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A NEW DEPARTURE IN SOMERSET.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has much to congratulate itself upon in the progress revealed at the annual meeting. The extension of the art in the South-Western counties of England has always been a laborious task, and ringing in Somerset was especially badly hit by the war, a loss of individual members—the common experience of all ringing organisations—being accompanied by a serious falling off in the number of affiliated towers. The wastages of the war are, however, now being made up, and not the least gratifying part of last year's work was the rejoining of no fewer than thirteen towers, in addition to the bringing in of two new ones. This is eloquent testimony to the zeal which has been displayed in rebuilding the association, and, with the acquisition of numerical strength, further progress in the technical side of ringing may be confidently looked forward to.

In the management of its finances, the association has introduced a principle which others might copy. In addition to the yearly contribution which has to be paid by members, a modest annual affiliation fee for each tower is charged, and it is urged that this fee should be paid by the church authorities. With the growing recognition of ringers as part of the church organisation, this method of affiliation, apart from the financial assistance which it gives, has much to commend it. It is a binding link between a parish and the central diocesan body, it emphasises the association's connection with the Church far more than does the individual subscription of a ringer, and it maintains, whatever the size of a band may be, a full and equal recognition of all towers.

It is hardly to be expected that the ringers should be asked to provide this affiliation fee. In a considerable number of cases the annual subscription is as much as the ringer can afford, but a five-shilling or ten-shilling fee from the Parochial Council is not an extravagant demand to make, even upon a poor parish. The difficulty arises in levying a new charge of this description, and a parsimonious Council might possibly hesitate before dipping into its pocket for the purpose. Proper representations, however, would go far to remove the opposition, which would possibly be found greatest in those parishes where the role of the ringer is placed on a lower level than that of other church workers. It is very largely to emphasise the ringers' position in the church that we say that such a scheme of affiliation is a desirable one. To many associations, with difficulties in making ends meet, this new source of revenue should be a very welcome one, and we imagine the example set by Bath and Wells is likely, in course of time, to be copied by many other ringing organisations covering diocesan or county areas.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 6
THOMAS LANGDON ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 8
WILSON RUSHTON ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph S. Hawkins.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
† JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	EDWARD READER ... 9
* JOHN P. FIDDLER ... 5	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the 5th, who hails from Norbury, was elected a member before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COMBE MARTIN, NORTH DEVON
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCOLA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 Six-scores called differently with 4, 6, 8 covering.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. G. S. SANDERS ... Treble	S. BLACKMORE ... 5
R. GUBB ... 2	J. ROOK ... 6
C. ROOK ... 3	R. PEGELEY ... 7
A. H. HAYWOOD ... 4	T. GUBB ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. HAYWARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Bowden Snell and Miss Honora Kathleen Tome, who were married at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on the same day. First peal by all except the conductor, and first peal on the bells.

CHISWICK.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR CUTMORE ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
WILLIAM W. WOOD ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
JAMES W. DRIVER ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Arranged for Mr. Cross who was on holiday from Norwich.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEERSON, JUN. ... 5
*RAYMOND PHILPOT 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hutton, G. Steere and C. Burdock, of the Holy Trinity Society. The conductor's 700th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
CHARLES P. CHALK 2	*REGINALD A. WATTS 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
WILLIAM DOWSETT 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in affectionate remembrance of Dr. Watts-Ditchfield, Bishop of Chelmsford. * First peal, and elected a member of the Essex Association in the tower.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	WALTER AYRE 7
ARTHUR W. DIX 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

This peal, and the one at Oxhey recorded last week, were arranged for Mr. G. H. Cross, of Norwich.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

FRANK BRASSINGTON Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
*ERNEST STONE 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method on tower bells and rung at the first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT ADDSLEY 5
FREDERICK CULLUM, SEN. 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WALTER R. MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Cobb, the late vicar, who has left the parish.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBSON Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 6
*CECIL HARRISON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
WILLIAM WILSON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Major. This composition contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. This was the first peal rung on the beautiful ring in D Minor with the eleventh of the twelve as tenor, and was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson on the 9th anniversary of their wedding.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Ten Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 17280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	SAMUEL JONES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the longest peal ever rung in the Treble Bob method.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	GEORGE LINES 5
HARRY MEADOWS 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	THOMAS ABBOTT 7
*ROBERT G. BLACK 4	†GEORGE BASHFORD ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. BASHFORD.

* First peal of Major away from the treble. † 50th peal.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
HAROLD W. CLARK 2	*GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Swithun's Parish Church on St. Swithun's Day, July 15th, in 49 mins.: W. Mills 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Cherson 8. This is the first quarter rung on the bells since they were rehung.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM EVANS Treble	†ALFRED TOMKINS 4
*CHARLES EDWARDS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
*FREDERICK A. GAINÉ 3	ALFRED TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 720 Double Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*GEORGE MILLS Treble	*WILLIAM H. DALE 4
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 2	*WILLIAM MILLS 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	ARTHUR J. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of treble for his 50th birthday, and to the father of ringer of 5th. Father and son's first peal together and first attempt.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK HATFIELD Treble	*ARTHUR CRYER 4
HORACE MORLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 3	ARTHUR HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung on the conductor's birthday and was his 30th peal. * First peal. Ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Selby Abbey, 5th from Howden Parish Church, the rest are local. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT PARKER Treble	*EDWARD COOK 4
*STEPHEN COOK 2	LEONARD HARRISON 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	GEORGE ASHLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ASHLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. All are Sunday Service ringers. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are also choirmen. This was the quarterly peal for the Branch, and was rung at the third attempt.

CLIFTON-REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

BERNARD FISHER Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 5
FREDERICK J. MYNARD 3	EDWIN S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a life member previous to starting the peal and had never previously struck a blow in the method of Woodbine Treble Bob.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR T. KING.**UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TABLET.**

The memorial to the late President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O.) was unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Barnet. The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Manning), which was fully choral, was a most impressive one, and was attended by a large number of members of the Association, including Messrs. E. A. Milne and T. Beadle (vice-presidents), W. Pye (Master), G. B. Lucas (District Master), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), W. J. Kemp (assistant hon. secretary), C. Martin, J. Wagborn, B. Foskett, I. G. Shade, G. R. Pye, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, H. A. Barnett, and many others of the older members who had known the late President for a considerable period. There were also present Messrs. P. L. and W. King (sons), and several Barnet friends of the late Mr. King.

The service opened with a processional hymn, 'How blessed, from the bonds of sin,' which was followed by Psalm xv. The lessons were read by Mr. F. A. Milne (Diocesan lay reader). The Magnificat also was sung. After the 3rd collect, the clergy and choir proceeded to the font, close to which the memorial had been erected. Mr. Milne then unveiled and dedicated the tablet with these words:—

'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this tablet to the Glory of God and in pious memory of His Servant, Arthur Thomas King, sometime Diocesan lay reader, President of the Middlesex Association, and member of the Guild of Bell Ringers in this Church.'

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Milne then addressed the congregation as follows: 'Fellow members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, in the unavoidable absence of our president it has fallen to my lot to unveil the tablet we have erected in memory of our late revered president, Arthur Thomas King. I could have wished that Mr. Bonsey had been here to perform the ceremony, but he has told me that in any event he would have preferred that I should do so, as I had for so many years and in so many ways been associated with Mr. King—and, like him, am an Old Wykehamist. At the annual meeting of the association, held in April last year, in speaking of Mr. King, I said that he was a man upon whose word you could absolutely rely, and in whose judgment you could implicitly trust; a man who never in my experience said an unkind word or did an unkind action. I do not think it would be possible to give a better appreciation of his character; and I am convinced that every word I said was true. What a tower of strength he has been to the association you all know. When he first became a member things were at a very low ebb; and it was entirely owing to his tact and infinite patience that the two wings of the association, N. and E. and S. and W., were brought together, and that the association rose to a position second to none in the United Kingdom. And it is peculiarly appropriate that a memorial to him should have been erected in this church, for during the whole of the 20 years or more that he was resident in Barnet he was a lay reader in the parish, and few who had the privilege of hearing him will forget the impressive way in which he read the lessons. May he rest in peace, and may we all be inspired by his example to follow in his steps.'

The choir then sang the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells,' and returned to their stalls. After the Rector had said prayers, the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' was sung, and the service was concluded with the Benediction and Recessional hymn, 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow.'

The memorial tablet is of white Sicilian marble, mounted on a white marble background, the dimensions of the latter being 2ft. 4ins. by 1ft. 10ins. The inscription, which is cut and painted Venetian red, reads as follows:—

'In gratitude to God for the life and work of Arthur Thomas King, I.S.O., loyal disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and devout Churchman, the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers have placed this tablet in memory of his example and devotion, and of his service to the art of bell ringing.'

Great satisfaction was expressed at the neatness of the work and at the way it had been carried out generally. Prior to the service the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers, the 'service touch' being a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major. After the service the bells were rung, open, whilst the bells at Hadley were also available, and members made full use of them.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET.

At St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, a tablet recording a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples rung on the day of the funeral of the late Mr. King was unveiled and dedicated, the ceremony in this instance being performed by the President of the Association (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey).

The Vicar, who was unfortunately absent, was represented by his curate (the Rev. R. J. Goodwin), and the churchwardens also were present.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A SATISFACTORY YEAR: THIRTEEN TOWERS REJOIN.**

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil, when the following towers were represented: Wells, Bath Abbey, Bridgwater, Ilminster, Trull, Martock, Taunton St. James', Clapton-in-Gordano, Midsomer Norton, Bishop's Hull, and Templecombe, whilst visitors from towers in other dioceses who were heartily welcomed included Messrs. T. Hervey Beams and C. H. Jennings (Salisbury Guild), Braven and Gregory (Bristol), J. W. Jones and C. Greedy (Newport), S. Hillier (Devizes), J. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), F. Stuckey and G. Belts (Devon Guild). The local arrangements were made by Mr. Jno. Goodchild (steward), and Mr. J. E. Baker (secretary and conductor of the Parish Church Guild). Before the meeting touches of Grandshire Caters were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and in the evening touches of various methods, including Grandshire Caters, Stedman Caters, Grandshire Triples, and Bob Royal. The Ringing Master appointed for the day was Mr. J. E. Baker, secretary of the Yeovil Parish Church company. The visitors were loud in their praises of this very fine peal of ten, the tenor of which weighs 45 cwt.

The business meeting was held in the vestry of the Parish Church, under the presidency of the Master (the Rev. Claud C. Parker, of Corston Rectory, Bristol), who was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. R. Burgess, of Taunton). The Master's report stated that, perhaps, the most important event of the year was the addition of two bells to St. Mary's tower, Taunton, making a ring of twelve—the only one in the Diocese. The addition had been made with such skill that, with improved methods, it had been conclusively shown the strain on the tower was less than when there were only ten bells. Those who had been the moving spirits in carrying out that work were to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts, and on the beautiful peal of which they were now the proud possessors. He thought the example of Taunton showed that an increased number of bells need not in any way endanger the stability of a tower, and where expert opinion was first sought and careful attention was paid to the character of the frame, as in that case, and, so far as he knew, as had been done in the great majority of cases, ringers need have no hesitation in promoting an improvement of the kind. He thought it was a great satisfaction to all to find that their Bishop took a keen interest in the welfare of the Association, and had spoken such kindly words about ringers and their work in the charge made on the occasion of his first visitation.

AN ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEE.

Continuing, the Master said he was again going to press upon them the importance of securing the annual affiliation fee from the church funds of each parish where the tower was attached to the Association. If once established throughout the Diocese it should bring in a sum of about £20, and would be of a permanent nature. They did not ask for a collection, but for the very small sum of 5s., and surely the benefit of the Association to any parish was worth that. Every band of ringers should make a point of seeing that this matter was brought prominently before the incumbent, churchwardens, and Church Council of their own parish. He had had the privilege of being present at a meeting of the Ladies' Guild of Ringers, and the question arose as to headgear for ladies while ringing. He felt himself that, inasmuch as the tower was a part of the church, a head covering of some kind should be worn. He understood that the matter would be referred to the Central Committee of the Ladies' Guild. He was very glad to be able to report a year of satisfactory progress by the Association. A number of towers had rejoined, and there were many new members. Financially also the position was good, and he hoped it might now again be possible to allow a grant towards the fees, at all events, at quarterly meetings of the Association. The towers in the Association numbered 124 (including 13 rejoined and two new towers), and the membership was 1,380. The peals rung had been: Stedman Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Bob Major, 5; Stedman Triples, 5; Grandshire Triples, 9; Bob Minor, 10; Minor in 2 Methods, 1; Doubles in 3 Methods, 1; Doubles in 2 Methods, 2; Grandshire Doubles, 2; total, 37.—The report was adopted, Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, commenting upon the satisfactory number of towers that had rejoined the Association. It showed, he said, that they only left previously through the exigencies of war.—The balance sheet was presented by Mr. Burgess, and showed the total sum standing to the credit of the Association to be £106 3s. 2d.—The statement, which had been audited by Mr. D. E. Taylor (hon. auditor), was unanimously adopted.—A discussion ensued upon a suggestion by Mr. J. Hunt that the statement should in future contain the income of the various branches, in addition to the balances now given. It was pointed out that each branch held its own annual meeting, when the detailed accounts were presented, and the Chairman said he did not think it a question arising out of the adoption of the Association's statement.—It was resolved to grant the same honorarium to Mr. Burgess as last year.—The Chairman said they had come through troublous times, and this was the first year the Association had been working so satisfactorily. He thought the grant was due to the secretary for the excellent work he had done.

The Bishop of the Diocese, as president, and the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath, and Taunton as vice-presidents, are ex-officio officers, and their formal re-election was not necessary. Preb. S. A. Boyd (Bath) and the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip) were re-elected vice-presidents.—The Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master, Mr. D. G. Taylor hon. auditor, and Mr. Burgess hon. secretary and treasurer, tributes being paid by several speakers to their past services.—Three new members, Miss Campbell and Messrs. J. Blackmore and A. Paul were elected.

In a brief report on the Central Council meeting, Mr. A. E. Coles said the outstanding feature was the whole-hearted welcome given by the officers and members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Mr. Hervey Beams, who they had with them that day, was one of the most prominent figures in organising that welcome.—In thanking Mr. Coles for his report, the Chairman said it should be known that he went without any expense to the Association.—Mr. Hervey Beams, thanking Mr. Coles for his references to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, said they felt if visitors were invited it was a duty to make them welcome.—Mr. J. W. Jones declared it was one of the best gatherings ever held by the Central Council.

SUGGESTED BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The Rev. Freeman, of Croscombe, briefly addressed the gathering. At the outset he made it clear that he had only recently gone to live at Croscombe and he had made the discovery that his ringers were not affiliated to the Association. He promised that should be speedily remedied if they allowed Croscombe to join. The reverend gentleman went on to outline a suggestion that all affiliated branches should contribute to a fund to assist parishes faced with heavy expenses in restoring towers and bells. He pointed out that Croscombe had a very ancient and beautiful church with six bells. The ringing of these had had to be stopped through the condition of the cage, and until a restoration scheme costing something like £700 had been carried out. By tremendous 'slogging' the villagers had raised £500, and other parishes near were promising some help. He did not suggest the bellmen should be the material supporters—they already gave their services—but if some scheme could be arranged whereby the hat could be passed round for parishes needing such help as Croscombe did it would be a tremendous thing. There were people in their churches who he felt sure would be willing to pay for the credit of their Church, and he promised that whenever the appeal came to Croscombe the parish would do the same.—The Chairman said Mr. Freeman had their heartiest sympathy, and he hoped they might be able to give some help in that way.

Mr. J. Hunt moved that in future the accounts should be made up to the 31st December, instead of May 31st. He pointed out that practically all Church accounts were now made up for this period, and if the motion was adopted there would not be the rush to get the financial statement completed for that meeting. — Mr. Taylor seconded.—The Chairman mentioned that the committee supported the proposal.—In answer to a question he stated that he did not think the alteration of any rule was involved. They could not do that. He should put it on this assumption, and if it turned out otherwise it would become inoperative.—For the motion there voted 25, and against three.—The Chairman declared it carried.

The Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yeovil (the Rev. H. C. Sydenham) for the use of the vestry and the beautiful bells of the church; to Mr. Jno. Goodchild (the Vicar's warden) and to Mr. J. E. Baker (local secretary and Master of the Yeovil Guild), who had done everything possible to make the meetings successful.—Mr. Goodchild, in acknowledging the vote, said it was a great delight to them to receive a visit from the Diocesan Association.

In the Parish Church Divine service was conducted by the Vicar of Yeovil, the whole of the party attending. The singing was led by the choir, and Mr. F. R. Risdon (organist and choirmaster) presided at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. J. W. Pearson (headmaster of Yeovil County School), and immediately after the singing of the 'Ringers' hymn, the Vicar gave an address to the Association from the text 'I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do.' He pointed out the holiness of the service the ringers had undertaken, and said they must realise they were the instruments through which God called His people to the Sanctuary. The Church to-day was more full of life and vitality than it had ever been. Differences and difficulties over Prayer Book Revision and such like merely pointed to the life and vitality in Church and people. Their Sunday Schools were increasing, and in many places their congregations and communicants. The ringers called them to this holy service. The time was passed when it was good enough for the ringers to ring and then leave the House of God. If their lives were to be successful, and if they wanted to be able to say when it closed and the last pull had been made, 'I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do,' then not only must they be ringers, but worshippers in the Sanctuary, too.

In the Schoolroom the party sat down to tea, excellently served by Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. Oridge, Mrs. F. Beel, and Mrs. C. E. Newis.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Atwater, E.' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Stratham or Cuckfield?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
ATTWATER, E.	Stratham	Surrey, Coll. Youths
ATTWATER, E.	Cuckfield	Sussex
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Pendleton	Lancashire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Anstey	Midland Counties
BILLOWS, F. C.	Blackburn	Lancashire
BILLOWS, F. C.	Skipton	Yorkshire
COLLINS, S. J.	Fulham	College Youths
COLLINS, S. J.	Wandsworth	London County
DEWEY, H. J.	Reigate	Surrey
DEWEY, H. J.	Earlswood	Cumberlands
DELL, C.	Isleworth	Middlesex
DELL, C.	Hadleigh	Cumberlands
EDSER, G.	Streatham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Buttersea	London County
EDSER, G. B.	Herstham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Hewsham	Winchester
LICENCE, A.	Worplesdon	Winchester
LICENCE, F. A.	Willesden	Middlesex
LICENCE, F. A.	Brookdish	Norwich
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
LAING, A. T.		Cambridge University
LAING, A. T., Rev.	Bamburgh	Durham and Newcastle
MURRAY, T.	Lisnard	Chester
MURRAY, T.	Rothbury	Durham and Newcastle
MORRIS, B.	Mitcham	Surrey
MORRIS, B.	Mortlake	Middlesex
MELIA, M.	Leeds	London County
MELIA, M.	Holbeck	College Youths
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Leigh	Salisbury
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	London County
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, H. A. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
PAYNE, J.	St. Albans	Herts
PAYNE, J. H.	Kensington	College Youths
ROBERTS, A.	Dover	Kent
ROBERTS, A.	Godstone	Surrey
RANCE, J.	Davenham	Chester
RANCE, J.	Whalley	Lancashire
STUBBS, H. C.	Stanford Hill	Middlesex
STUBBS, H. C.	Tottenham	Cumberlands
STUBBS, H. C.	Stoke Newington	London County
SMITH, A.	Oxenhorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Masey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association.
SAYER, C. O.	Headingley	Yorkshire
SAYER, C. O.	Sunderland	Durham and Newcastle
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
TAYLOR, T. G.	Batheaston	Bath and Wells
TAYLOR, T. G.	Whitchurch	Salisbury
	Canonicorum	
WRIGHT, S.	Morpeth	College Youths
WRIGHT, S. A.	Herne Hill	London County
WRIGHT, S. A.	Morpeth	Durham and Newcastle
WILLIAMS, R.	Bebington	Chester
WILLIAMS, R.	Whitchurch	Llandaff and Monmouth
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Canning	Salisbury

LIST B.

CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CHELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
LONGRIDGE, A. O.	"
C., Rev.	"
LAING, A. T.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T., Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"

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The President, after unveiling the tablet, dedicated it with these words: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this mural tablet to the Glory of God, and in memory of His Servant, Arthur Thomas King, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

A short service of prayer followed, the proceedings ending with the Benediction.

This tablet is also of white Sicilian marble, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, and a little over 1ft. 7ins. square. The inscription, which is surrounded by a black border line, and headed 'In Memoriam,' proceeds to record the peal rung with half-muffled bells on March 30th, 1922, after the funeral at Stevenage, stating in bold black letters to whose memory the peal was rung; full details of the peal itself following.

TANFIELD'S VETERAN VICAR.

Five members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association journeyed out from Newcastle to Tanfield, Co. Durham, to join the local ringers, and one from Black Hill, on Thursday, July 12th, to do honour to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. H. Archdale), who has been an honorary member of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1890, and was that day celebrating his 4-score summers. It was intended to ring a peal, but it was the hottest day of the summer, and the tower was like an oven. The band contented themselves, therefore, with touches of Grandsire and Siedman Triples-Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, with some local ringers taking part, after which they were most hospitably entertained on the lovely lawn of the Vicarage by the venerable Canon himself, who was so agile and full of humour that he would pass very well for 3-score summers instead of four. He offered anyone parrot's eggs who could get them out of the nest; a vain search was made in the 'green' peacock's nest on the lawn.

Among the party was the local 'bishop,' who is running the Vicar close with his summer score.—The Vicar gave the ringers an invitation to come back and ring his diamond wedding peal. In the 'Ringing World' his golden wedding peal was recorded. The ringers sincerely hoped they would be able to accept that invitation. After a stroll round the beautiful garden, with its 1,400 rose trees, and congratulations to the Canon, the gathering terminated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**EASTERN BRANCH VISIT BUTTERWICK.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Butterwick on Saturday, July 14th. The bells of the parish church had recently been augmented to six and rehung in a new cast-iron frame with steel girders by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who had also supplied all their latest improvements in bell hanging. This, no doubt, was the main reason for such a goodly number being present.

After the afternoon's ringing a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), who afterwards entertained the company to a splendid 'knife and fork' tea at the Five Bells Inn.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Trotter being in the chair.—The Rev. C. V. Campin Cogan, Vicar of Sibsey, resigned his position as president of the branch, and the Rev. J. R. Trotter was unanimously elected to the vacancy.

Out of the funds of the branch £5 were voted to the Butterwick Church Bells Fund, and £3 to the fund for providing four new trebles to be placed in Lincoln Cathedral to the memory of the ringers of Lincolnshire who gave their lives in the great war.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) was present, and spoke very strongly on this subject, urging the members of the branch to try and raise at least 10s. per rope throughout the district.

A return to the belfry was again made after the meeting concluded, and various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung until 9 p.m. Several members journeyed on bicycles to Freiston, and rang touches on the bells there. Members were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney, as well as a party from Pinchbeck, who were making a day's excursion. They visited Frampton in the morning, came on to Butterwick in the afternoon, and called at Freiston on the way home.

Many complimentary remarks were passed on the splendid 'go' of the bells, and also on the excellent splice Messrs. Taylor had made in adding the new treble.

The next meeting was fixed to be held at Old Bolingbroke in the autumn.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Willingham on Saturday, July 14th, and attended by members from Gainsboro', Corringham, Stow and Lincoln, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept

going in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Minor; a 720 Bob Minor was also rung.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. R. Malkinson (Rector) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. Mitchell, of Mumby, who gave an interesting address.

Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided.—The election of Mr. Harry Reville, of Ordsall, as a non-resident life member at Gainsboro', before starting for a peal, was confirmed.

There being no further business, Mr. F. F. Linley gave a most instructive and interesting address.

Voices of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Mr. Plowright for arranging the tea, the organist for his services, and Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, were unanimously passed.

These were duly responded to, and concluded the business.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 14th. Members, with their wives and lady friends, had previously been invited by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. Hone) and Mrs. Hone to make the Rectory and grounds a rendezvous for the gathering. The Rector is possessed of the kindest heart, and has done duty for the Church in Australia and other parishes at home, which has enabled him to acquire great knowledge of men and things. Moreover, Mrs. Hone is overflowing with smiling goodness, and with such a reception in view the success of the meeting was assured beforehand. The welcome, which was gracefully offered was greatly appreciated. The bells at St. Mary's Church were set going at 3 p.m. and members also wandered at pleasure between such points as the church, the markets, and the spacious Rectory grounds, etc. The tea-tables were spread in the Parish Room, and a very happy company assembled. The handbells were put into use, courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being brought round. One local lady, of 92 summers, entered the room purposely to see and learn what ringers are and can be.

Royston was selected out of three offers for the next place of meeting, which will be Saturday, August 11th.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Hone for the tea, solely managed by herself, and also to the willing hand of helpers, including her daughters. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector and churchwarden for their kind help.

Evensong followed, which most of the company attended. An address was given by the Rector. Further ringing followed, and thus ended the brightest and best of meetings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who was born on July 27th, 1864.

The first peal in Ireland (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

At Aston, Birmingham, on July 30th, 1792, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung by St. Martin's Guild.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles, at Combe Martin, North Devon, recorded this week, is a performance upon which the band are to be congratulated. The bells at this church were recast and made into eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank last July. Mr. A. H. Hayward then took in hand the instruction of a band, and they have now rung their first peal under Mr. Hayward's conductorship. We look forward to seeing a peal of Triples before long.

The St. Martin's-in-the-Fields' Company will be visiting Painswick on September 1st. Any member of the Royal Cumberland Youths desirous of joining the party may obtain particulars from J. Cornford, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

The peal of Bob Major rung at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Fressingfield, on June 13th, 1923, and published in our issue of the 22nd ult., should have been credited to the Norwich and St. Edmunds. bury and Ipswich Diocesan Association. This fact was omitted from the report sent to us.

The National Assembly has decided upon the division of the Diocese of Winchester, and the members of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers will now have to consider what the future of its organisation shall be.

Oxford Guild members should note that the practice previously announced to take place on Saturday, at Beaconsfield will be held instead at Farnham Royal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

OVER 500 MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich last Saturday. After a service in the Tower Church, at which Archdeacon Farmiloe preached, tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall, at the cost of some of the clerical members in East Suffolk.

At the meeting which immediately followed, with Archdeacon Farmiloe in the chair, it was decided to re-elect all the officers en bloc.

The Secretary read out the list of towers which had sent in a total of 442 ringing members, 21 honorary members, and two life members. These were all elected, with the addition of seven new members then proposed.

The Secretary explained that, although he had sent out all these forms at the beginning of June, it was only during the last few days that the greater number had been returned; he had therefore, had no opportunity of ascertaining how many there were on the former which had not been entered on these returns, but he knew there were sufficient to bring the total names already enrolled to over 500, and there were all the names in three districts yet to come in.

The Secretary reported that eleven towers had compounded: only one of these was an old tower, on which the Guild accordingly lost 2s. The other ten were new towers, none of which would probably have joined the Guild, bringing in 71 shillings and 82 new members.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in future on Easter Monday.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

TEXT BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

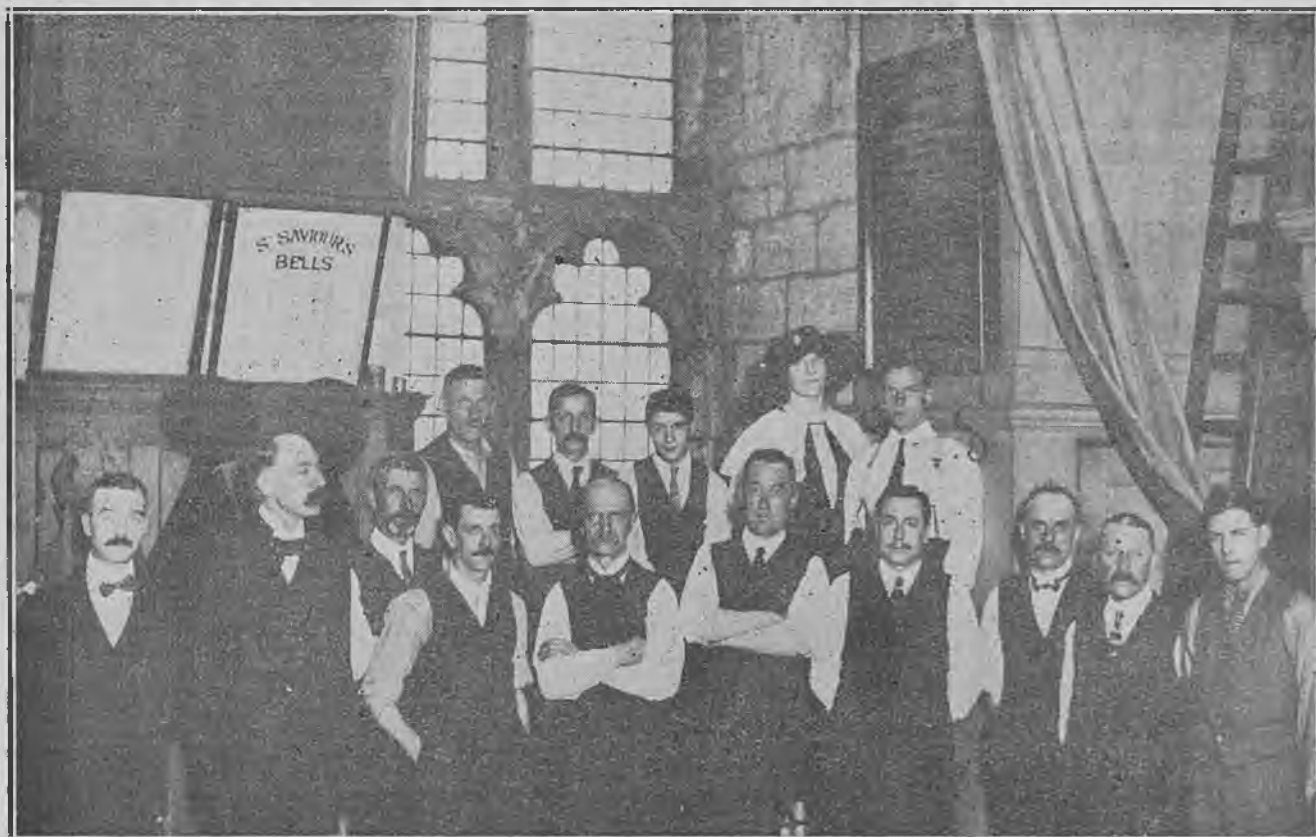
Sir,—The suggestion of 'Lancastrian' in last week's issue that a book containing the Surprise Methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells should be published for the Exercise is not premature. A perusal of the peal column during the past year is a clear proof of the advancement of ringers in the Surprise Methods. A few years ago the three Surprise Methods in 'Standard Methods' were sufficient for the average Surprise band to tackle, and occasionally Bristol was rung by these ringers, but London and Bristol are now so widely practised that peals in these methods have increased enormously. This alone shows that the Exercise is improving, and if such methods as 'Lancastrian' mentions could be published on similar plans to the Snowdon series a great service would be done to the great body of Surprise ringers who are seeking new pastures. If the cost is too prohibitive to publish a text book like Snowdon's letterpress, surely a book containing skeleton diagrams of these methods, and, perhaps, the first treble lead, could be published at a price reasonable to the members of the Exercise. It is a book that is sorely needed. If the job could not be undertaken by the Central Council, surely they would show their approval to the enterprising person who offers to do it. There must be many of our ringers in the printing trade. What do they think about it?—Yours faithfully,

Portsmouth.

F. W. ROGERS.

THE RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

COMMEMORATIVE BOARD UNVEILED AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.



A board, recording the 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung in 9 hrs. 47 mins. on Whit Monday by the Ancient Society of College Youths, was unveiled at Southwark Cathedral last week. The photograph shows the band, with Mrs. Robert Frank, who performed the ceremony, and Mr. Robert Frank, the Rector's warden (who presented the board, and is second on left of picture).

On Tuesday, July 17th, before the usual practice in the tower of Southwark Cathedral, a board giving particulars of the record peal of Stedman Cinques, accomplished by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Whitsun Monday, was unveiled by Mrs. Robert Frank, wife of the Rector's warden. There was a large attendance of ringers, including the whole of the peal band, and Mr. Frank, who had generously given the board.

Mrs. Frank, in a happy speech, apologised for her presence in the tower, and suggested that it might have been more seemly if one of the five youthful lady members of the society had been called upon to perform the ceremony. One thing which made her reticent was her lack of knowledge of campanology. She had, however, found a good friend in Mr. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had proved an efficient teacher. She was very proud that the record peal had taken place in the tower of Southwark Cathedral, a church very dear to her and to Mr. Frank, the Rector's warden. For the benefit of visitors she might explain what had happened on Whitsun Monday. Twelve members of the Ancient Society gathered in the tower and began to ring at 8.30 a.m. They rang Stedman Cinques for nearly 10 hours, and accomplished nearly 13,000 changes. More changes had been rung on one occasion at Painswick, but the bells there were infinitely lighter, and consequently the performers rang

for a much shorter time. The ringing at Southwark was the longest ring on twelve bells, and an epoch-making achievement in the ringing world. It was a great physical and mental test, and those who took part should feel proud of their success which fortunately had no bad after effects. She felt she must congratulate the College Youths, that honourable company of ringers which had 300 years of history behind them. They had chosen Southwark some 200 years ago for their first outstanding performance. It was not surprising that so worthy a body had charge of almost all the towers in the City of London.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, Master of the College Youths, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Frank for their keen interest in the society, and he accepted, on behalf of the members, the board which Mr. Frank had so kindly presented. He was glad to see that the names of the twelve ringers had been set out on the memorial, and he knew that in years to come men in the ringing world would look back and honour those who had the keenness and physical endurance to accomplish so much.

Photographs were then taken for the Press, and afterwards the band who rang the peal gave an exhibition of their art.

In the heading to the composition which was printed in our last issue the first two figures were transposed, the length of the peal was, of course, 12,675 and not 21,675.

THE LATE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

At Chelmsford, on Thursday, July 19th, immediately after the funeral of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, D.D.), at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Cutter 1, C. Gentry 2, P. Timson 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, H. Cooper 5, J. Clarke 6, C. H. Howard 7, H. Kirton (conductor) 8, C. Pease 9, J. Wood 10.

Mr. Howard represented the Essex Association at the funeral.

A muffled peal was rung at Prittlewell.

At Feering, on Saturday, July 14th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Boh Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, E. W. Beckwith 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Elliott 7, A. Saunders 8.

At Kelvedon, on Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, two 360's of Plain Bob by F. Dale, junr., 1, F. Dale, senr., 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Elliott 4, E. Bone 5, W. Elliott 6, W. Keeble 7.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING-PLACE.

FEELING AMONG SOUTH BUCKS MEMBERS.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting at Oxford on Saturday, decided to hold next year's meeting at Oxford. It was formerly the practice to visit each of the three counties in the diocese (Oxford, Berks and Bucks) in turn for the festival, but in recent years the meeting has been held at Oxford.

Some feeling has arisen among a section of the members on the subject, and subscriptions have been withheld as a protest.

As a result of last Saturday's decision, the position has become more acute, and at a meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1.—The All Saints' High Wycombe Society, learns with regret of the decision made to again hold the annual meeting (1924) at Oxford, contrary to Rule 13, as defined during the 33 years of the Diocesan Guild's existence previous to the great war. Custom creates common law: in the same way custom has created a common rule whereby the annual festival shall be held, in turn, in the three Archdeaconries, at a place to be decided in accordance with Rule 13. The East Berks and South Bucks Branch, the premier one of the Diocesan Society, at its successive meetings, has passed resolutions unanimously against the continuous breach of the constitution; and the All Saints' Society, after serious consideration, can no longer associate itself with the same, under existing conditions. It, therefore, with much regret, secedes from affiliation with the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers from the 31st December next.

2.—Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Master and the general secretary of the Guild; also to the chairman and secretary of the branch; and for publication in the 'Ringing World.'

RALPH COLES, Foreman.

GEO. TWITCHEN, Hon. Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**THE QUESTION OF HEAD COVERING.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday, July 14th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. The members present were Miss D. Atkins (president), Miss E. K. Parker (hon. secretary), Miss C. Hepburn (secretary of the Northamptonshire district), Miss H. Mills (secretary of the Southern district), Misses Chapman, Hardeastle and Orr, of Clapham Park; Misses B. Mills and E. Fisher, of Alderhot; Mrs. Hardy and Miss H. Willson, of Leicester; Mrs. E. M. Atkins, London; Miss D. Feltham, Hillingdon; Mrs. Pulling, Guildford; Miss E. Steel, Bedford; Mrs. J. Thomas, Ponders End; Miss R. Thomas, Mersham; Miss E. Upsher, Edmonton; and Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol.

The members were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Davies, who conducted a short service, and gave a helpful address. The organ was played by Mrs. Hardy.

Tea was prepared in the Church Schools by Mrs. Davies. The business meeting followed, when the chair was taken by the president.

The Secretary reported that the Guild was still progressing, and good work had been done in the various districts.

Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol, was elected president for the year, and Miss Parker re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to issue a report on the year's work, a small charge to be made to help to cover expenses.

The formation of a Devon branch of the Guild was discussed, and the secretary was requested to give all possible assistance to the organisers, who had previously approached her on the subject.

A suggestion was made that a special form of head covering to be worn in the belfry be adopted, but it was decided that owing to diversity of opinion amongst members and elsewhere, no rule could be made.

Bristol was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his great kindness in allowing the Guild the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and arranging tea.

Various methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

RINGERS MARRIED.**BRIDE, BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDESMAID TAKE PART IN WEDDING 'PEAL.'**

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Thursday, July 19th, of Mr. J. Northam and Miss Elsie Brandon, both members of St. Mary's band. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends, and the service was choral.

After the reception a visit was paid to the belfry, where the captain (Mr. F. Rawlinson) arranged a touch of Bob Minor by the following: The Bridegroom 1, the Bride 2, the Bridesmaid (Miss A. Dale) 3, Miss D. Dale 4, Mrs. Rupert Richardson 5, Mr. Rupert Richardson 6. The touch was conducted by the bride.

Afterwards touches of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, the other ringers taking

part being Miss K. Jutson, Messrs. Herbert Hoare, T. Tilley, G. Williamson, W. Waldren, J. Jutson and F. Rawlinson.

In the evening the happy pair left for their honeymoon at Hastings, and as they departed the bells of St. Mary's were ringing merrily.

A NEW TREBLE BOB MAJOR RECORD.**SUCCESS OF THE CHEESHIRE MEN AT OVER.**

Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild were successful in their attempt at St. Chad's Church, Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, to beat the Treble Bob Major record, and they will receive the heartiest congratulations of the Exercise upon the outcome of the effort.

The peal was Mr. Joseph W. Parker's 17,280, published some time since in these columns, and the bells went into changes at 9.50 a.m. The striking was excellent, and a competent listener informs us that there were no trips throughout the peal. The bells kept a steady beat throughout the day, and came round at 7.50 p.m., exactly ten hours after the start. The average speed was thus 28.8 changes per minute.

Considerable excitement prevailed in the village as evening drew near, and a crowd listened to the finish. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were 'fired' and lowered in peal—a fitting termination to a great performance.

The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Stables), and desire to thank him for his hospitality. They also desire to thank him and his churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Saddler, the secretary, for the considerable help which he gave.

The bells at Over were recast, augmented from five to eight, and rung in 1915 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They ran perfectly throughout the peal.

Over Church is surrounded by fields, and stands quite away from the village, so that it was an ideal place for the attempt.

Record lengths of Treble Bob Major have been set up previously as follows:—

12,320 in 7 hrs. 15 mins., at Otley, August 27th, 1814.
14,016 Kent, in 7 hrs. 25 mins., at Oldham, Feb. 12th 1821.
15,368 Kent, in 8 hrs. 45 mins., at Elland, Dec. 26th 1831.
15,840 Kent, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., at Bethnal Green, April 27th, 1868.
16,608 Kent, in 9 hrs. 48 mins., at Mottram, May 18th, 1883.
16,638 Oxford, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham, June 6th, 1892.
16,800 Kent, in 9 hrs. 40 mins., at Mottram, June 8th 1906.

THE FOUNDATION OF COMPOSITIONS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have for a long time been considering the question of composition and the advanced stage to which the art has reached. We see week by week peals of 'Arran Chief' and 'Orange Blossom' labelled as 'this composition is now rung for the first time, IS IT?' The professors of mathematics in the Exercise will tell us that 2 plus 2 make 4, and that a rotative family is the result thereof until infinity is reached. I quite agree that the gentleman who first found out that 2 plus 2 equal 4 was not a genius, because he only pointed out a fact which existed before he pointed it out, but I give far less credit to the gentleman who said that 4 plus 4 equal 8. Any fool can find the sixpence after the candle has been lit, always assuming that a sixpence has been mislaid.

To quote a fair example, Annable's peal of Bob Major used as a root peal is capable of variation and extension to the limit of Bob Major, but whose peal is it? We often see the Family Tree of (his or that person) showing the descent of the said person from Noah, let us say. Any peal of Bob Major could be just as easily linked up to Annable's peal. And when a genius like Mr. J. Carter, of Park Lane, published a broad sheet of Stedman Caters many years ago one would have thought that our 'Composers' would have at once said, 'Oh well, if that is possible where 2 plus 2 is concerned and where Stedman Caters is concerned, then it must also be possible with all methods.' I know that there is in existence a book containing 279,000 peals of London Surprise Major (5,024 5,056 and 5,088 changes only), all obtained from one simple scale; simple when someone else has put his finger on the key to the system but who is entitled to claim the credit for the 4 plus 4 equal 8 after the Bob Major candle was once lit? Dear old Euclid told us many useful things, none of which have ever been equalled. He told us that 'Two straight lines cannot enclose a space.' If some 'genius' came along and said 'two double straight lines cannot enclose a space' he would soon be told that he was *mons* late, but people keep on publishing peal (or composition) after peal of Bob Major when we have proof that tables are to be had which embrace ALL possible ways of permuting any method from a lead to its extent. I know nothing of composition, but I do know that it is time our Parliament stopped christening early potatoes, and faced the problems re 2 plus 2 and their square root.—Yours very sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

P.S.—I must say that these few notes were prompted by the footnote to the peal rung at Surfleet on July 4th, 1923. Those who don't know what it was should BUY and READ our paper. Large type for those two words, Mr. Editor, an it please ye.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, 567 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. D. Harris 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, T. Bond (Burford, Oxon) 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.—Also on the previous Monday, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, F. S. Bayley 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, R. Mackrill 4, G. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6.

STOWMARKET.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, touches of Grand sire Triples, including 504: T. Sparrow 1, W. E. Tydeman 2, W. Soutor (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. E. Diaper 7, W. Welham 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. C. Gostling for 30 years vergar at the above church, who was much respected by everyone who knew him. The funeral took place the previous Thursday.

HARBURY, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, and SS. Peter and Leonard, 720 City Delight: J. Woffenden 1, G. E. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6, G. W. Pickles cover.—For evening service, 768 Double Norwich Major: J. Woffenden 1, G. Hunt 2, G. E. Pickles 3, D. Mitchell 4, J. Smith 5, H. Bowley (conductor) 6, G. W. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, 720 Stedman's slow course: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, W. E. Coles 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by treble and 3rd.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 756 Grand sire Triples: P. Want 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, F. Edwards 3, W. Button 4, H. Want 5, G. Kenward 6, C. Tribe 7, J. Neve 8.—Also on Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, 518 Grand sire Triples: P. Want 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Hammond (first 500 of Triples) 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Button 5, H. Baker 6, R. E. Burgess 7, W. Bishop 8. Mr. G. Kenward hails from Sittingbourne, F. Edwards from Cirencester, and J. Hammond from Kildown.

BLAXHALL.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Smith 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. Smy 4, G. Bailey 5, A. Ling, junr., 6. First in the method by 4th and tenor ringer.—Also 720 in the same method: C. E. Fisher 1, W. Smith 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, F. L. Fisher 4, J. Smy 5, A. Ling, junr., 6. First 720 with a bob bell by the 2nd ringer; followed by 720 Wells Surprise: A. Ling, junr., 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, C. E. Fisher 3, F. L. Fisher 4, G. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL.

A GREAT CARILLON.

About 50,000 people, it is estimated, were present on Saturday at the opening of Loughborough's unique war memorial.

As befitting a town renowned for bells, the feature of the memorial is a carillon, the finest in England. There are 47 bells, covering four octaves, and ranging in weight from four tons to 20 lbs. They hang in a lofty tower erected in Queen's Park, and are the product of the Loughborough Foundry. The largest bell is the Taylor memorial bell, which adds greatly to the richness of the carillon, and is inscribed:—

In proud and loving memory
of his three nephews
killed in action in France

JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR Courcelette 1916
GERARD BARDSLEY TAYLOR St. Quentin 1918.
ARNOLD BRADLEY TAYLOR Contalmaison 1916
sons of John William Taylor (1853-1919)
grandsons of John William Taylor (1827-1906)

Edmund Denison Taylor
the founder of these bells
gives this the largest
1923.

The opening ceremony was performed by Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, Chevalier Denyn, the famous Belgian carillonneur, of Malines, who gave concerts on the bells during the day, described the carillon as the most perfect modern instrument of its kind in the world. The programme included a special memorial chime composed by Sir Edward Elgar.

Concerts are being given daily during this week.

At Barking, Essex, on July 19th, after the memorial service for the Bishop of Chelmsford, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung muffled, in 54 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, A. G. Hardy 4, W. G. Jackson 5, A. K. Harrison 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Parker 8.

IN THE SHIRE OF JOUSTS.

ILKESTON RINGERS' OUTING.

Gadzooks! 'Dies Colloquid Dietus Est' and Zooks! On July 7th there was such a gathering of the 'Clans in Ilkestone'—when—

The bus roll'd up with a name Elite,
In climb'd the tall, and the petit!

'All aboard?' 'Yes, sir, first stop the bell foundry, Loughboro.'

After an hour's run we arrive, and are conducted around 'The most up-to-date,' when one of the party started to count the many peals which lay in every conceivable portion of the great foundry, but when our guide (Mr. Stubbs) quite accidentally knocked some music out of a carillon intended for 'Andover, U.S.A.,' our enumerator was so charmed that he lost all count. Irrespective of the new bells we saw, here, there, and everywhere lay the foissam and jefsam of the old founders. Yes, there they lay, tired and weary of waiting to be cast into the fiery nest of Phoenix, and to rise again into their lofty homes to another life of centuries.

Bidding farewell to this motley mob of 'good old has-beens,' and 'never-wassers,' which bore the authentic trade devices of the Norwich Brasyers, Newcombe, Daud, Oldfield, Mears, Motts, Potts and Jack Rudhalls, we turned our attention to a pharmaceutical phial, clobber full of soothing medicine, and we gleaned from the inscription that it had been made to the order of a Derby specialist.

Then we tried the tricky ten in the foundry campanile, where the 'big 'uns are little 'uns,' which insist in dodging fast and furious on the front, and knowing that convocation did not permit this in the Stedman Principle, the party adjourned (after a lively time) to the 'kennel of the Greyhound,' where the good hostess served up an excellent lunch, and be it known to all, we know the young ladies partook of salads containing the aromatic perfume of garlic!

Time and tide wait not even for Campanites. Confound the bus! No longer it waits, but speeds on to the Roman station of 'Ratae,' and, by the way, we chatted about 'Hunting'—while—

'Honk, honk, pap, pap, went the merry horn,
As the Elite lally-hoed through Quorn!

Tempus Fugit! But to economise and to save a little, our driver put the bus in top gear, and we stopped the timekeeper's watch. Still, sad to relate, the Elite was much overdue when she was slowed up at a place cycled by our Saxon fathers Legerecaestre, and softened by us locals (pardon! yokels) in the 20th century to Lester. After a long dodge with an electric car in front, we made another Bob, up a back street this time, where we spotted the smiling face of 'Old Bill,' peeping out of the 'Better 'Ole' (we knew he couldn't find a better) awaiting our belated arrival. Yes, we got the same old greeting 'Cheerio!' but still in fear and trembling we were led up to 'the place of Execution,' commonly known as St. John's Divine. Verily, the warm reception we received soon convinced the writer (who had grave fears) that a reprieve had been granted. Still, in spite of this, things were hot and flushed, especially faces which paled somewhat when they gazed upon the cold, glittering steel blade of 'Ye Battle-Axe'! Happily this one was not intended for severing the upper portion of the vertebra, or for scalping purposes. 'Twas surely the ceremonial axe! of the great 'Gulielmus-de-Legria.' Such knowledge made one feel quite comfy, so we just set 'em going, and we had some stuff which is yeledped 'Mixed'; then we had some 'Sforzando, Allegretto Stedman' which, strange to say, shook not any 'flies' off those glorious bells! Matter-of-fact, one thinks they get dusted too often for any to settle on 'em. Talk about bells! these are bells! One can even stand in the street and emulate the classical poise of 'Eros,' without the slightest fear of being knocked down, and without 'lying,' the writer drank deeply of the beautiful medicine. And in Leicester they talk about Surprise, really the first we locals got in Leicester was, 'Not a man lost his head' (that's the first we got!) the chief reason, I believe is the residence of John o' Gaunt is reserved for, and shall only be adorned with the 'Boney-fied Heads of Locals' (to be swallowed with 'Unus Mica Salis').

After our brief but pleasant stay we depart congratulating one another on retaining all the tentacula members of our Dexter paws after bidding 'Old Bill,' farewell!

The nose of the Elite is now turned in the direction of Whitwick.

Oh! and in front of the bus,
Wag De-Go-by did ride,
With De-Straw, packed behind him,
And De-George on each side.

Here we were met by Mr. Fearn, who gave us a cordial welcome, and conducted us up into the belfry of St. John-the-Baptist, where a nice handy ring of eight were soon on the swing; the music is not quite so delicious as the other St. John's at Leicester. Yet—

One great feature in connection with the belfry of this grand old 13th century church at Whitwick is the extreme darkness, which afforded no less than four of the party the opportunity to acquire a

change of raiment—a change of course—only of those bipennate garments ycleped jackets, and considering the very high atmospheric pressure no great surprise would have been occasioned if some of the party had divested themselves of their bifurcated nether garments, and they had got swapped over.

Again we are on the move, rolling along now on the fringe of the beautiful forest of Charnwood, in which stands the Cistercian abbey of St. Bernard, founded in 1835, the first Catholic abbey built and continuously used as such in England since the Reformation.

Od-zooks! We arrive at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the scene of many a romantic 'Passage of arms,' where the party are expected (but not to grace the lists. Alas! the warrior we had left at home, we are sad to relate very indisposed). Odds-fish! Like Charley's Aunt, the old bus kept running till she had run past the cafe where a most sumptuous and welcome tea was laid all ready for us. With a bit of shunting the old chariot was brought to a standstill in the garage connected with the hospitable cafe, and after a bit of a 'rinse,' externally in the medicated waters of 'Ivanhoe' and internally by an excellent cup of tea, the party adjourned, and were conducted by Mr. Beardmore, to that noble embattled edifice of stone known in 'De-la-Zoo' as the church of St. Helen, where hangs an octave fit to summon any congregation in the land, but owing to the terrific heat little ringing was done upon the tower bells. Some good 'double-handed,' however, was done upon a fine set of handbells, the property of the locals. On looking round the interior we found some splendid monuments, amongst them an altar tomb to Francis, 2nd Earl of Huntingdon, K.G., ob. 20th June, 1561. In the north aisle, under a stone canopy, lies an alabaster effigy of a 'Pilgrim,' supposed to be unique. How these escaped the Cromwellian despoilers one can only conjecture. Another relic of a barbarous age stands at the S.E. corner of the tower arch, in the form of a finger pillory in which two of the visitors were found imprisoned by their Paws! Yes, Pawal reader, Paws! for on leaving the church our attention was centred on the many shields carved around the western portal and emblazoned with so many devices. One interesting shield received much attention by one who had made some little study of heraldry, but never before had he seen a shield emblazoned with 'Three Frogs' in pale, proper upon the field. Birds, ejaculated the interested one, such as Martlets are common upon coats-of-arms. But—but! a frog is a funny bird, for when it stands, it sits—and when it sits, it hops on that which it has not got, almost!—And when it hops, it flies! Almost, nearly! It's true! There, on the south of the church stands the ruins of a once stately castle founded in the reign of Edward IV., by Sir William (afterwards Baron Hastings), and was used as a residence by him and his descendants for about two hundred years, and in which the ill-fated Mary Queen of Scots was for some time imprisoned, the only portions that remain are of the hall, chapel and kitchen.

With a few more handshakes we embark for the homeward spin through acres of ripe strawberries. On, on, we go to the county town of Derby, where the 'Father' of the Ilkeston Youths 'dropt off.' He wasn't hurt, so we drove on, and did not stop to pick him up again, feeling sure that he would find shelter for the night somewhere, for he was in possession of a miniature set of house-breaking implements. We hope that he was not entertained at the county boarding establishment of 'George Five.' Of that we had no great fear, so we made a final spurt, passing through the pleasant vale of Depedale, where, amid ruin, stands one solitary arch. At one time here stood a magnificent and stately house of God, dedicated by the whiterobed canons of Premontra to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Now alas! the only incense rising
Is the sweet perfume of flowers.
Monks no longer tread the greensward,
Save as shades in evening hours.

Ah! And 'twas in the cool shade of evening when the Elite discharged her cargo in the ancient market place of Ilchestune, after a sojourn in the land of jousts and hunting, and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' we herewith tender our grateful thanks to all who contributed their quota to our entertainment and comforts, viz., Messrs. Stubbs, Fearn, Hatton, Beardmore; and last, but not least, 'W. W.', who is the possessor of a divorcing machine of 'Henry ATE' period.

A. B. C.

RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

On Sunday, June 17th, at the Catholic Church at Vancouver, British Columbia, a 504 Grand sire Triples was rung by A. King 1, A. G. Limpus 2, A. B. Lomas 3, J. Parkinson (conductor) 4, John H. Maskell 5, W. Sampson 6, A. P. Goddard 7, C. J. Clark 8; also 168 for the same service, with A. P. Goddard (conductor) 6 and W. Sampson 7.

NOTICES.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Middleton, on the 28th July. Bells ready 3.30 till 9. All invited.—Herbert Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde. Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at North Stoneham on July 28th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALOP GUILD — Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, July 28th, 2 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Tea at Mr. B. Jones' Refreshment Rooms, Victoria Road, 1/- each. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Maulden on Saturday, July 28th. Maulden (6) and Flitton (6) will be available from 2.30. Ampthill (6) later. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Gt. Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available all the afternoon and evening. The bells of St. Ippolyts (6) can also be had at the same time. Tea at The Green Man at 5 o'clock, at 1/- to 1/3 each, according to numbers. All invited.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available for 3 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough on 28th July, 1923. Programme: 2 to 3 p.m., Ringing at Foundry; 3-4 p.m., Carillon; 4 p.m., Committee Meeting; 4.30 p.m., Tea, followed by General Meeting; 6-7 p.m., Carillon; 7-9 p.m., Ringing at Foundry; 9-10 p.m., Carillon. The Committee Meeting, Tea and General Meeting will be at Fearon Hall, near All Saints' Church. I regret it has been impossible to publish this information at an earlier date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—Owing to bells not being available at Beaconsfield for Saturday, July 28th, the practice arranged will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, July 28th, at 6.30.—Cecil C. Mayne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July and August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, July 30th and August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 5th, 10 a.m., August 6th and 20th, 7.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. The bells of both churches are available. The Vicar of S. Andrew's (Bishop Auckland) has kindly offered to provide tea in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. to those who attend and notify me by Tuesday, July 31st, 1923.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Those intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 31st. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambs (6 bells), on Saturday, August 4th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Rector. The General Secretary of the Association intends to be present. All ringers welcome. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Please let me know early. A good gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwy Road, March.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church Room. Members will greatly assist if they will notify me by Friday, August 3rd.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston (bells 8) on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1/9 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, 31st July.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea, 1/6 each, only to those who notify Miss Hollins, Bolstertone, before Friday, August 3rd.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, August 6th. New bells (6) available for ringing all day by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. T. Bartley). As this is the Gala and Sports day in aid of the Church Bell Restoration Fund, a good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. A capital programme of sports has been arranged by the committee, commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea on the Sports Ground: Adults 1/-, Children 6d.; but a special tea for ringers will be provided in the Church Institute at 4.30 p.m. at 1/3 for ringers, 1/6 to others who notify Mrs. Bartley, The Vicarage, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than July 30th. Please note this item is important. Cheap fares from all L. & N.E. railway stations in district.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Association will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday August 6th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon should send their names to me not later than Thursday, August 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 6th (Bank Holiday). The bells of St. John (8), St. Mary (6), Woodston (6), will be available during the day. Tea at 4.30, meeting at 5.30, in St. Mary's Schools. Service, 6.30, at St. Mary's Church. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Ranmore on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be open to ringers and their friends. The bells of St. Martin's, Dorking, will be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday evening, August 8th, when members and visitors will be welcomed.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, August 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 1/- each, and meeting after, at The Bird in Hand. Will all those attending, who require tea, please let me know by Tuesday, August 7th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Teas 1/8, names to be sent to Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than August 7th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

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NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Following the remarks made by 'Criticus' in your issue of 20th July, we should like heartily to endorse your footnote of the 13th, which we think to be very much to the point. Further, we consider the wish expressed above it to be out of place, and are sorry to see the name of one of the committee associated therewith. In the course of correspondence with the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and A. T. Beeston, dating from 30th November, 1921, to 8th August, 1922, we conclusively proved that we had prior right to name Surprise No. 7 (known as Whitley), and also Third's Place Delight, No. 33 (as published in your columns). Our claims were not allowed, being out of date, and yet, nearly twelve months later an attempt is made to foist names upon the Exercise BY RIGHT OF PRIORITY IN RINGING THE EXTENTS OF THE METHODS.

The letter published in your columns by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, giving the numbers of those methods not named (to which the Council took exception), followed our request, to him of the 30th November, 1921, and had there been any chance that his excellent idea would have been allowed to bear fruit, we think that few methods would have been left to be rung at this late hour.

We fully appreciate the difficulties of the committee, and cheerfully would ring methods under the names of 'Onion Delight' or 'Beetroot Surprise' had the Council taken its duty seriously, but it appears generally to have been otherwise.

We think six-bell ringers would do well to ignore names entirely, and in time methods would universally be known as 'Twenty-four Treble Bob,' 'Seven Surprise,' and so on.

We have no guarantee that this question will be settled in 1924, and in the meantime we ring a method first as Lancashire and then as Immanuel; we, at Leytonstone, ring amongst others, six of the Surprise Minor methods, taking pride in properly recording the complete extents we ring, and rightly, we think, we resent the Council's attitude, and also that taken by the gentleman aforementioned.

Let us ignore the Lancashires and Immanuels, and call them 'Twenty-two's.'—Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,
S. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

SHIPLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of another old Shipley ringer, in the person of Mr. Geo. A. O. Nettleton, who died on July 6th, in his 63rd year. The deceased had been attached to Shipley Church for over 40 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1880. He was also curator of Salfaire Institute for over 20 years. This position kept him from ringing many peals, his total being 31.

He was interred at Hurst Wood Cemetery, the Vicar of Shipley taking the service both in church and at the graveside. After the funeral 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, with half-muffled bells by: J. Wotton 1, J. Cotterell 2, J. Broadley 3, E. H. Simpson 4, W. Feather 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Hutley 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh (conductor) 3, E. H. Simpson 4, H. Stott 5, J. Joyce 6.



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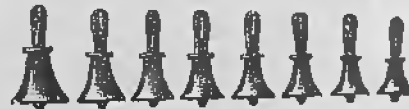
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