snow, the bridegroom being a member of the local band.

Among the congregation attending the ceremony were several members of the Ely Diocesan Association, who afterwards joined with the local ringers in several 120's of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Ely District Committee, and in the past has helped with Sunday service ringing at St. Bene't's, Cambridge.

LATE NOTICE.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by August 23rd to me, please.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.

—The branch will meet at Newton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A

combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A joint meeting will be

held with St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Meat tea provided at the Stowe Cafe (opposite church) at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. a head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.

—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Beckett Arms at 5 p.m. — E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hardington-Mandeville on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of

Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Tharp Arms, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton

District.—Repton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 in Court Room. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy an afternoon in the country.—F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Wadenhoe on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Beddington on Wednesday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at the Village Hall at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Wallington, by Monday, August 22nd. All ringers and friends welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WEDNESDAY MEETING at **ALDERSHOT** on August 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Service 6 p.m. All welcome! A postcard, if you require tea, by Monday, the 22nd, to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Essendon on Thursday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available at 7.45 p.m.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.'. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District), **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m., Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Please send your names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, 75-77, Oxford Street, Whitstable, not later than Wednesday, August 24th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, August 23rd, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. If requiring tea, please advise me not later than the 24th.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepath on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers, requiring tea, please notify me, by morning, 25th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Salehurst, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Various matters of interest to be discussed at business meeting. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 24th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual times for ringing and service. Tea, at a local café, will be arranged for all who notify me by first post on Aug. 27th. Moderate charge for tea. Meeting in tea rooms afterwards. All ringers welcome. Bring your wives and girl friends with you. If they don't ring, you can 'park' them at the local 'Wakes.'—Postcards, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Culcheth, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting. Tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby (5 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who will require it. These are a very good going peal of bells, so keep this date open and let us have the record meeting of the year.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Combined practice at Tring, Tuesday, Aug. 30th., 7.45, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge. Visitors welcomed.—W. Ayre, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A **WEDNESDAY MEETING** of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Withyham on Aug. 31st. The bells, a fine ring of eight, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by the 29th. All members and non-members are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Names for tea (1s.) to Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, by Thursday, Sept. 1st. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Will those desiring tea, please advise not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st, Mr. H. Pendry, Brook Farm, 542, Rayners Lane, Pinner.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Please note that the address of Mr. Harry Baxter, Kettering Branch Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is now 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

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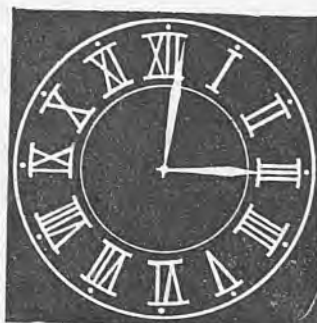
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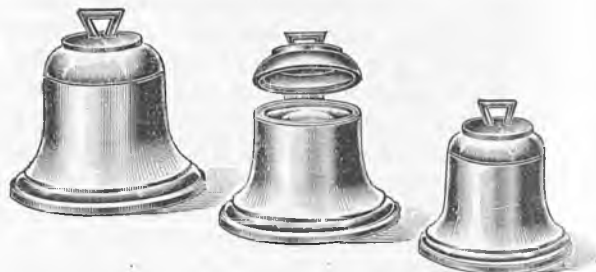
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