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800—AND SOME REFLECTIONS.

This is our eight hundredth number. For more than fifteen years, which have included some very difficult times, we have done our best in the interests of the Exercise, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned if, on reaching another 'century,' we have a word to say of a more or less personal nature. We are proud to feel that through the growing years we have maintained the friendship of a large body of friends, including many who were well-wishers when our first number appeared. Some, alas, of that first circle are no longer with us, the inexorable hand of Time having carried them beyond our ken. But the passage of time has brought us new friends, whose numbers, we hope, will continue to grow, and whose support we shall continue to value.

From the first the aim of 'The Ringing World' has been to further the art of ringing and the recognition of ringers as church workers. Those are the two-fold objects of all our associations, and they have been the guiding principles upon which this paper, also, has been run. The advance of the art has been our foremost desire, and we hope we have never failed to aid it as far as it has been in our power to do so. The articles which have appeared on this page every week have always been written with that end in view, and we hope that none of them has ever left any feelings of bitterness. Of course what has been said here has not always met with unanimous approval—we confess that sometimes articles have been deliberately penned to arouse criticism, but perhaps we may, on an occasion like this, be permitted a moment's egotism, and say that we have evidence that much of what has appeared has reflected in many controversial subjects the broad opinion of the Exercise. We have always endeavoured to write fairly, even if sometimes strongly, on the matters on which we comment, and while we know that on the whole we have fairly gauged public ringing opinion, our object has never been to gain applause, but to arouse interest. We set out to write here from week to week something which we hoped would give ringers a subject to talk about. In the limited field which is open to us, it has, frankly, not always been easy to find even a suitable topic—much less a bone of contention—but we believe that on the whole this feature of 'The Ringing World' has not been unacceptable to the Exercise at large.

The one question which has long been disturbing us is how the cost of the paper to the ringing fraternity can be reduced without a crippling financial loss to the paper itself. No one has a keener desire to see the price lowered than we have, but the solution which will ensure 'The Ringing World' against monetary loss is still to

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM BASKILL ... 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 7
WILLIAM SHOCKFORD ... 3	JOSEPH E. KEEN ... 8
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... 4	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 9
JOHN FOREMAN ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells muffled on the hand stroke in remembrance of Mr. A. P. Hillier, who was a member of the above association for 35 years, and a member of the Cathedral Guild. Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
REGINALD DORE ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 9
HERBERT J. GRAY ... 5	SIDNEY C. ROCHESTER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOR MAJOR, 5020 CHANGES;

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	LAWRENCE POULSON ... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 2	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... 6
FRANK A. TURNER ... 3	DAVID ELLIOTT ... 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4	WM. R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.	
GEORGE ARCHER ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
*ALBERT HARRISON ... 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 6
JOHN SOUTER ... 3	FREDERICK BORRETT ... 7
CHARLES CUTTING ... 4	WILLIAM IRELAND ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*THOMAS H. HEMMING ... Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
HARRY HOLDEN ... 2	JAMES MARSHALL ... 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 3	P. C. DANIEL MATKIN ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL MATKIN.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 13, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... 5
CHARLES BAKER ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
CHARLES ROOPE ... 3	*WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
MISS RUBY G. HAWKSWORTH ... 4	CAPT. JAMES R. MACKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Hugh Wilson to Miss Eileen Holloway, the bride being the daughter of Mr. Robert E. Holloway, the ringing master.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN LEE ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
DANIEL COOPER ... 4	JOHN F. GALLYER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WITHERS ... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	JOHN SMITH ... 6
*VICTOR WHITE ... 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Grove; son, father of the 5th ringer, who attained his 84th birthday that day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 2	ERNEST E. BRETT ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
*HARRY TURNER ... 4	ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Waters 1, S. E. Andrews 2, C. Farfitt 3, A. Mead 4, W. E. Wilson (Dublin, St. Patrick's) 5, Ben Gough (Tipton) 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, P. Witham 8.

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

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	Cecil C. MAYNE 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

MANGOTSFIELD, NEAR BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOHN JEFFERIES, JUN. Treble	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5
JOHN G. JEFFERIES 2	ERNEST PALMER 6
CHARLES HARDING 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL 7
* STANLEY POOLE 4	* ARTHUR SMART Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. CAPEWELL.

* First peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	* CHARLES WINNER 5
* JOHN BURLS 2	WILLIAM HAIGH 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	* FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 5
CYRIL VALENTINE 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford,
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WALLACE G. CHURCH Treble	HARRY TYSOE 4
* MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

GUYDO DICKINSON Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 3
W. LEONARD JOHNSON 2	* ERNEST BAGWORTH 4
ERNEST MORRIS 3 Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal on these historic bells, dated 1599, 1737, 1739, 1621, 1624, respectively, and recently rehung by Taylor and Co.

MISSING PAPERS.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for May 14th or 21st should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

Those who are unable to obtain 'The Ringing World' regularly and promptly through a newsagent can have it sent direct from our Woking Office for 4/- per quarter (including postage), prepaid.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* WILLIAM G. LANE Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
ALFRED H. DAVIES 2	WILLIAM EVANS 5
WILLIAM DOFTY 3	GEORGE BREEZE Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

* First peal. Rung for evening service. The ringers represent six different towers.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	* FRANK WARRINGTON 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	HERBERT HOARE 5
FRANK ROWLINSON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in five methods.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MISS E. STEEL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday, July 10th, at St. Clements Danes', Strand. Although the restricted train service prevented many from attending, there was a very good muster of members and friends. The ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the methods were varied, and included three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal by ten members of the Guild.

A most enjoyable service was arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), who gave a very interesting address. During the service, a peal board recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Guild in January, was unveiled by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, who congratulated the members on the achievement, and spoke of the pleasure it gave her to unveil the board. The members are indebted to Mr. R. F. Deal for the board, and to Mrs. A. W. Clark and the Middlesex Association for the writing and fixing.

After tea, to which forty members and friends sat down, the meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. A. W. Clark.

The accounts were presented, and showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 4s. 10d., which was considered very satisfactory. Two honorary and three ringing members were elected. The secretary's report showed a progressive state of affairs and an improvement in the standard of ringing.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Northamptonshire district, but the selection of a suitable tower was left in the hands of the secretary and the committee of the Northants district.

Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, was unanimously elected president for the year.

The honorary secretary and treasurer (Miss E. K. Parker) was re-elected, and also the Central Council representative.—The printing of reports was left over until 1927.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. Clements Danes' and Mr. Sergison, who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success, and also to the organist and choir who assisted at the service. The members also thanked their fellow-ringers who turned up to give a helping hand and to show their interest in the Guild.

SHIPWAY'S (SO-CALLED) SUPERLATIVE ROYAL.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

In last week's article I finished up with a reference to Shipway's Surprise Royal. Instead of reverting to the single extensions of 'Superlative' to Royal and Maximus, as I intended, it will be more of interest to your readers to examine the Minor and Major (both single methods) from which Shipway's Double Royal method is evolved:—

Minor.	Major.
123456	12345678
214365	21436587
124635	12463578
216453	21645387
261543	26154378
625134	62513487
261534	26153847
625143	62518374
265413	26581734
624531	62857143
642513	68251734
465231	86527143
642531	68572413
	86754231
Lead head,	68745213
156342	86472531
	68745231
Lead head,	15738264

Anyone who has an inkling of method construction will not fail to see the relationship, and here we have the pivot bell, the 3rd, doing the same work in Minor and Major as she does in the Royal, and it can also be carried on to Maximus; but here again, if we wish to bring up the correct lead-head in Maximus we must perforce be content with a single method.

It will be as well to mention that the Minor is one of the methods interdicted by the Methods Committee because it has 5th's place made without the treble being in 6th's place.

Oh, those arbitrary definitions!

The Major is a worthless method, having no less than eight false course-ends to each course.

It is useless to expect the round block progression to be perfect when comparing single methods with a double method—it can't be done.

In Cambridge, as I have pointed out many times, the method is a double method on all numbers minus two places behind when the treble is not lying her whole pull, and for this reason in 'Cambridge' there are more than the two round block progressions of Double Bob—i.e., 3412 and 4321, equalling a progression of 2143.

The same thing happens in the Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus, of which Shipway gives the Royal only.

It will help your readers to understand more of the single round block progressions if I give them irrespective of any method:—

135264 x 78 x	13527486 =	231
142635 x 78 x	14263857 =	312
156342 x 78 x	15738264 =	3412
164523 x 78 x	16482735 =	4321
17856342 x 90 x	1795038264 =	45123
18674523 x 90 x	1860492735 =	54132

When it is realised that any method with the lead head of 13527486 when it is reversed is 14263857, it will be easy to understand why we get 231 first in the one, and 312 in the other, and alternately in a method.

The same applies to the other lead heads: 15738264 and 16482735 are interlocking lead heads; and the lead heads 17856342 and 18674523 have a like relationship.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Reading branch was held at Tilehurst on Saturday, July 10th. During the afternoon good touches were rung on the beautiful bells. A well-attended service followed, with an appropriate address given by the Rev. J. T. Munford, chairman of the branch. An excellent tea was then partaken at the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D.), to whom thanks are due. After tea, more touches were rung on the bells.

Among those present were: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. F. W. Lane, and members—about thirty-five in all—representing Henley, Mortimer, St. Mary's, St. Giles', St. Laurence, Reading and Tilehurst.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 9th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. C. Rymer 1, W. Scott 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Jennings 4, H. Barton 5, W. Upton 6, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8. Rung after losing a peal of Bob Major.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SALOP TOUR.

On Saturday, July 10th, the Market Drayton ringers held their outing. The party left Drayton at 12.30, and proceeded by bus to Shrewsbury, via Hodnet, where they were joined by Mr. E. V. Roden-hurst. Having arrived at Shrewsbury, tracks were made for St. Chad's, where the party were met by Messrs. Short, Pole, Fullick, Tudor, Lee, and other Shrewsbury ringers, also Messrs. Saunders, Hewitt, and Stanier, who had cycled from Coalbrookdale. A few rounds were first rung on the twelve, to enable those who had never rung on twelve bells to do so. This was followed by 168 Grandsire Triples on the back eight, two courses of Stedman Caters, and three courses of Grandsire Caters. After a good fall, some of the members had a look round the church, which is a circular one, and others took a walk round the 'Quarry.' Cound was the next place to be visited. This is an old-world village, seven miles south-east of Shrewsbury. There is a very ancient church, containing a fine peal of six bells, by Rudhall, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. in a frame for eight. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor were rung here. An interesting feature of the church is that it contains a very ancient 'parish coffin.' This was used years ago to carry the dead to the grave in; on reaching the grave, the body was taken out and placed in the grave, and the coffin returned to the church for further use.

An excellent tea was much enjoyed at Cound Lodge Inn, and Coalbrookdale was the next stopping-place, and the handy ring of ten (tenor 18cwt.) were soon got going in Grandsire Caters, also Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the back eight. After a call on 'friend Bayley,' the party boarded the bus once more, and, after a run of twenty-two miles, home was reached just before midnight, everyone having had an enjoyable time, the total mileage for the day being between 55 and 60.

BEECLES RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the Beccles company, with ringing friends from the adjoining district, held their annual outing. The journey, which was made by charabanc, was favoured with glorious weather. The first call was at Redenhall, when some good touches were rung on the fine peal, after which they went on to North Lopham, where the new peal of eight bells were recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Steinbank, and everyone was delighted with their 'go' and tone. Then a short run brought the company to Thetford, where lunch awaited them, for which everyone was ready, after which they went to Elvedon where the fine peal of eight in the new Memorial tower were set going, and the beautiful little church was much admired. Then back to Thetford for a short ring on the bells at St. Peter's Church (which was not appreciated by the townsfolk near the tower), after which tea was ready. Next, a long run brought them to the last ringing call at Wymondham, where Mr. Peynall met them and showed them round the Abbey Church, and some good touches were rung. The homeward journey then commenced, and after an hour spent in Norwich, home was reached at half-past eleven, everyone being very tired but happy. The ringing throughout the day was good, and included Grandsire, Plain, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich, several of the company ringing their first courses of the latter method. The thanks of the party are due to the clergy for the use of the bells at the various towers visited, and to the ringers who kindly assisted in making the necessary arrangements.

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY END.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Apsley End Ringers, with friends from Watford, Rickmansworth, and Hemel Hempstead, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Apsley by motor at 2.15, the party made their first call at Redbourn, there being welcomed by one of the local ringers. Short touches of Doubles and Minor were rung to allow all to have a pull. A rather full programme would not allow a long stay, so after lowering the bells in peal the party made their way to Flamstead. Here hangs another peal of six, but a little more difficulty was experienced by some owing to the long draught of rope, and the third being placed behind the fourth. Totterhoe, with its handy peal of five was next visited, the only regret here being that a treble had not been added when the bells were rehung a short time ago. The next move was to Leighton Buzzard, where the party were met by Mr. F. Vickers, of Linsdale. The chief item at this stage was a sumptuous meat tea, provided by Messrs. Gurnes, Wood and Co., the arrangements having been made by Mr. Vickers. The 'inner man' being satisfied, Linsdale was next visited, where the light peal of eight was quickly put to use, Plain Bob, Kent and Stedman being accomplished with the aid of local ringers. At eight o'clock the party left for Cheddington, where they were met by the Vicar, who gave them a most hearty welcome. Several touches were rung on this fine peal of six, until 9.15, when the bells were lowered and a move made for home. During the day touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Double Oxford Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. The band wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the tower-keepers and ringers who met them, making such an enjoyable outing possible.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.**

On Saturday, June 26th, the members of the St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, and friends had their annual outing, which took the form of a ringing tour in the Suffolk and Essex borderland. Starting from the church at 8.15 a.m., the journey was made to Assington Church via Hadleigh and Boxford. Here the church stands in a very pretty park. The bells were soon set going, and they were admired from the road by motorists passing. Next a move was made to Sudbury, where they were met at St. Gregory's Church by Messrs. G. Dixon, Silvester and C. Smith of Great Cornard. After ringing some Kent Treble Bob, a start was made for the Essex side. This was entered on passing over Ballingdon Bridge. A call was made for a ring on the light peal of five at Wickham St. Paul. Here one ringer had to stand on the gallery while the others stood on the ground floor to ring. Nevertheless some Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The next stop was made after many turnings through some very pretty scenery at Gestingthorpe. Here there are six bells, which were soon going to Oxford Treble Bob. In the church, it is interesting to note, is a fine memorial stone erected to the memory of the late Commander Oates who met his death on the Scott Expedition. His home was opposite the church in this village. A move was next made for Great Yeldham via Little Yeldham. This ride was through some very narrow roads. Here a short stay was made for a ring on the six bells. It being near dinner time, a quick run was made for Sible Hedingham, where dinner was ready at the White Horse Inn. Dinner over, and a short ring on the eight bells, a move was made for home. Calling at Castle Hedingham some difficulty was experienced owing to the long draught of rope. Some Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. Leaving there, the journey was via Great and Little Maplestead to Pebmarsh. At Little Maplestead is one of the only five round churches in England, built by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. It is interesting to note that this is the latest and smallest of them, the circular part being about 28 feet, and length about 60 feet. Tea was kindly provided at Little Maplestead in an old-fashioned house by a friend of one of the ringers. This was not on the programme, but was a great and pleasant surprise. Pebmarsh was reached much behind time, but the bells (5) were soon going to Grandsire Doubles. After some more very narrow roads Colne Engaine was reached, and some Treble Bob brought round on the six bells. This and the preceding villages are well worth a visit for scenery. From here, the last stop was made at Earl's Colne, where some good Treble Bob and Bob Major was rung. Home was reached at 10.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable day, aided by the delightful weather. The party numbered thirteen, which in this case was in no way unlucky. They wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and the ringers who met them.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 19th, the King's Norton ringers went on their annual outing by charabanc. The party included their ringing master, Mr. F. B. Yates, the two churchwardens, and six ringers from the Edgbaston tower. At 7 a.m. they set off, and by 9 o'clock the bells of Malvern Link Church were being raised in peal. The ringing here was much enjoyed, the bells possessing a very pleasing tone and 'go.' The next stopping-place was Ledbury in Herefordshire, where the bells are hung in a tower detached from the church. After a ring on them and a 'refresher' in the quaint old town, the party proceeded to Gloucester, where they were met by Mr. John Austin, who joined them at dinner at the Gresham Hotel. After dinner a move was made to Barnwood, where Mr. Austin had arranged for a ring on the very pleasing peal of eight.

Later in the afternoon Painswick was reached, and all were eager to get a pull on the bells of this famous tower. Mr. Wright, of the local band, had previously got everything in readiness, and soon the bells were going to various methods. A feature of the ringing here was a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight by the 'experts' of the band. Mr. Austin joined in this. After tea the party set out for Cheltenham, and some very enjoyable ringing took place in St. Mary's tower on the fine peal of twelve. Here the band made the acquaintance of Mr. W. T. Kates, who gave them a very cordial welcome.

Cheltenham was left behind about 8 p.m. Passing through Evesham, the party ultimately reached King's Norton at the precise moment that their own tenor bell boomed out the hour of 11 p.m. Very fine weather prevailed all day, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed them.

STREATHAM RINGERS VISIT HORNSEY.

On a recent Saturday afternoon the bell-ringers of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, visited St. Mary's, Hornsey, a notable old church dating back from the thirteenth century, the purpose of which was to enable the father of the Immanuel Tower, Mr. W. Shepherd, to ring once more on the bells where he learned the art of ringing when a lad. He is now over eighty-one years of age, and still going strong. A most cordial welcome was given to the visitors by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell), who was ably supported by the ringers of the tower, Messrs. Ross, Blee and Deal. The afternoon proved a great success, due in a great measure to the welcome and assistance given by the above-named. Some pretty touches on the beautiful peal of six bells were rung, after which an adjournment was made for tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. J. S.

Daniels, one of the leading members of the church at Streatham, who takes interest in the Immanuel tower, and who, with Mr. Shuffie, is always anxious on such occasions to give others a pleasant time. Further touches were afterwards rung on the bells.

BUCKNALL AND BURSLEM.

On Saturday, June 26th, Bucknall and Burslem ringers held a joint outing. Leaving Bucknall by charabanc at 9 a.m., the Burslem ringers were picked up, and Eccleshall reached about 10.30. After viewing the old church, ringing was enjoyed, and afterwards the journey was continued to Audlem. The bells were rung before dinner, and afterwards the party went on to Overton, where they were met by Mr. C. Poinson, one of the late members of the Bucknall band. The bells were set going for a time, and then the next call was made at Elsemere, where tea, which Mr. and Mrs. C. Poinson provided, was partaken of in the village school. After a two hours' stay with their old friend, the ringers made the return journey, everybody being pleased with a most enjoyable day. The methods rung were: Cambridge, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford, Woodbine, Plain Bob, etc. The ringers of both bands wish to thank the various Vicars and the local ringers for the use of the respective bells.

IN DEVON AND DORSET.

St. James' Guild, Taunton, had an excursion on June 26th, when by charabanc and Mr. D. G. Taylor's car they made a run of 122 miles through some of the most glorious scenery to be found in Devon and Somerset. The route was via Milverton, Wiveliscombe, Bampton, Oakford, South Molton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Lynton, Lynmouth, Porlock, Timberscombe, and Dunster. Ringing was indulged in at seven eight-bell towers and one six (Porlock). Hot lunch was partaken of at Ilfracombe, and a never-to-be-forgotten tea at Porlock. The flavour of the strawberry jam and clotted cream still clings about. The party numbered 22, including 17 ringers. Some excellent touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, also Cambridge Minor. Grateful thanks are tendered to the respective incumbents and all those who met the party, to Mr. D. G. Taylor for placing his services and car at the disposal of the Guild, and also to Mr. W. Cording, the organiser, and Mr. W. J. Tarr, the treasurer.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of the Parish Church had their annual outing on Saturday, July 3rd, thanks to the generosity of a well-known local lady. The party, numbering 24, included ringers and friends. The company left the Grand Pier at 8 a.m., by charabanc, the weather looking none too bright. But the prophet of the party kept reminding his comrades that they were in for a 'lovely day,' which ultimately proved to be correct, in more ways than one. Passing through North Petherton and Taunton, Wellington was reached about 10 a.m., and here the ringers were met at the Church of St. John by Mr. W. T. Taylor, the captain of the local tower, who kindly showed them around the sacred edifice, a notable feature of which is the tomb of the late Sir John Popham. Later, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells. The Westonsians took their departure at 11.15 a.m., and after passing through Sampford Peverell, arrived at Tiverton, where they at once made for St. Peter's Church, and were cordially welcomed by Mr. G. Grater, who told them he had been ringing at that church for the last 49 years, and 30 years ago he had rung in a 'family peal.' The tone of the bells here is exceptionally melodious, this no doubt being partly due to the fact that they were recast and rehung in 1923. The tenor weighs 25 cwt. The Westonsians soon had them going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, after which they adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel for luncheon. At 2.30 farewell was made to Tiverton, and passing through most beautiful country, the ringers eventually reached Dulverton about 3.15 p.m. Here the Parish Church was visited, and the very nice peal of eight bells sampled. Mention should be made that Mr. Parker, sen., despite his age (he is in his 81st year), succeeded in climbing the narrow stairway to the tower. Not only so, but he insisted on doffing his frock coat and taking a firm hold of the rope; to the utter amazement of all present he proved that he had not yet forgotten the art of ringing, although it is more than twenty years since he pulled a bell. Dulverton was left at 4.30 p.m., and after passing through the gorgeous wooded and fern-covered country, so well known to tourists in the Exe Valley, the party made a short halt at Wheddon Cross, near the O Rest and Be Thankful Hotel, for refreshments, after which the journey was resumed until Timberscombe was reached. The Parish Church here dates back to the thirteenth century. Two new treble bells have recently been added to make an octave, also a new clock fixed about midway on the northern side of the tower. The Rector of Timberscombe welcomed the party, and merry touches were rung on the bells for some time. Minehead was the next stop, and here tea was served at Stevens' Cafe, on the Front. The charabanc was again boarded at 8.30 p.m., and the homeward journey commenced, passing through the lovely country between Withycombe and Old Cleeve, and on through Washford until Williton was reached at 9 p.m. Later the pretty little church of St. Audries came into view, and beyond it in the distance a magnificent view of the Bristol Channel could be obtained. At Nelher Stowey a short halt was made, and then on to Bridgwater and Weston, which was reached about midnight. The party wish to thank Mr. B. J. Over for his kind gift of strawberries, which were enjoyed en route.

LONDON RINGERS VISIT SOUTHEAD.

The first annual outing of St. Olave's and All Hallows' Guild took place on Saturday, July 3rd, when a party of twenty-three, including members and friends, had a trip to Southend-on-Sea. They left Fenchurch Street Station at 7.55 a.m. by a crowded train, but this did not prevent a few members of the band from vainly trying to compose a Surprise method of their own. They reached their destination at 10.30, and after sampling the air, cockles, whelks and oysters of Southend in one deep breath, the band went to the Kursaal, where they had some good sport. Then they satisfied the 'inner man' and went on to St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Although the band are not well versed in the art of change-ringing, some good courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the pretty peal of ten for about two hours. Courses of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, and Kent were also rung on a very good peal of handbells. After tea and a round of pleasure in the evening, the party left for London about 10.15, a good sprint being necessary to catch the train. The band would like to thank the Vicar and ringers of Prittlewell for allowing them the use of the well-appointed tower.

DARLINGTON RINGERS AT HEIGHINGTON.

On Friday evening, July 16th, a party of ringers from Holy Trinity, Darlington, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Lister, of St. John's, visited the pretty little village of Heighington, which is about six miles distant, and rang on the bells (the first three of which are pre-Reformation bells) the following touches: 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 Beverley Surprise, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 London Surprise, and 120 Plain Bob. Every touch attempted was brought round, and everyone of the party thoroughly enjoyed the outing. This is the first time Beverley Surprise has been rung on these bells.

[Reports of other Outings are unavoidably held over.]

HELPING A YOUNG BAND

On Saturday, July 17th, Rayne Guild paid a visit to Black Notley, Essex, to help on the young band of ringers. Some 120's of Bob Doubles and Grandsire were brought round after tea. A 720 failed in the fifth part. Thanks are due to Mr. Pratt for making the excellent arrangements.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Wednesday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten different callings, was rung in 45 mins.: H. Smith 1, J. Sharp 2, L. J. Honess (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. A. Fairbeard 4, H. Stringer 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. J. Honess.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 26th, when thirty-five members were present from: Ashford, Appledore, Cheriton, Hythe, Mersham, Stone, Tenterden, Willesborough, and Wye. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the members attended service, at which a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. S. K. Lockyear). A collection was taken for the Church Tower Fund. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and his friends on the beautiful lawn at the Vicarage, where more than seven years previously, at a similar gathering, the guns announced peace.

The handbells were brought out, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round; then returning to the tower the visitors rang Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob.

A very successful combined meeting of the Ashford district of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Tenterden on June 12th, when about fifty members were present, representing the towers of Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Boxley, Canterbury, Cranbrook, Cheriton, Frittenden, Headcorn, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Maidstone, Margate, Mersham, Rye, Rolvenden, Stone, Smarden, Tenterden and Wye. A special service was conducted by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Mayor of Tenterden. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ. After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Mayor, who gave all present a hearty welcome to the church and town.

Touches in six different methods were brought round, and all thoroughly appreciated the welcome they received from the Mayor and the Vicar, who hoped to soon welcome the party again.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PAIGNTON.—On Thursday, July 8th, to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. C. Drew, 2,268 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 12 mins.: F. Allwood 1, J. S. Collings 2, S. W. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, W. Shepherd 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8. Conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd, who hails from Walton-on-Thames. This is the longest touch yet rung on the bells.—On Sunday, July 11th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Collings: F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, D. Green 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings (conductor) 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,408 changes) in 49 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, F. C. Wilson (conductor) 2, A. Ensor 3, S. Walker 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Cooper 6, T. Winchcombe 7, F. Pickering 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Lancashire (son of Mr. T. Lancashire, the Rector's warden) to Miss Carr.

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The bells at Harrietsbam, Kent, where doughty deeds were performed in the past, are now in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Some of the bells are to be recast, the rest retuned, and the whole rehung with modern fittings.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, who put in the new peal at Pensnett, Worcestershire, have been heartily congratulated on their work by the conductor of the first peal of Stedman rung on these bells. The peal was duly recorded in our issue of June 18th, and Mr. Robert Matthews, who called it, afterwards expressed the opinion that from the ringers' point of view the bells were as perfect as they could be. 'The tone,' he said, 'was magnificent, and reflected the greatest credit on the makers.'

'Uncle' Joe Sykes, now in Paris, is, we learn, hors de combat. He is apparently suffering from the effects of his sojourn in Manchuria. The Chinese diet disagreed with his 'gear box,' and he has a couple of feet on which he would have some trouble now to stand up to a peal of Yorkshire 'Glory.' A Paris doctor is trying to put him right, what time 'the best of spouses' does the round of the Parisian shops. The good lady is of opinion that if he wore among ringing or ringers neither his stomach nor his feet would ever get better—which is rather unkind. But then, English shops are not so attractive as those of Paris, it is said.

A new aspirant for honours on Bow tenor has come upon the scene. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal upon the advent of a son and heir.

Another 'Somerset week' has been arranged for the second week in August. Two peals a day have been fixed up, but the party will by no means be slaves to ringing. They intend to enjoy other pleasures besides those of the belfry.

A 'James' peal of Grandsiro Triples was rung at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, London, by the St. James' Society on July 25th, 1889.

A peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob was conducted by Samuel Thurston at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832.

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

Shipway first arrived in London, whither he migrated from Bath, on July 28th, 1765.

The first peal on twelve bells by a band of Freemasons was rung at Chelmsford on Saturday, July 10th, when members of twelve lodges and twelve different ringing societies scored a peal of Stedman Cinques.

SALISBURY GUILD'S OCTOGENARIAN.

SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS A BELL-RINGER.

The record of Mr. F. Bridle, one of Donhead St. Mary's many old inhabitants, is, says the 'Western Gazette,' one which must surely rank high in the annals of bell-ringing in this country. Mr. Bridle, who is now 81 years of age, rang his first peal in the Donhead St. Mary tower in 1858, when he was thirteen years of age, and the present month completes his sixty-eighth year of ringing in the same tower. Closely associated with the Donhead St. Mary Church throughout his life, Mr. Bridle was for 62 years a chorister in the church, and for 42 years its clerk. He relinquished these offices in 1918. A member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from its inauguration in 1882 until 1918, he has rung in most of the towers affiliated with the Guild, including all in Salisbury, and at Bridport, Broadwindsor, and elsewhere. This veteran was also a member of the first local team to ring the bells in the Semley tower after a rebuilding of that church about half a century ago. Despite the handicap of advancing years, Mr. Bridle's activities in this sphere are by no means ended. He led the ringing in the Donhead St. Mary tower on Whit-Sunday last.

ANCIENT RINGERS' RULES.

We record in this issue the first peal on the bells of Bowden Magna, Leicestershire. The oldest of these bells is dated 1593, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just rehung them. The ancient rules of the ringers are still preserved on a board in the belfry:—

'Whoe'er designs harmonious Bells to sound
In tuneful changes or the merry Round,
These Orders must Observe.

If you get Drunk and hither Reel,
Or by your Brawl disturb the Peal,
Or with *mumlunguous horrid Smoak,
You cloud the Room, and Ringer's Cheak;
Or if you dare profane this Place
By Oath, or Curse, or Language Base,
Or if you shall presume in Peal
With Hatt, or Coat, or armed Heel:
Or turn your Bell in careless way,
For each Offence shall Two Pence pay;
To break these Laws if any hope,
May leave the Bell, and take the Rope.

Thomas Buckby, Edward Englehorn, Churchwardens.

N.B.—He who plucks his Bell over when turn'd, shall Pay six Pence.'

* Mumlunguous—i.e., stinking tobacco.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.

A NEW FEATURE FOR YOUNG RINGERS AND CONDUCTORS.

With every desire to help the young ringer, who, admittedly, is encouraged if he sees his performances recorded in print, we propose to set aside a certain amount of space each week in which we may record beginners' progress, and we invite conductors to send us paragraphs giving particulars of ringing done in which learners participate.

We shall not necessarily deal with this matter in precisely the same way as we at present record Sunday service touches—indeed, it will add to the interest of the reports if correspondents will tell us something about the young ringers themselves and their general advance in the art. Nor can we be expected to devote space week after week to a repetition of previous performances. What we hope conductors will send us will be, what we may term, the progressive steps of their young hands. We are prepared to give these future stalwarts of the Exercise a 'place in the news,' when their first 120 of Doubles is achieved, but we know they will not expect us to go on recording 120's. We want to encourage them to advance, so let the next stage be 360, and the next 720; then a fresh method—if this is not reached sooner.

To be included in this beginners' feature, the young hand will have to move along and not remain stagnant. We think that is a fair bargain. Above all, we hope we may get a few of those personal items which will relieve the monotony of a 'dry bones' report of a touch, and add a little human interest to the records of what has been accomplished.

Young conductors' performances will be welcomed in the same way for this new feature, and, we propose, also from time to time and as space permits, to add a few hints on the conducting of some of the simpler methods, which we think may perhaps be appreciated by those who are without the regular help of more experienced men.

We hope that what we propose will not only encourage young ringers, but give them an early interest in 'The Ringing World,' and that they, in their turn, will give us their support.

One other word. It will be essential that matter for inclusion in this new column should reach us early, and we really cannot entertain paragraphs that come to hand two or three weeks after the performance. It is that delay which in other matters at present throws out of joint all our efforts to publish reports promptly. Tuesday is the last day for receiving items relating to anything rung within the preceding week, and the earlier it comes to hand the better chance it will have of appearing.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

For the first time for forty years the bells at Twynmerton Parish Church, near Stone, Staffs, were rung on Thursday, July 15th, when a 720 Grandsire Doubles was brought round by the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Stone, who were invited by the Rev. J. B. Frith, Vicar of Twynmerton. Much credit is due to the Vicar for getting those bells put into order again. He has had the 3rd and 4th rehung on ball bearings, and has himself carried out repairs to the fittings of the other four. He is very anxious to get a band of ringers together in his parish, having himself learned to ring a bell. The following ringers took part in the 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Head 1, J. Moulson 2, T. Hodson 3, W. Buckley 4, A. Rowly (conductor) 5, E. Baker 6, and they wish to thank the Vicar for his kind invitation to ring and for his hospitality.

DEATH OF MR. ISAAC G. SHADE.

KILLED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Just as we go to press we learn with deep regret that Mr. Isaac George Shade, of Greenwich, was knocked down and instantaneously killed by a motor-car in Blackheath Road, S.E., on Monday night, as he was returning to his home at 72, Blissett Street, after attending a ringing practice at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate.

The news will, we are sure, be received with profound sorrow by the whole Exercise, for Mr. Shade was one of the best-known men in the ringing world, in which he has figured prominently for a great many years, having rung more peals than anyone else, with the exception of Mr. William Pye, with whom he was associated in a great many of his ringing performances.

Mr. Shade was seventy-six years of age and a bachelor.

He rang his last peal at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday, one of Superlative Surprise. He was to have been in an attempt for a peal at St. Nicolas', Deptford, to-morrow, and this will now be rung with the bells half-inuffled in his memory.

The funeral will take place at Charlton Cemetery to-day (Friday) at 2 p.m.

ORSETT CHURCH DESTROYED.

Fire, which started in the roof, destroyed Orsett (Essex) Church on Friday, despite the frantic efforts of the villagers to save the building. The tower, with its six bells and clock, happily escaped the conflagration.

FAKENHAM BELLS RESTORED.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AND ORGAN.

On Sunday morning the Bishop of Norwich paid a visit to St. Peter and Paul's Church, Fakenham, Norfolk, for the twofold purpose of dedicating the restored and rehung peal of the church bells and dedicating and opening a new organ in the north aisle of the church. As the bells had been completed a few months previously, permission had been granted to the ringers to ring them for Sunday services.

A good force of the ringers of Fakenham and district mustered early for the service, and, under the direction of the captain of the tower, Mr. Chas. S. Tutthill, two touches were rung on the eight bells, so arranged that all ringers present could take part, the conductor being Mr. Robert Cooke. The service began at 11.15 a.m., and at that time the church, which is a large one, was well filled, amongst the congregation being the parish councillors, officials, boy scouts, girl guides, and others. The morning service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Pole Simeon, M.A.), and the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop. Immediately the strains of the new organ were heard with splendid effect. After the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies' had been sung, the Bishop gave an excellent sermon, in which he touched upon the characteristics and uses of church bells, which, he said, he always heard with much pleasure whilst travelling about his large diocese. The bells called to service and worship, and reminded those who could not attend of the need for prayer and for thinking of God. Next he referred to the new organ and its uses, help and bearings upon religion and its assistance in many ways in Church life. Finally, he remarked that the day would be a lifelong memory to Fakenham, with the dedication of the bells at one end and the organ at the other of this spacious building. He concluded by thanking all the parishioners for their efforts in contributing to such large works to the glory of God.

After the Blessing, the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing' was sung and collections taken for the organ fund.

The work of rehanging and restoration connected with the bells included removing all the bells, the old beams and floors, and practically dismantling the inside of the tower. The frame has been reconstructed upon new steel girders, and the bells rehung, with the fifth bell recast. The planning and execution was in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and was carried out under his personal supervision with great care and excellent results. Every satisfaction has been given. The opening day for ringers is shortly to be held, and will be advertised in our columns.

'CHARTER DAY' AT LEEDS

At Bramley, Leeds, on Tuesday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.—W. Waterhouse 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, E. Redshaw 3, F. Blakeith 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, J. W. Cordingley 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8. Rung on 'Charter Day,' in connection with the Leeds Tercentenary celebrations.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, also as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on the occasion of his marriage, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun., 1, J. Cooper, sen., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

HOW THE Q SET DOMINATES COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Now, bearing in mind the facts about Q sets which I set out in these notes last week, let us turn to the solution of our problem. We have twelve courses; can we link them up into one round block by bobs only?

These are the courses :—

54326	52436	53246	42356
35426	45236	25346	34256
43526	24536	32546	23456

We start with the plain course 23456. In it we can call a bob at either the Wrong or the Home. Let us call a bob at the Wrong. That will put us into the course 52436. Having called this bob at the Wrong according to the law of Q sets, we must also call two others, that is, we must bob every member of that Q set. This will give us :—

23456 W

52436 —
35426 —
23456 —

Now notice what we have done. We have gathered into one round block three of the courses we want. In this block there are three places where we may call a bob—the three Homes. Suppose we call a Home in the first course. Again we must call two more Homes as well—we must bob the Q set. This will give us :—

23456 W R

45236 — —
24536 — —
52436 — —
35426 — —
23456 — —

What we have done is to gather into one round block five of the courses we want. Now select another place to call a bob. Again we must complete the Q set.

Let it be the Wrong in the third course. We get :—

23456 W R

45236 — —
24536 — —
32546 — —
43526 — —
52436 — —
35426 — —
23456 — —

What we have done is to gather into one block seven of the courses we want.

Now, every time we bob a Q set we add two courses. We started with one course, the plain course. But, if you start with one and keep on adding two, the result must always be an odd number. And since the number of the courses we want to join into one round block is twelve, and twelve is an even number, the problem we set ourselves is proved to be impossible.

This is a fairly easy problem, and not very difficult to understand. The problem of Grandsire Triples which baffled composers for a couple of centuries (and they were clever men) is exactly the same, except that the conditions are more complex.

There are two points in connection with our illustration that I ought to mention. First, when you are bobbing any Q set you must take care that you are not adding any course you already have, otherwise your touch may be false. But, false or true, it will always consist of an odd number of courses.

And, second, I do not mean that in every touch or peal every Q set must be bobbed or plain. But, if you do bob one member of a Q set and plain another then the third cannot be had at all, and consequently your touch cannot be an extent.

The greatest number of courses with the sixth fixed which can be gathered into one round block by bobs only is eleven. Here they are, and, as an illustration, I have marked the Q sets by a distinctive letter :—

23456 W R

52436 A
43526 A B
24536 C
53246 C D
25346 D
32546 D
54326 C B
35426 B
42356 A E
34256 E
23456 E

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT BEVERLEY.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, July 10th, in glorious weather, at Beverley. The attendance was rather below the average, owing, no doubt, to other attractions and reduced travelling facilities, but those present had a very enjoyable time. The two magnificent peals of ten, at St. Mary's and the Minster, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the respective Vicars, the Rev. E. Hope, M.A., and the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D.

A short service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address. This was followed by tea, held in St. Mary's Church House, to which some twenty-seven members did full justice.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. E. Hope). Apologies for absence were received from the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer) and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Fairham), who intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. W. Middleton was elected in his stead. A vote of condolence was moved with Mr. G. Thornton (Sherburn-in-Elmet) on the death of his wife, who took a very great interest in everything connected with bells and ringers' gatherings, and much sympathy was expressed with Mr. Thornton in the overwhelming loss he has sustained.

The next meeting will be held at Cottingham in October, by desire of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Fergusson).

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the Vicar of the Minster for the use of his fine peal of bells, and to Mr. W. Gibson and the local ringers for their excellent arrangements.—The Vicar, in responding, was given a cordial reception, and expressed his pleasure in having the first visit of the association to St. Mary's.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR BENEFACTOR.

THE LATE MR. C. P. MARKHAM'S GENEROSITY.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes) was rung on the Parish Church bells in 55 mins.: A. Markwell, sen., 1, A. Markwell, jun., 2, F. E. Parsons 3, S. Smedley, jun., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, S. Smedley, sen., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. The bells were half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. C. P. Markham, J.P., D.L., of Ringwood Hall, the well-known chairman of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, and a very generous benefactor to Chesterfield and the surrounding district. Some time ago Mr. Markham gave £800 to complete the restoration of Chesterfield's crooked spire, and £10,000 to the Chesterfield Royal Hospital. He died suddenly on June 29th, and was interred at Staveley on July 2nd. The bells were rung half-muffled for an hour after the interment, and also for both the morning and evening services the following Sunday. Upwards of 25,000 people attended to witness the last sad rites.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on July 3rd. The proceedings commenced with ringing at the various towers. Evensong, conducted by the Rev. W. A. J. Martyr, was then sung in the Abbey. The Rev. L. Fitzmaurice, one-time president of the Dunster branch, and now Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bath, gave the address. After tea at the Red House, the members adjourned to the Abbey Church House for the business meeting. The Master (Rev. E. S. C. Lock) read his report on the year's work. In connection with this, the Master mentioned that the association had lost by death one of the vice-presidents, the Rev. Preb. C. E. L. Corfield. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINED

The Master's report referred to the prosperous condition in which, on taking office, he found the association. This was owing to the good work of Prebendary Parker and Mr. E. E. Burgess, their late master and secretary. It would be the aim of himself and their new secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) to build upon their foundations and work for the further growth of the association. The number of towers was now 145—a gain of three on last year, seven having joined the association, whilst four had resigned. The number of members was 1,629, a gain of 4, the total being made up of: hon. life members 8, hon. members 89, performing members 1,285, non-resident ringing members 9, non-resident life members 189, unattached 49. The peals rung numbered 57, a pleasing feature being the large number of members (37) who had rung their first peal, the number who had rung a peal in a further method, and the number of new conductors (7). All this pointed to an advance in the art amongst the members. The peals of Surprise Minor rung at Wilton, and Double Norwich at St. James', Taunton, by resident hands, and the seven peals rung by a visiting band, were excellent, and the band who rang these peals were thanked for their courtesy. Mr. James Hunt was congratulated on ringing his 450th peal, and Mr. Dyke on ringing his 250th peal.

There was a balance on current account of £79 18s. 6d.

The honorary secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. T. Dyke) then presented the balance-sheet, which, on the proposition of Mr. T. F. King, seconded by Mr. A. Prince, was adopted. The latter commented favourably on the manner in which the accounts were presented. There was some discussion, although no resolution was forthcoming, on the practice of one of the branches retaining a balance in hand, apparently contrary to the rules.

The usual honorarium was granted to the secretary on the proposition of Mr. W. Prescott, seconded by Mr. A. Prince.

Mr. J. Hunt, who attended the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on behalf of the association, then gave a lengthy and interesting account of the proceedings. He particularly emphasised the cordial welcome accorded the delegates by the Suffolk Guild. A further point that Mr. Hunt stressed was the suggestion that each association should appoint an expert to give advice where augmentations to and re-hanging of existing peals of bells were proposed in the association area. He also commented favourably on the continued efforts of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to obtain rail concessions to ringers.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Prince, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hunt for his services.

The Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. A. Prince. The hon. secretary and treasurer was also re-elected. The hon. auditor, Mr. D. G. Taylor, was again elected to the post, and was thanked for his past services, on a motion by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. G. Temple.

The triennial election of representatives on the Central Council was then proceeded with. It was proposed that the master and secretary be elected without ballot, and this was agreed to. The remaining two places, after a vote, were allotted to Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) and Mr. H. W. Brown (Bath).

PRESENTATION TO LATE OFFICERS.

A pleasing ceremony then took place, when the late Master, the Rev. Preb. C. C. Parker, was presented with a gong, in the shape of a bell, and the late secretary, Mr. E. E. Burgess, was given a solid silver half-hunter watch, both gifts being suitably inscribed.—Mr. D. G. Taylor, one of the few members who were present at the election of these officers, performed the pleasant duty of making the presentations, which were suitably acknowledged by both recipients.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Venerable the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. W. A. J. Martyr, the Rev. L. Fitzmaurice, and Mr. F. C. Rich, to whom the success of the meeting was mainly due.

Mr. Starr (Swainswick) then brought up the question of the method of the notification of the dates and places of the annual meeting. He did not consider that an annual postcard, supplemented by advertisements in 'The Ringing World,' was sufficient, as some members, particularly honorary members, did not see 'The Ringing World.' This question was left to the committee.

Further ringing at the various towers afterwards took place.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: Wm. Rosewell 1, A. Gould (longest length inside) 2, E. Flower 3, Wm. Shore (first quarter as conductor) 4, Rev. L. G. Ketchley 5, D. Parfitt 6.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED HILLIER.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S LOSS.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Alfred Francis Hillier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, passed to his rest on Monday, July 12th, and his loss will be keenly felt at Newcastle Cathedral, as well as in the association for the two northern dioceses. He was born in Bristol some seventy-one years ago, and later lived at Crawley, in Sussex, where he learnt his ringing. He was always connected with livery stables, and eventually came to Newcastle in 1891 to take charge of Messrs. King and Gillespie's stables. With this firm he worked until they closed down, since when he had a small business of his own.

He joined St. John's Guild of Ringers immediately he came to Newcastle, and proved a splendid help to a then young and struggling band of enthusiasts. He was not only a very good method ringer but a fine striker, and reliable in his attendance at either service ringing, practice or peal events. He had rung more peals with the Durham and Newcastle Association than any other member, namely, 325 in all, his last peal being one of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 6th, 1924, at All Saints', Gosforth. Unfortunately, he kept no records of his peals, but he had rung many peals with the Sussex County Association before coming north, probably another fifty in all. Besides ringing many peals in all the old Standard Methods, his list included Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, Double Norwich and Double Oxford, Erin Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the 15th, and was attended by some forty or fifty ringers, besides many relatives and friends, Messrs. Keen, Barber, Deas and Forman acting as underbearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. H. Barber, T. Gofton, and J. E. Keen. The Vicar of Newcastle conducted the burial rites, with the assistance of the Rev. A. W. Lister, president of the association. The Vicar, Canon Newsom, gave a very beautiful and impressive eulogy at the graveside.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung on the Cathedral bells, and a touch of Stedman Caters, muffled, till five o'clock. A peal of Caters, muffled to his memory, was rung at the Cathedral on Saturday, the 17th.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED CONTEST.

The July meeting was held at Cawthorne on Saturday week, when members were present early in the afternoon from Barnsley, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, Penistone, Wath, Sandal, Horbury, Rawmarsh, and Shelley, as well as members of the local company. The bells were put into use at 3 p.m., and freely rung. The shield recently purchased was on view, and the committee considered the rules for the contest, which in all probability will be held on the second Saturday in October.

Tea was partaken of in a local cafe, where the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley) kindly joined the party. He had to leave early, but was not allowed to part from the company until expressions of pleasure were accorded to him for his welcome and his presence, which is always a cheerful one to ringers. His reply was kindly and full of good wishes for the prosperity of ringers and a desire to see them take more interest in the Church Councils and take a place on those bodies.

The business meeting then followed. The senior vice-president, Mr. W. Reynor, having recently given two lectures before the Paxton Society, Wakefield, he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for having thus displayed the art of change-ringing and the practical use of church bells. In replying, he promised to give another practical display before the association in the winter.

One new member, Mr. Lawrence Wilkinson, of Hoylandswaine, was elected. The next meeting is to be held at Ackworth.

HERTS AND ESSEX JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Bishop's Stortford on June 5th, and proved a very successful and enjoyable reunion. A special service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Lane. Afterwards nearly forty members sat down to tea provided in St. Michael's Parish Room.

A short meeting then followed, at which Mr. H. Dew welcomed the visiting ringers, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped with the meeting and had made arrangements for same. This was seconded by Mr. W. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) then addressed the meeting, saying that when the suggestion of such gatherings between county associations was made, he at once fell in with the idea. He could strongly recommend the holding of such meetings frequently. There was no rivalry; they met with one object and worked together for one common aim—church bell ringing. To meet like this enabled them to help each other by comparing notes, making suggestions for betterment, and social intercourse. Mr. Howard's remarks were enthusiastically received.

This closed the meeting, and the company again repaired to the tower for an evening's ringing. The towers represented were: Royston, Fulbourn, Edmonton, Barkway, Harlow Common, Leytonstone, Barley, Braintree, Stansted, and Little Mundon.

TERRIBLE FATALITY TO A RINGER.

BURNT BY BOILING TAR.

WORKMATE'S BRAVE EFFORTS AT RESCUE.

By a shocking fatality last week, Cyril Whybrow, a young and promising ringer, of Leighton Buzzard, lost his life while working on the road between Leighton and Hockliffe. The deceased, with David Underwood, another employee of the Bedfordshire County Council, was engaged in tarring the road surface and was using a portable tar cauldron containing tar which was kept heated by a small fire underneath. At the end of the stretch of road being tarred stood a tripod bearing a red flag to warn approaching traffic to exercise caution, and as a preliminary to starting on a fresh length of road Underwood was sent by Whybrow, who was brushing the tar on the road, to move the tripod.

Relating the story of the fatality at the inquest, Underwood said he was by the tripod and Whybrow was in close proximity to the cauldron at the time of the accident. Hearing Whybrow call out, 'Oh, David,' he looked round and saw Whybrow sitting in the bath of tar, as the workmen call the cauldron. Being a 'biggish' fellow, Whybrow tipped the bath over when he fell into it. He rolled over into the road, and the tar caught fire and blazed up and set fire to Whybrow's clothing.

'I ran to his assistance,' said Underwood, 'and pulled him out of the tar and got him to the side of the road. He was all in flames, and I got smothered with tar and my clothing caught fire as well, and I could not see him for the flames. I rolled myself over and over in the grass and put out the flames, and when I saw Whybrow again he had rolled back again into the flaming tar. I ran and pulled him out again and rolled him into a heap of sand stuff which put out the fire.'

Underwood also tore Whybrow's shirt from his body, and covered him up, and asked a man who came along on a bicycle to go for the police and telephone for a doctor.

The Coroner: How do you think this happened?—My opinion is that he came back too far and stepped straight into the bath of tar.

Walked backwards?—Yes, sir, he had to use it backwards.

You think he might have forgotten it was so close to him?—I don't think he realised it was so close to him.

The witness added that he had worked with Whybrow for about twelve months, and they had been on the Leighton Road all day.

Police and medical assistance were quickly forthcoming, and the terribly injured man was conveyed to hospital, where he was found to be very extensively burnt on both legs and arms, and on both the front and back of the trunk of the body.

The coroner returned a verdict of 'Accidental Death,' and the county surveyor (Mr. F. W. Smart) expressed deep regret to the parents and relatives on behalf of the County Council, and associated himself with that message of sympathy. Whybrow, he said, was a young man of splendid character, and was an excellent workman. Mr. Smart also expressed the view that Underwood's conduct in the sad affair was most commendable, remarking that he did all that he possibly could.

Cyril Whybrow's death is deeply lamented by the Leighton Buzzard ringers, as it will be by members of the Exercise everywhere. He was of a cheery disposition, and will be much missed in All Saints' belfry, where he was always regular in his attendance. He was a safe ringer in Plain Bob, Double Court, Grandsire, and Stedman. He was only twenty-one years of age, and much sympathy has been extended to the relatives.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when three of the ringers of All Saints' and three of St. Barnabas', Linslade, acted as bearers. The first part of the service was held at All Saints' Church, which was filled with friends of the deceased, including many of his fellow-workmen and bell-ringers. Among the wreaths were one from the county surveyor and staff, fellow-workmen, football friends, bell-ringers, etc.

In the evening the ten bells of All Saints' were rung half-muffled by the combined bands of Leighton and Linslade.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Agnes, on Saturday, July 3rd, by kind permission of the Vicar, Perranwell, St. Ken, St. Newlyn East, Truro Cathedral, and the local band were represented. A short service was conducted, and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Browne). Tea was provided and served by the lady ringers of St. Agnes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and those who provided tea, and the Vicar, responding, said how glad he was to welcome the Guild there that day, and he would be delighted to welcome them at any future date.

Afterwards the bells were again set going, and several members of the Perranwell band, who have just taken up scientific ringing, were able to obtain good practice with the help of the Cathedral ringers, one lady ringer ringing her first 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The last item on the programme was a dance (perhaps a novelty at a ringers' meeting). This was thoroughly enjoyed by many of the younger ringers who took part.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Liddbetter 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Thompson 3, A. Cutmore 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. This is an annual event arranged by the conductor on the occasion of the Putney ringers' outing, which this year has gone westward.

REDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): A. Trappitt 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, A. Arnold 4, G. Jennings 5, E. Talbot 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, J. F. Galyer 8, T. G. Bannister 9, J. Avery 10.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 18th, at All Saints' Church, after evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Windley 1, B. Redgwell 2, H. Warn 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devcnish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6; also 360 Double Court and 360 Woodbine, H. Redgwell and A. Redgwell taking part.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—For morning service on Sunday, July 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington (Long Stanton, conductor) 2, G. Perkins 3, G. Ransom 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 59 mins.: G. Preston (conductor) 1, E. Hinton 2, W. Stone 3, G. Stone 4, A. H. Ward (Derby) 5, G. Scragg 6, B. Gough (Tipton) 7, R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) 8, W. Fowler 9, B. Kerley 10.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 18th, for children's afternoon anniversary service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) in 40 mins.: *P. Day 1, *T. Leech 2, J. Benyon 3, G. R. Jones (conductor) 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, *E. Barlow 6. * Longest length.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Gusterson 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Leggett (conductor) 3, A. Ives 4, C. Bower 5, F. Clarke 6.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 11th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles): W. Allin, jun., 1, R. Huskinson 2, W. Allin, sen., 3, E. R. Partridge 4, B. Sollis (first 720) 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

BARLBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Sturman (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morris (conductor) 3, R. Reece 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard 6.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: S. Casley 1, A. Baco 2, F. J. Chandler 3, F. Barker 4, W. Soer 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, H. J. Eldred 7, W. Langley 8.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 27th, for the thanksgiving services for the restoration of the tower and spire, the following touches were rung: For matins, 4 courses of Grandsire Caters: after service 2 courses, and for evensong 4 courses of Stedman Triples. This is the first ringing done here since 1922.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: F. Banton 1, T. Birch 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells by a local band.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for morning service, 720 Violet Treble Bob: F. Shaker 1, E. Gater 2, T. Hurd 3, H. Box 4, H. Whitfield 5, T. Hilditch 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: F. Shaker 1, T. Hurd 2, E. Gater 3, H. Box 4, T. Cartledge 5, T. Hilditch 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Culmor 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Bungay 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, H. Folkard 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 27th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. E. Collins 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, T. Welbourne 8.

WOOTTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Bevan 1, R. Rex 2, H. Balaam (conductor) 3, N. Scott 4, T. Lock 5, H. Miller (Southgate) 6.

LONG STANTON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on June 20th, 720 Double Court in 21 mins.: F. Warrington 1, G. E. Crisp 2, C. W. Woolley 3, H. Hazell 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, S. H. Wood 6.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Whit-Sunday, for 8 a.m. Communion service, 720 of St. Simon's Doubles: C. W. Smith 1, J. Brooks 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. Clare 4, G. Guest (conductor) 6.—For 11 a.m. service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: P. Stevens 1, R. Giles 2, G. Guest 3, C. W. Smith (conductor) 4, J. Clare 6.—For evening service, 720 in six methods (New Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire): R. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, E. Hanks 3, J. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 of Grandsire: P. Stevens 1, R. Giles 2, G. Guest 3, J. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Lugeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant a return ticket to Oxford on July 24th by any train at a single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks or Oxon.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Fenlake, Bedford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A post card from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on July 24th. Bells at Kirkby available from 4 p.m. to 5.30. Bells at Peckleton from 5.30 onwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Kirby-le-Soken.—Dedication of two trebles to complete the octave at matins, 11 a.m., on Sunday, July 25th. Visiting ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Colchester re-opening, after rehanging of the ring of five at St. Leonard's Church on Thursday, July 29th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to visiting ringers after the service.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clyro—bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m.—on Saturday, July 31st. Service 5.30. Tea 6 o'clock.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready early. Members will please prepare to practice Double Norwich at this meeting.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, July 31st, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided only for those who send their names to Mr. W. Randall, Woodbine Cottage, Penn, High Wycombe, not later than July 28th. There will be no business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—A meeting will be held at Wissett on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. Larter, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed. — Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 3.15. First meeting here since the bells have been rehung, and a hearty welcome to all. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspal (Eye buses) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1/- each) at Ten Bells Inn at 5 followed by business meeting. Please send notice for tea to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Dis. Sec., Debenham, Stowmarket.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than the Tuesday previous, July 27th. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th. — George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 31st, at Norbury Parish Church. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting held at 7 p.m. — F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. G. T. Colson, M.A. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 28th? All ringers welcome, beginners especially. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford 2 o'clock, 3 and 3.15, and leave Galleywood about every half hour until 9.45 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, July 28th? The bells have just been overhauled, and are to be opened at this meeting by the Vicar. All visiting ringers will be welcomed, and a good attendance is requested. — P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church are placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 29th. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—Gala Day and Sports, Dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Bells Restoration Fund. — The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent will be open all day for ringing from 10 a.m. on Monday (Bank Holiday), Aug. 2nd. Visitors from everywhere welcome. Tea provided on ground from 3.30 p.m. in marquee. Plain tea 1s., children 6d.; meat tea 1s. 6d. and 2s. Admission to grounds 6d. and 3d. The L.N.E. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Crow Park Station from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from Retford and Newark. — H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — Next meeting on August Bank Holiday at Handsworth (8 bells). Committee meeting 4.45. Tea at 1s. per head, providing a minimum of 30 apply for same not later than Friday, July 30th, to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. The Vicarage grounds will be thrown open to visitors. — Colin Harrison, 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. free. Please notify me not later than Aug. 4th. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. — A district meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at Harlow Common. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all advising me before Aug. 4th. A business meeting will follow tea. (Buses will be running down from Wanstead through Epping and up from Saffron Walden through Bishop's Stortford.) All ringers welcome. — Claud Beeston, Hon. Sec., 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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