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QUARTER PEALS

The yardstick of ringing is the peal. Ever since the day when the Central Council defined a true peal it has been the object and ambition of the progressive ringer to measure his achievement on the peal basis. Because of that peals are displayed in 'The Ringing World,' and typographically there is an endeavour to give the occasion the appropriate halo. This must not be interpreted that the peal is the by and large of ringing. We are church bellringers and our primary aim is the ringing of bells to the glory of God, of which service ringing forms an integral part. It is by peal ringing, as our president explained some years ago, that we hope to become more perfect in our service ringing.

Now the quarter peal has its definite niche in the Exercise. There are many members who cannot physically stand in a peal, and who, accordingly, find in 'a quarter' a sense of accomplishment. Behind the accomplishment there is a legitimate pride, and 'The Ringing World' feels that appropriate recognition should be given in its columns. Space difficulties, however, preclude us from publishing more than about 26 quarter peals or miscellaneous ringing feats in an average issue. In other words, while there is a guarantee that each peal sent to 'The Ringing World' is published, no such undertaking can be given in regard to quarter peals.

How can a choice be made? The guiding word is 'progress.' Where a quarter peal or even a 720 is the outcome of months of practising by a village band and at last the goal is reached, then there is that sense of achievement. It is worthy of far more emphasis than say a Surprise band ringing 1,260 Grandsire Triples when, in the parlance of one grey-headed ringer, 'all the company had to do was to sit back and listen to the bells.' We hope that in the 26 quarter peals published weekly this principle of encouragement will be recognised as the dominant theme. That 17th century moralist, Sir Thomas Browne, left behind this thought: 'Show thy art in honesty, and lose not thy virtue by the bad managery of it.'

Even in our recent issues there have been quarter peals of special mention. From Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, there was published a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. This issue contains greetings from New Zealand, and we feel confident that from Christchurch Cathedral we shall soon have a message of their progress. Another interesting 'quarter' is that from

Northern Ireland, the first to be rung since the ban on ringing was lifted. From our own post bag this week we read of Mr. John Perkins, aged 80, standing in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, which was rung as a birthday compliment to him. What a joy of participation to the whole company and truly worthy of record!

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... Treble | HARRY HOVERD 5 |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2 | *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3 | PHILIP A. CORBY 7 |
| GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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| EDWIN JENNINGS ... Treble | DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5 |
| ROBERT ROPER 2 | ARCHIE FITCH 6 |
| H. WALTER SMITH 3 | RONALD SUCKLING 7 |
| GEORGE SAUNDERS 4 | JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor |

Composed by RONALD SUCKLING. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble | VERNON J. BENNINGS ... 5 |
| FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2 | PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6 |
| HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 3 | ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 7 |
| †JOHN H. HAYWARD ... 4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble | ALBERT E. LAKER 5 |
| ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2 | KENNETH SNELLING ... 6 |
| EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3 | CECIL NICE 7 |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

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| ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble | E. CHARLES TURNER ... 5 |
| GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 2 | FRED STANFORTH 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOOD 3 | FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7 |
| CYRIL H. ISON 4 | *WILLIAM HECTOR Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| *NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble | †HERBERT LOWMAN ... 5 |
| FREDK. W. STOKES ... 2 | †JOHN FREEMAN 6 |
| *KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3 | †ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 7 |
| †WALTER TOMLINSON ... 4 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN LLOYD ... Treble | JOHN PINFOLD 5 |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2 | THOMAS HEMMING 6 |
| THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 3 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7 |
| NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4 | SIDNEY T. HOLT Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. CARTWRIGHT.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, at Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST BROWN ... Treble | SYMON DACE 5 |
| REG. RIPPINGALE 2 | THOMAS BIRD 6 |
| OLAVE E. BROYD 3 | ROBERT YOUNG 7 |
| CECIL J. BARKER 4 | ERNEST W. PYE Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
* First peal of Major.

ST IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FRANK WARRINGTON Treble | ERIC NOBLES 5 |
| C. HENRY HARDING ... 2 | FRANK W. LACK 6 |
| *FRANK NICHOLLS 3 | HERBERT FIELDS 7 |
| HARRY PARKER 4 | MANSFIELD GINN Tenor |

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JIM HURRELL ... Treble | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5 |
| *FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2 | GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6 |
| ALFRED GROVES 3 | BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 7 |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4 | CHARLES DANN Tenor |

Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.

* 350th peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble | WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5 |
| F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6 |
| CHARLES H. MOORE ... 3 | GEORGE SAYER 7 |
| REV. J. E. TREDENNICK 4 | ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.



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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN Treble | *WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 5 |
| *CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 2 | GEORGE SAYER 6 |
| *GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7 |
| W. ARCHIE LOCK 4 | ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *CYRIL W. TOYNE Treble | LAURA MOTTISHAW ... 5 |
| FRANK REED 2 | ERIC W. CRITCHLEY ... 6 |
| LUCY MOTTISHAW 3 | RICHARD WILLOCKS ... 7 |
| HARRY BARNES 4 | ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. REED.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Farewell peal to the conductor, who has joined H.M. Forces.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., June 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

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| H. JAMES TURNER Treble | HENRY H. FEARN 5 |
| SPR. R. J. B. HADDEN ... 2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6 |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3 | JOHN S. MASON 7 |
| *JOHN PINFOLD 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| NORMAN NIGHTINGALE ... Treble | JOHN F. FORD 5 |
| EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... 2 | CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 6 |
| EVEREST FORD 3 | ALBERT HEYWOOD 7 |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4 | WILLIAM SMALLEY Tenor |

Conducted by C. BROWNLOW.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the consecration of the present church.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Thrapston Branch.)

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| *HAROLD FINDING Treble | STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5 |
| ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2 | GEORGE W. JEFFS 6 |
| HARRY RICHARDSON ... 3 | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 7 |
| WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4 | +CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble | *C. ERNEST SMITH 5 |
| ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2 | *ARTHUR V. DAVIS 6 |
| *JOHN H. HUNT 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On June 29, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble | HAROLD A. MAY 5 |
| *WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | REGINALD W. REX 6 |
| NORMAN V. HARDING ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| †MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 4 | †CYRIL A. BURGESS ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 100th peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ipswich and Primrose Surprise, Sandal, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JACK GREEN Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4 |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2 | JOHN R. KEMP 5 |
| ARTHUR YOUNG 3 | JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., May 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JACK GREEN Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4 |
| JOHN R. KEMP 2 | *WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5 |
| ARTHUR YOUNG 3 | JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| G. H. CROSS Treble | J. HALLETT 4 |
| R. FRY 2 | S. S. WOODBURN 5 |
| T. HAYWARD 3 | K. MEDWAY Tenor |

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

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| LESTER L. GRAY Treble | *ERIC J. GILBERT 4 |
| FRANK VARTY 2 | GEORGE LEDSHAM 5 |
| RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| *GEORGE A. J. HALL ... Treble | ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 4 |
| CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 2 | WILLIAM READ 5 |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3 | VICTOR SHADBOLT ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. who is 75.

OBITUARY

MR. R. ELSON.

Following the funeral on Monday, July 1st, of Mr. R. Elson, of Woodthorpe, who was a past Ringing Master of St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Notts, the local ringers on July 3rd paid their last tribute with bells half-muffled.

After ringing the customary tribute paid to ringers (a 'whole pull' and 'stand' for each year of the deceased ringer's age), the following ringers rang a quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Alvey 1, T. Groombridge, jun. 2, T. Snook 3, P. Ball 4, R. Ward 5, H. Pailing (conductor) 6, A. Barratt 7, W. Perkins 8.

MR. HARRY HOSKINS.

The following appreciation of Mr. Harry Hoskins, whose death on June 19th appeared in our last issue, has been written by J. F. S.:

Harry Hoskins first saw the light of day on November 3rd, 1873, at Gravesend, and learned to ring at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, when he was 17 years of age. Before reaching his 19th birthday he had rung his first peal (Holt's Original) at the same church, under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths. One of his earliest ringing associates was the redoubtable Joseph Waghorn, jun., with whom, and also his father, Hoskins rang several peals. At the age of 24 he took part in the first peal of London Surprise in London by a London band, conducted by the late W. T. Cokerill at Bethnal Green. A year later he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques, which was at St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted by James Pettitt. Just prior to this he took part in the first peal of Superlative Surprise rung by the Middlesex Association at Southgate.

After being married he seems to have settled down to the more serious business of bringing up his family, for he rang comparatively few peals between 1904 and 1930. His family grown up, he then went in for a wide variety of Surprise methods, and rang as many as 31 peals during 1934, including several of Spliced Surprise. In 1939 he journeyed with the College Youths to Inverary, Scotland, and took part in a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by H. G. Miles. He was a notable 'man of Kent,' and was described in this paper in 1939 as 'the versatile youngster from Greenwich,' being then 65 years of age.

In 1937 he received the great honour of being elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers, and it was four ringers associated with the Cathedral who rang the course of Stedman Triples on handbells over his grave, where several of his friends from the Ancient Society of College Youths, Kent County and Middlesex Associations gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung muffled to 'whole pull and stand' and three courses of Stedman Cinques by E. G. Fenn 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. W. Green 5, H. Belcher 6, R. Cousnis 7, J. Waugh 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. H. Taffender 10, A. B. Peck 11, J. Rumley and T. Langdon tenor. This muffled ringing was arranged as a last tribute of respect to Harry Hoskins and also in memory of Challis F. Winney and F. M. Butler, both members of the St. Paul's Guild, who passed away during the ban on ringing.

MR. HARRY WARE.

The oldest member of the Tiverton (St. Peter's) ringers, Mr. Harry Ware, died on June 26th, aged 78 years. He started his ringing career at the age of 12.

The funeral was on July 1st, interment being at Uplowman Churchyard. In the evening 500 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Peter's Church by Mrs. L. May 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, W. Cockram 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GREASLEY A POPULAR MEETING.

Greasley, situated in open country, although only a few miles from Nottingham, earned a reputation as an ideal tower for a summer meeting during the life of the late Midland Counties Association. On July 6th the newly-formed Southwell Guild decided to see if it lived up to its reputation and were well repaid by an attendance of 50 members and friends.

The bells were raised promptly at 2.30, and anything and everything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round to appease a mixed and enthusiastic gathering.

Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. was arranged with the usual hospitality associated with Greasley, and, being a by-meeting, the only business dealt with was the election of new members, one non-resident life and eight practising members being added to the roll. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. W. Ratcliffe for his competent arrangement of tea and all details concluded the business when some repaired direct to the tower, while others remained in the room for handbell ringing. A gratifying point was the number of first touches in the method both on tower and handbells, together with some striking above the average meeting standard.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUNG RINGER.

Thirty-five ringers and friends attended the North and East District meeting, held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 22nd, the ringing consisting of touches in all classes of methods. The Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Edgill, Liverpool, was a welcome visitor, and for the business meeting took the chair at the invitation of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Hoskins, an old member of the association and late ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary's, Westminster.

The provisional elections of Messrs. D. Price (Hatfield) and F. Kirk (St. Albans) as non-resident life members and Mr. J. Crabb (St. John's, Pinner) as a ringing member were confirmed, and Mr. H. Smith (St. Mary's, Walthamstow) was elected a ringing member.

The hon. secretary gave an interesting and descriptive report on the proceedings of the Central Council at Norwich, on which there was a short discussion. It was announced that the Ancient Society of College Youths had been invited to participate in a joint meeting with the association at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, July 30th.

The hon. secretary offered congratulations to Master J. R. Mayne upon his splendid achievement in ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods within a few days of his 13th birthday, after having scored success in ringing peals in each of the four methods. It was hoped the association's records would show this accomplishment, which follows the success of the youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the year 1935.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Harrow Weald, the Rev. C. S. Durham, to Miss Fulton and Mr. Hart and other helpers who assured the success of the meeting.

PROGRESS AT STAINES.

A successful meeting was held at Staines on June 30th, about 30 members and friends attending from Benfield, Birmingham, Ealing (St. Stephen's), Egham, Epsom, Ewell, Hampstead, Hershams, Heston, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Holloway, Hounslow, Leatherhead, Oxhey, Ruislip, Staines (St. Mary's and St. Peter's), Twickenham and Willesden. St. Mary's bells were rung from 3 p.m. to 6.45 p.m., and St. Peter's from 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and after evensong till 8.30 p.m. Methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), included Grandsire and Stedman Triples Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, with rounds for learners.

A short business meeting was held in St. Mary's ringing chamber, at which three new members were elected—Messrs. A. J. Mitchelson, sen. and jun., of St. Peter's, Staines, and Mr. R. J. Harling, of St. Mary's, Staines. It is pleasing to note that at both churches learners are making progress under Mr. Butler at St. Mary's and Mr. Parker at St. Peter's. Subject to confirmation, it was arranged to hold another evening meeting at Heston on Thursday, July 18th, and the next monthly meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 17th. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. E. W. Butler, of St. Mary's, and to Mr. W. C. Parker, of St. Peter's, and to the local church authorities, for the arrangements made.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

ARCHBISHOP VISITS TOWER.

On June 29th, the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild took place at St. David's. Although the weather was terrible, the attendance was fairly good. About 60 ringers and friends attended and the Cathedral bells were available from 2 p.m. in the afternoon. At 4 p.m. evensong was taken by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. W. Parry).

After service the ringers had a very nice tea at the Beehive Cafe and the meeting was held at the City Hall, where Canon Vincent Jones presided in the absence of the Archbishop of Wales, who sent an apology for his absence. The Archbishop attended the ringing tower during the afternoon and expressed his delight on the ringing of the bells and the number present.

Officers were elected for the forthcoming year and the hope was expressed that the officers would do their utmost to encourage learners and also bring the standard of change ringing to a higher standard in the diocese. It was regretted that in the diocese there were quite a number of peals of bells idle owing to the bells being unserviceable or the towers unsafe. It was hoped that these matters would receive attention in the near future.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells were rung down in peal. A happy ending of a successful meeting on such a fine ring of bells as St. David's, which undoubtedly is the finest ring in the diocese.

SUFFOLK GUILD

On Saturday, June 29th, the Bury St. Edmunds District held a district meeting at West Stow, when ringers from Sudbury, Whepstead, Elveden, Chevington, Ingham, Newmarket, Great Saxham, Fornham St. Martin, Horringer and the local band were present. Some good ringing was enjoyed, and at the business meeting it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Great Barton on Oct. 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, C. W. Philpotts 2, Miss E. Landon 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. A. Jurd 8.

— On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, F. W. Burnett 2, E. A. Jurd 3, C. W. Philpotts 4, H. A. Nobes 5, J. H. Hunt 6, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

BARNBY-LE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Hayes 1, S. G. Vessey 2, E. Willcocks 3, R. T. Vessey 4, J. C. Vessey 5, P. Holmes (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilfred E. Box 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, John Scott 3, George E. Fearn (conductor) 4, James F. Harvey 5, G. William Critchley 6, John S. Mason 7, William T. Froggatt 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINGS.—At the Church of St. Helen on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Martin Thorley 1, Frederick Hooper (conductor) 2, Harold Denman 3, Harry Barnes 4, Frank Reed 5, Leslie Squires 6.

BRISTOL.—On June 16th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, T. Harris 5, B. D. Price 6, R. C. Seager (conductor) 7, A. L. Gale 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, A. G. Oliver 4, H. J. Smerdon 5, N. Hobden 6, D. N. Layton (conductor) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire: L. Battison 1, E. Robinson 2, P. Jones 3, G. Care 4, C. Barrick (conductor) 5.

BATH.—On June 21st at St. Michael's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Hayward 1, T. K. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, W. J. Prescott 4, S. J. T. Shielock 5, W. G. Brown 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, H. D. Taylor 8.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Summerwill 1, W. White 2, E. White 3, W. Tiley (conductor) 4, H. White 5, F. Pinnions (first quarter) 6.

BATTERSEA.—On June 23rd, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: R. Cropley 1, F. Bush 2, L. Brown 3, A. Williams 4, E. Dodds 5, R. Hart 6, S. Hart (conductor) 7, G. Barber 8.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 16th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon 1, T. C. Belton 2, F. R. Deacon (conductor) 3, C. R. Belton 4, T. K. Deacon 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. A. M. Robinson).

CALNE, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Burry 1, H. Parsons 2, L.A.C. Ring (R.A.F.) 3, F. Walker 4, R. Saye 5, W. Hacker 6, R. Barry (conductor) 7, A. Saye 8.

EWELL.—On Saturday, June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. N. Layton 1, Winifred Adams 2, Jill Brittain 3, V. Bottomley 4, N. Hobden 5, A. G. Oliver 6, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 7, H. G. Smerdon 8.

FENITON, DEVON.—On June 22nd, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles: C. C. Turner (first quarter, age 12), 1, C. J. Turner (conductor) 2, W. Bird 3, C. Tolman 4, J. Arbury 5, F. Marks 6.

GORING, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Diserens 1, Miss P. N. Haines 2, J. Napper 3, H. Tull 4, G. Bromley 5, A. Diserens (conductor) 6, G. Wilson 7, W. Irving 8.

GRIMSBY.—On June 12th at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, J. H. Parker 3, S. Bromfield 4, A. Swain 5, A. Pashley 6, J. E. Kennington (conductor) 7, W. M. Smith 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Ann Thomas (first quarter) 1, John Burlinson (first with a bob bell) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On June 16th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Morris (first quarter-peat) 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Lawrence 3, E. F. Cubberley 4, W. Halford 5, P. J. Farrant 6, C. J. Camm (conductor) 7, F. Fluck 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, P. Welham 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Clayton 8.

NORTH WEALD.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aspinall 1, D. Blows 2, T. Laybourn 3, J. Armstrong 4, L. Bullock (conductor) 5, R. Funnell 6.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. D. Armitage 1, A. Wear 2, G. Dixon 3, M. Robson 4, H. M. Heaton 5, A. C. Walsh 6, J. McGlenn (conductor) 7, W. Dixon 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 25th, a quarter-peat of Doubles (540 Stedman and 720 Grandsire, ten different extents): D. Reed 1, J. Green 2, L. Harris (first quarter) 3, C. Reed 4, W. Cheater (conductor) 5, H. Kerley 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 15th, 1,440 of Minor: A. Fidler 1, D. L. Walton 2, G. S. Brewin 3, H. Turner 4, P. Taylor 5, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 6.

SOUTH NEWTON, SALISBURY.—On May 29th, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Roberts (first quarter-peat) 1, L. Page 2, E. Smith 3, F. Munns 4, W. Theobald (conductor) 5, G. Smith 6.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on July 20th at Oxford
is momentous in the history of the Guild, as a new Master and a new
general secretary have to be elected. In the interest of true democracy
the attendance of as many members as possible is desired.

Mr. R. A. Fitch, of Sudbury, informs us that the Suffolk Guild
meeting fixed for July 13th at Haverill has been cancelled in view of
the Mildenhall district meeting at Newmarket on the same day. A
meeting will be held at Haverill at a later date.

The first quarter-peal rung in Northern Ireland since the lifting of
the ban on bellringing was rung on May 17th at SS. Philip and James',
Holywood. It was 1,260 Grandsire Triples by *T. Dunwoody 1, W.
Pratt 2, J. Rush 3, J. Edgar 4, J. Savage 5, *J. T. Dunwoody 6, H.
Brown (conductor) 7, *J. Savage 8. *First quarters.

Chichester Cathedral ringers wish to thank those ringers of Ames-
bury, Salisbury, Wilton and Romsey who helped to make their recent
tour such a resounding success. One pleasing feature was the coincid-
ing of the ringing at St. Thomas', Salisbury, with the assembling of
members of the British Legion for their festival.

Ringers have now their own collective noun like a *flock* of sheep or
swarm of bees. It is a *dangle* of ringers. We believe this is a North
Country inspiration. Any better efforts gratefully acknowledged.

Young ringers should note that 'The Ringing World,' as the mouth-
piece of the Central Council, is always ready to help them to solve
their difficulties. Queries received will be forwarded to the appro-
priate expert.

That well-known Lincolnshire ringer, Mr. William E. Clarke, has
celebrated his silver wedding. The occasion was honoured in true ring-
ing style by a peal of Stedman Caters last Saturday at St. Botolph's,
Boston, with Mr. Clarke on the tenor.

From Cornwall we hear that the first peal on Launceston bells has
been rung. The peal goes to the credit of the Ancient Society of
College Youths, in which four members of the Myers family par-
ticipated.

The 20 minutes broadcast in the School's programme on Tuesday was
a delightful feature. Produced by Hilary Pym, it gave that intro-
duction to ringing which would evoke the curiosity of any Fourth
Former. There was Fabian Stedman and his 'Campanologia,' and
Mr. Albert Hughes to represent the modern side of the Ancient
Society. Greatest of all characters were John, aged 15, who has rung
in 44 towers, and Michael, aged 12, with 31 towers to his credit. Their
identity was not disclosed, but they deserve our congratulations. The
ringing from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, with Cecil on the tenor, was
enjoyable. The broadcast concluded with Bredon bells. We should like
to hear the comments of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Com-
mittee.

A QUINCENTENARY FROM CARDIFF CELEBRATED

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Last week we recorded a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, to commemorate the quincentenary of the church. The following historical notes on the church by Mr. L. Walter Prosser, who rang his first peal of ten 'inside' on that occasion, will be read with interest by those who know this fine ring of ten.

There were formerly two parish churches in Cardiff, St. Mary's, which was finally destroyed by the flooding of the River Taff, and St. John's, originally a chapel of ease to St. Mary's, which has been used for divine service for seven and a half centuries without interruption.

The date of foundation is uncertain, one of the pillars in the chancel on the south side suggests that there was a Norman structure on this site and the west doorway of the tower itself also suggests an earlier structure. This is borne out by existing documents. In the twelfth century Matilda de Soor notified the Bishop of Llandaff of a gift of land to Margam Abbey. This was witnessed by one Augustine of the chapel of St. John, Cardiff. Another proof of its existence before 1183 is a document of confirmation by Bishop Nicholas (1153-83) relating to tithes paid to the Abbey of Tewkesbury, which shows the Abbey held the parish of St. Mary and the chapels St. John, St. Thomas, Roath and several others.

The tower, which is undoubtedly the glory of the church, with its embattled parapet, delicate tracery and pinnacles of open work, is far superior to other work of mediæval character to be seen in the vicinity. It is said to have been built by one Hart in the year 1473 or thereabouts, who also erected the towers of Wrexham Church and St. Stephen's, Bristol.

Restoration to the tower was skilfully carried out during the time of the late Canon Thompson, who was also responsible, with great success, for improvements which resulted in the discarding of disfiguring galleries on the north, west and south sides erected to accommodate the increasing population of the town. In order to preserve and if possible to increase the number of seats, a north and south aisle were erected, and at the same time the roof of the chancel was raised.

The south aisle now contains the Chapel of St. George, which through the erection of a memorial window, screen and tablets to the memory of members of the Priory of Wales, has become associated with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The chief historical feature of interest next to the tower is the Herbert Chapel, sometimes called the Herbert Aisle. There is no actual evidence as to how the chapel came into the Herbert family's possession, but the Church of St. John in early days has always been associated with Cardiff Castle; indeed, as a chapel it was possibly within the castle precincts. When the castle was reduced to its present size the church was known as 'St. John outside the walls.' Upon the dissolution of the religious houses a large share of church possession was acquired by the Herbert family. The North-East



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF

Chapel (which was possibly originally a chantry) passed at that time into the possession of the Herberts.

The south chancel aisle, formerly known as the alderman's aisle, is now an organ chamber; the bailiffs and aldermen of the town having used it at one time, as also did the vicar and churchwardens. During the reconstruction of the aisles entrances to the rood loft on the south side of the nave were reopened.

It is a point of interest that the town fire engine was kept under the tower at the west end of the church.

Until recently the seventh bell was rung at eight o'clock every evening from October to March for the curfew, and at its close the day of the month was rung on the fourth bell. Upon notice being given to the sexton the passing bell was rung and if requested, for parishioners only, a funeral bell was tolled. There is an exceedingly fine ring of ten bells contained in the tower, the tenor, 27 cwt. in D, being one of the heaviest in Wales.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Mr. G. N. Sloan, Master and secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellingers, New Zealand, in a message of greetings to all ringers in England, conveyed in a letter to Mr. G. W. Fletcher, writes:—

'The Ringing World' is eagerly awaited for by us, as it is our only source of information in regard to ringing instruction and activities. We are the only ringing society in New Zealand.

At present our society is flourishing, as nine members who served overseas have returned and seven have come back to the society, so with the six young boys trained to ring during the war, we are able to ring all ten bells and have spare ringers. Two of our members who have returned had the opportunity to ring in England, one at Christ Church, Oxford, and the other at churches round Birmingham. Another rang in Melbourne, Australia, when returning from service in the Pacific Islands.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

AT BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

A highly successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Burnham-on-Crouch on July 6th, ringers being present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Burnham-on-Crouch, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Great Waltham and Stock.

At the business meeting after tea, Miss K. Hodge, of Maldon, was elected a ringing member, and H. Stebbings and S. W. Bigmore were re-elected ringing members. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Maldon on August 24th.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from rounds for the beginners to London Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT RICHMOND.

Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Albert Morton, who recently completed 60 years as a ringer, the greater part of which was spent at Richmond, the Northern District visited Richmond St. Mary's on June 15th. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. MacPherson).

Some years ago Mr. Morton retired from the head postmastership of Richmond; he is a former Mayor of this ancient borough, a devout churchman and rings regularly. He hopes soon to celebrate his diamond wedding. It is pleasing to note that his grandson is also a ringer at Richmond. The ringers much appreciated Mr. Morton's hospitality in entertaining them to tea at The Fleece Hotel.

After tea the Rector spoke in appreciation of Mr. Morton's long and faithful service, his fellow ringers at Richmond presented him with a book and speeches of congratulation were made. Twenty new members were elected, including fifteen from Richmond tower.

Unfortunately, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of Mr. A. Morton's jubilee failed after some good ringing. An attempt for a peal in his honour is now being considered.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, who was present at the meeting, was successful in selling a considerable number of Central Council publications.

DUDLEY GUILD GAIN SIX MEMBERS

Six new members were elected when the Dudley Guild met at Enville on June 29th. In spite of transport difficulties, 36 members attended. The Rector, the Rev. J. Ward-Booth, welcomed the party and conducted the service. Wombourn was suggested as the venue for the next quarterly meeting on September 28th.

AT RANDOM FROM THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

PONTEFRACT BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have often thought of writing to you to see if you can solve a problem, interesting as far as bells go, and so I am writing at last. York Minster is generally considered as having the first ring of 12 bells—1657. On the cutting which I enclose it says that the old church of All Saints at Pontefract once had 12 bells.

It is said that there were originally 12 bells in the tower (which from its internal dimensions, 22ft. square inside, is perfectly possible), and that Col. Bright took all but one away to Badsworth. This solitary bell became suddenly cracked in 1863, when the Rev. Sir Thomas E. Blomefield, Bart., a late esteemed Vicar, held a bazaar for some urgent repairs of the church, and the old bell was sent to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, that its metal might be cast towards a new peal of six at the cost of £350.

The Rev. W. C. Lukis, of Wath, procured plaster casts of the bell, its letters and devices, and the Rev. J. T. Fowler published some notes on this bell in the "Yorkshire Archaeological Journal" for 1871. The date inscription round the mouth of the bell was 1598, which, supposing there to have been no mistake on the bell itself, or in the copies, shows that it was cast in the 41st year of Elizabeth—a reign in which great numbers of bells were cast.

The arms of Nottingham were upon it, and a series of heraldic devices, most of them badges of the Royal House of Tudor. The tone of this bell was very rich; it was called by Fothergill, in 1707, "a gallant, sweet bell." The badges were a conventional castle, a pomegranate slipped—this occurs twice—a shield bearing a cross raguly between three crowns, a Tudor rose, a Talbot hound, a portucullis. These badges would seem to show that the bell was given by one of the Talbots, and cast at the great Nottingham foundry, whose history has still to be written.

I wonder if All Saints' bells are mentioned in the Inventory of Church Goods (Edward VI.) at the Record Office. I will just give an account of the Pontefract bells:—

All Saints'.—1 and 2, cast 1905, J. Taylor; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, cast 1863, J. Taylor; 8, cast 1905, J. Taylor; tenor, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

St. Giles'.—No bells before 1707; ring of eight, 1778; recast 1835, J. Taylor; recast 1919, J. Taylor; 10 bells; tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb. in E.

Badsworth.—Treble, 34 inches, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., A. Sharp (1525-1558, Heathcote ? George); second, 37 inches, 8 cwt. 19 lb., G. sharp, 1675 (S. S. Ebor); third, 41 5-8 inches, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., F. sharp, 1669 (George Oldfield); fourth, 44 1/2 inches, 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E, 1582 (Heathcote ? Ralph or Godfrey).

These bells have a full tone between each, are plaintive but grand. They are hung in an iron frame for six. The treble would have to be recast and I have heard the tenor is cracked. They have the Ella-combe chime.

I would like to see them recast, the treble replaced as a new third and two new trebles added and hang the old treble above (rigid) so as to retain the four bells to chime for communions, etc.

F. ATKINSON.

28, St. John Street, York.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR AT 80

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 27th at St. Margaret's, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (Bankes James): John Perkins (80 years) 1, Frank Nicholls (first quarter in method) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, Frank L. Harris 4, M. Ginn 5, G. L. Perkins 6. A birthday compliment to J. Perkins and M. Ginn.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Stanford-le-Hope proved to be an ideal peal for the Ladies' Guild when the London District held a meeting there on May 29th. Being a little off the beaten track, it was too far out for some of the members, but those who attended had a very enjoyable time.

Nine new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and for conducting the service. Also to Miss Chinnery, who had made all arrangements.

Beddington was decided on for the next meeting, to be held in September.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

The 135th ringing anniversary was held on June 22nd. Parishes represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Chevington, Groton, Hadleigh, Horringer, Ingham, Long Melford, Newmarket, Newton, Sudbury and Little Walsingham (Suffolk), Thorington and West Bergholt (Essex), Melbourn and Sawston (Cams.), and the local band.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative.

TWO SECTIONS OR TWO TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—I notice that the Victory Day ringing included 1,344 Bob Major at St. Ives, Hunts, which was said to have been 'rung in two sections.'

I wonder what is meant by this. Are we to understand that 1,344 true and complete changes were rung without interval? If so, to what does 'rung in two sections' refer? If not, the performance should be published as two touches.

The 'two sections' may, of course, very well refer to the composition, but in that case the words 'a two-part composition' would leave the reader in no doubt and would be preferable to the present ambiguity.

Our St. Ives friends may like to tell us what actually they did ring.

P. A. CORBY.

79, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

AN ESSEX RINGER IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The ringers at the Parish Church of Black Notley introduced me to the art in September, 1942, and I have now been a member of the Essex Association for three years. During the last year or so of the war my tutors managed, mainly on five and six bell towers, to shepherd me through a method or two. Having rung two peals, each of Bob Doubles and Minor, I believe that I might consider myself as being on the second step of the never ending ladder.

I was rather disheartened when, after being conscripted last November into H.M. Army, I learnt that I was destined for five months' training in Northern Ireland.

Though I made several inquiries, I found practically no news of any existence of ringing in that country. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when one Sunday morning the music of a peal of eight bells reached my ears. Still I was unable to discover their abode.

After leave in February, I managed to visit the small coastal town of Holywood (near Belfast in Co. Down) one evening, and to my delight some bells commenced ringing close at hand. I soon found the source and next Sunday attended the evening service ring. The method in which they were progressing was Grandsire Triples, and I have since been able to ring a few courses, due to tuition received. My main cause for writing, however, was the fact that during the last few weeks two broadcasts from that church have included bell-ringing. I have rung the treble on both occasions and the method each time was Grandsire Triples. (Stedman Triples is now being mastered by that band.)

The first occasion was Sunday evening service, 7.45 p.m. till 8.25 p.m. on May 26th to Northern Ireland listeners. Second occasion was V-Day, Saturday, June 8th. During the programme, which recorded celebrations from different parts of Britain after 11 p.m., the town to represent Northern Ireland was Lisburn. This was about 11.25 p.m. and our ringing rose from the background of those celebrations at 11.29 p.m. till 11.30 p.m.—1 minute exactly. (Time allotted for service ring—2 minutes.) I most certainly regard this as an honour, considering I was a visitor to that country.

I managed to attend the annual meeting of the Irish Association of Change Ringers on Easter Monday at Lurgan. Although the standard of ringing was hindered during these past six years, the ensuing rapid progress should soon compete with many of our English towers.

DERYCK A. TALBOT.

Florence Villa, Notley Road, Braintree, Essex.

P.S.—I have now heard that the Northern Ireland B.B.C. are hoping to make arrangements for regular monthly broadcast ringing from that church.—D.A.T.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

LYMPSTONE MEETING.

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, had a smaller attendance than usual at its Lymptone meeting on July 6th because the brilliant weather detained many members for hay-making, fruit picking and gardening. Consequently, instead of an expected muster of 60, the total was only 35. However, some good Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung on the handy six at the Parish Church, where service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. McIntyre).

The Rev. H. W. Christie (Honiton Clyst) presided over business proceedings, when thanks were extended to the Rector and the organist (Miss D. J. Jackson), and Honiton Clyst was chosen for the next gathering on October 12th. The Guild President (Prob. E. V. Cox) complimented the branch on the acquisition of many young members, which was fortunate because some losses were being sustained by removals and calling up for the Forces. Instruction was of prime importance and in this respect enthusiastic leadership possessed by the branch would be invaluable.

The Guild Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale) announced arrangements for a general practice at Broadclyst (eight bells) on August 3rd.

SUMMER FESTIVALS

BEDFORDSHIRE AT WOBURN.

The fine weather brought a good gathering of county ringers to Woburn on July 6th. The fine peal of eight were kept busy during the afternoon and evening to a large variety of methods from Bob Major to London Surprise. A service in the church was conducted by the curate-in-charge, the Rev. W. Gunner, about 40 ringers attending. The president of the association, Miss Eveyn Steel, entertained the ringers to tea at the Bedford Arms Hotel.

There was no business meeting, but at the suggestion of Mr. H. D. Harris a collection was taken at the tables, the money to go to the Bedford District Bell Fund to be earmarked for St. Peter's. The secretary thanked the curate for the use of the bells and for taking the service. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung before the ringers returned to the tower for the evening's ring.

SALISBURY GUILD AT STOURTON.

The summer meeting held at Stourton and favoured by delightful weather was attended by 30 members representing Stourton, Gillingham, Mere, Kington Magna, Buckhorn Weston, Hazelbury Bryan, Stoke Wake, Stoke Trister, Lytchett Matravers, North Cadbury, and there was a visitor from Norfolk. The Guild service was conducted by the secretary and the address given by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Russell). Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Russell, assisted by a number of other ladies of the village.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. The Rev. F. S. Jackson, D.D., was elected an honorary member. It was announced that a scheme had been inaugurated for repairing the bells at Mappowder and there was hope that Pulham would do the same.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for receiving the Guild and also to the ladies, who had provided an excellent tea. Towers were opened for ringing at Mere, Bourton and Zeals.

GUILDFORD AT EWELL.

The officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild usually manage to avoid having to trouble members with business matters on the occasion of the Guild's summer festival meeting, but at this year's meeting, held at Ewell on Saturday, time was found after tea to vote a donation of £3 3s. to the Dunsfold Restoration Fund. One very generously disposed member attempted to persuade the meeting to make the gift up to £5 5s., but with the stern and intimidating eye of the chairman roving round the room, he failed to get a seconder. (The secretary had taken the precaution, as finance was the business of the day, to see that Mr. J. Corbett, the Guild's treasurer, was in the chair.)

A bright and cheerful service was held at Ewell, conducted by the Rev. K. Davies, of West Ewell, who is himself a sufficiently accomplished ringer to be an asset to any band.

The towers of St. Martin's and Christ Church were open as well as Ewell, and from the three towers throughout the afternoon and evening the melody of changes in the outcast, faircast and goodcast variations floated over suburban Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT TICKNALL.

A meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Ticknall on June 29th, when members and friends were present from Burton (St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Netherseale, Overseale, Repton, Wolverhampton, Derby and the local company.

Tea was served in the Welfare Hall, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. H. Brittan presided in the absence of the chairman (Mr. B. G. Key), who was indisposed. Five honorary and one ringing member were elected.

Netherseale was chosen for next meeting on July 20th, and it was decided to accept the invitation to visit Hoar Cross on August 10th.

Methods rung during afternoon or evening included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with rounds for the younger members.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY

June 27th was the 323rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day at Saffron Walden, and, by permission of the Vicar, the festival was held on June 29th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 p.m. Tea was arranged in the Parish Room.

The usual service, which was choral, was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m. The Rev. G. A. Jackson officiated and preached an interesting sermon.

Methods rung during the day included Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, the day ending with a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal.

Among the visitors present included some from London, Southborough (Kent), Cambridge, St. Ives, Sawston, Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Chelmsford, Elmdon, Sible Hedingham, Melbourne, Fulbourne and Great Bardfield.

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As called by Kenneth A. Roe at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, on June 8th, 1946.

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KENT ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Monday, 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, St. James' Paisley (8), Saturday, July 27th, 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mrs L. M. H. Caldwell, 37 Mains Road, Castlehead, Paisley.

MONKS KIRBY bellringers are holding a social on Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. All ringers welcomed. For details write Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Wednesday, August 21st. An outing has been suggested to Symonds Yat for wives of members of the above. Will anyone interested please communicate with the undersigned?—Mrs. H. C. Spencer, 43, Holliday Road, Birmingham, 24.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—William Saunders' Memorial.—A fund to provide a suitable memorial has been opened, and all ringers, associations and friends are invited to send their donations to Mr. T. Belk (hon. treasurer), Paradise, Coalbrookdale, or Alfred S. Bayley (hon. sec.), 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is now 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cox 1, J. White 2, P. Cox (conductor) 3, A. Bown 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, H. Bown 6.

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Haxey, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) (10), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing at St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), All Saints' (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting Cathedral Church House 5 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m., Cathedral and All Saints'.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, July 13th, St. Mary's, Wimbledon (8), near lawn tennis courts, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Tea and business 4.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Facilities for tea very limited. Advise early Mr. H. Huntley, 5, South Row, Chiddingstone, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, July 13th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Ludlow (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. For tea, advise W. J. Beniams, Ben-all, Henley Road, Ludlow.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—W. C. Hughes.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Newmarket, July 13th. Bells available at 2 p.m. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6). Service All Saints' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m. A cordial invitation to all ringers and beginners.—R. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Algarkirk, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Eaton Socan (8), Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Horne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigot, July 13th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.

PEAK SOCIETY AND DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Matlock (8), July 13th, 2.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. No tea possible, bring food.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Lanivet (three miles west of Bodmin), Saturday, July 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s.). Bells: Lanivet (8), Lanhydrock (8), and Roche (8).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Hardington Maudeville, Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Liss, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 (St. Mary's and St. Peter's). Service 4.15. Tea 5, in St. Mary's Hall. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Desborough (8), July 13th. Cups of tea only available.—H. Baxter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Mid-week practice, Wednesday, July 17th, Burgess Hill. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobald's Road, Burgess Hill, by 14th inst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, Heston, Thursday, July 18th. Bells available from 6.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—See East Bergholt bells rung! Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Bells rung 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Stratford St. Mary bells available after tea. Names for tea by July 15th to J. W. Jennings, 134, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—North District.—Thirsk, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before July 17th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Lucan Cottages, Sharow, Ripon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—St. Chad's, Leeds, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. All ringing friends cordially invited. Names before July 17th to Miss Bowling, 27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, Hastings, Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—St. John's, Redhill, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Parochial Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, latest, to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Meeting, Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets to reach me *not* later than July 13th. Ringing: Cathedral 10-11 a.m. for service, and later in the day; Colleges, Merton, Magdalen and New. City Churches, St. Giles' (8), St. Ebbes' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Thomas' (6), Holywell (6). Times of ringing will be given out at the luncheon. Will members please make a special effort to attend?—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone (6), July 20th. Tea. Numbers by July 16th to J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Mary's, Acton, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Ringing till 9 p.m.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Great Holland (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2 p.m., Kirby-le-Soken (8), after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Ship Inn 4.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea by July 17th to Mr. A. Marshall, 2, Church Lane, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District. Wheathampstead (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3.30 p.m. No tea arrangements, but cafe nearby. Sandridge bells (6) from 7 p.m.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Salford Priors, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who notify me by July 17th.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The bells (8), two trebles, recently added and dedicated, will be open to all ringers on Feast Saturday, July 20th, from 4 p.m.—B. A. Sollis.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Netherseale, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Ashbrittle (6) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30. Notify for tea by July 15th.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Blackpool, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30. No tea provided.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.—Madeley, Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea to J. Higginson, Moss Lane, Madeley, near Crewe, before July 16th. Buses from Newcastle at 2.30, 3, 3.20, 4 p.m.—Andrew Thompson.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Bordon (8), Saturday, July 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Maypole Inn afterwards. Names not later than July 17th to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Long Ashton, Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Wilmslow, Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Harworth (6), Saturday, July 20th. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Horsmonden, Kent, July 20th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, July 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells from 2 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Riddell, Mill Lane, Yateley, by July 17th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Billingshurst (8), July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea, 4.30, to those notifying by July 18th.—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at North Petherton, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 16th.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Rich. D. Langford.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Linton (5), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Green Hill Cafe. Balsham bells (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bowness-on-Windermere Parish Church, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, not later than Wednesday, July 18th.—N. M. Newby.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Loughborough, July 27th. Ringing, All Saints' and Bell Foundry. Tea, Fearon Hall, only for those who notify Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst School, Bridge Street, Loughborough, by first post July 23rd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Maperton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Charlton Horethorne bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 27th. St. Mary's (10) 3 to 4 p.m. for service at 4.15. St. Chad's (12) 7 to 8 p.m. A number of good cafes in town. Please make own arrangements for tea.—E. D. Poole.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Heckington (8), July 27th. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Tysoe Church (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27th. Please bring your own refreshments.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

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