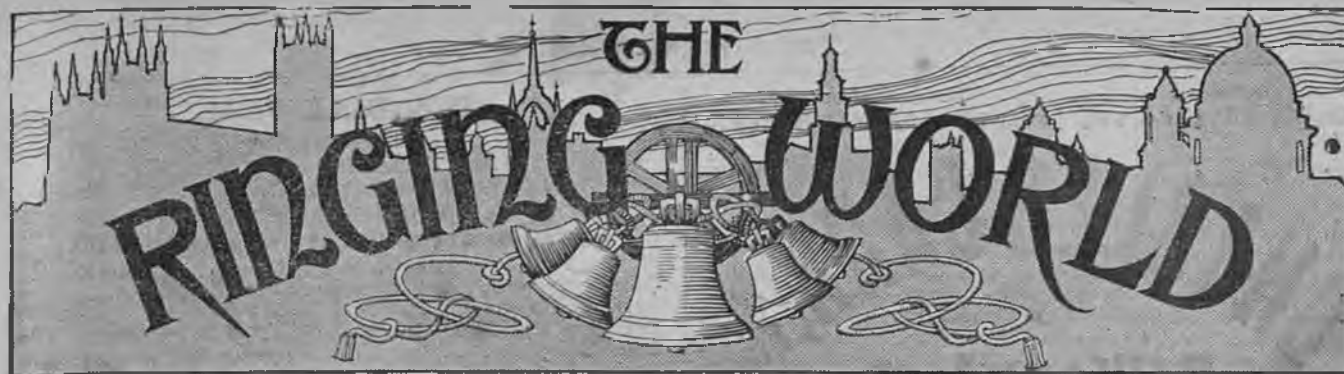




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SHROPSHIRE'S EXTENDED ASSOCIATION

The re-establishment of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild as an association for the whole of the county of Shropshire is a welcome step for the advancement of ringing in that part of the country. For some years past little has been heard of the organisation which was supposed to unite the ringers of that area, and in Shrewsbury, particularly, which should have been the centre round which the Guild should, as it were, have revolved, there has been an obvious falling off in loyalty to the Archidiaconal scheme. It was not surprising, therefore, that the interest in the Guild should slacken in the towers further afield, but changes of influence seem now to have suggested not only a revival, but a more extended scope for the society. The whole of Shropshire is to be included in the new organisation, and it is in future to be known as a county association.

The tendency in recent years has been towards diocesan areas for ringing associations, but in this case diocesan status could only have been secured by amalgamation with the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, which is already a flourishing and active organisation, and the Stoke-on-Trent Society, making one comprehensive Guild for the Diocese of Lichfield. This, presumably, is a step which has not been contemplated by any of the societies concerned, and Shropshire is still apparently anxious 'to paddle its own canoe,' if we may borrow the metaphor.

The attitude of the Hereford Diocesan Guild towards the reorganised area remains to be seen, for, as far as we are aware, nothing has been suggested as to the exclusion from the activities of the new association of those parishes in Salop which are situated in the diocese of Hereford. There is no reason, of course, why the two societies should not work side by side in the same area, but there is sometimes a little feeling of jealousy when an association extends its boundaries to overlap those of another society. This is one of the difficulties which will always exist while some societies define their areas on a county basis and others adhere to diocesan divisions. We are not suggesting that there is any likelihood of friction between Shropshire ringers and the ringers in the diocese of Hereford, but, in the absence of any specific reference to this question in the report that has been furnished, we hope that the matter has not been entirely lost sight of by those who have now decided upon a county association for Salop. Everyone will wish well to the new organisation. There is room in the county for much spade work, and happily there are among the members a number of enthusiasts who will doubtless see to it that under the auspices of the new association every effort will be made to foster and spread the art of change ringing.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
FREDERICK HINDLE 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 8
JAMES MARSH 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
ARTHUR LINTOTT 5	ALBERT A. GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Tomlinson and Hindle, of Blackburn, also for Mr. J. Ridyard, of Southport, and Mr. J. Marsh, of Aughton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 22, 1926, in Three Hours & Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ISAAC BENNETT Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
THOMAS ROBERTS 2	*DAVID VINCENT 6
†FRED HOPPER 3	*JACK DOVE 7
*THOMAS H. WISE 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School outing, and also in honour of the coming of age of the eldest daughter of the ringer of the third.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

HARRY W. MARTIN Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	W. ARTHUR SKINNER ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (No. 2).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. This composition in 3 long and 3 short parts is now rung for the first time.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS 5
HERBERT E. ROBBINS 2	HAROLD KENT 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN FLINT 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFF 4	JESSE J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal by the ringers of 4 and 6, whose ages are 13 and 15 respectively.

TADCASTER.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE Treble	HENRY CLAYTON 5
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 2	*HERBERT E. PICKERING ... 6
†ROBERT LANCASTER 3	FRED ADDISON 7
*ERNEST LINDLEY 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Laura Lancaster.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
RAYMOND PHILPOIT 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. EVANS Treble	E. E. HAM 5
W. PERRY 2	A. EVANS 6
V. LOWTEN 3	A. HARDIMAN 7
G. NOAKES 4	H. SUTTON Tenor

Conducted by A. HARDIMAN.

This is the first peal on the rebung bells, also the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on the St. Lawrence's bells by an entirely local band.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... 6
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Isaac George Shade, who had promised to stand in this attempt.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN M. CAPPER ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... 7
JOHN HAYES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

* First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	CECIL NICE 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	REG. V. JOHNSON ... 6
ALFRED J. BULL 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
BERNARD WELLS 4	JOHN S. MORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal.

CHESTER.—On Monday, July 26th, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: R. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, S. Jones 3, G. R. Jones 4, J. Swindley 5, J. W. Davies 6, Keith Hart (conductor) 7, G. F. Sperring 8. Mr. K. Hart hails from Brighton.—Also a course of London Surprise Major, with Mr. H. R. Dew, of London.

LYDD, KENT.—On Saturday, July 17th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Parkin 1, J. Livermore 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, S. Driver 4, H. Baker 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, E. Prior 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... 5
ARNOLD HILL 2	HAROLD WALKER ... 6
OLIVER GREATHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK CLARK ... 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 4	ROBERT SARBSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. J. COLLUM, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN S. MORTON ... 5
GEORGE COLLUM 2	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 6
SIDNEY A. STAGG 3	FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 7
LIONEL J. COLLUM 4	OSCAR ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN.

* First peal with a bob bell.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	JOHN SOUTER ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

George Howlett was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting for the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	HARRY MOSS ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	WALTER BARRETT ... 7
ERNEST POPPY 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRED PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a compliment, on the eve of his wedding, to Mr. A. F. Bailey, a much respected member of the 'tall hat' band.

A NOISY PEAL.

Elsewhere we record a peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Mildenhall, Suffolk, on Thursday, July 29th. It was originally intended also to attempt a peal at Elveden, Suffolk, but time did not permit, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was therefore rung as follows: Fredk. R. Borrett 1, A. G. Harrison 2, W. C. Rumsey 3, J. Souter 4, E. E. Grimes 5, E. F. Poppy 6, C. J. More (conductor) 7, G. Howlett 8. These bells are so noisy in the ringing chamber that it is very difficult to make anything out of them or even to ring them at all. The band were just beginning to get the 'hang' of them after the quarter-peal of Stedman.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	OLIVER SIPPITTS 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	† GEORGE GILBERT 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	* WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Surprise. † 150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	HAROLD CLARK 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	JAMES FLEUTY 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	* WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. I. G. Shade, for many years a life member of the Association.

CARISBROOKE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. flat.

HARRY BARTON Treble	* FRANK TAYLOR 5
† PERCY REYNOLDS 2	* SIDNEY MOODY 6
WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS 3	WALTER SCOTT, JUN... .. 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 4	* EDWIN BRETT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a hob bell. This quarterly district peal was arranged in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to the parish on the above date.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 1, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	* STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
OLIVER SIPPITTS 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

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

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Marble Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal of London on the bells and by the association.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Friday, July 23rd, at St. Thomas' Church, a 1,260 of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 2, G. Holifield, sen., 3, G. Holifield, jun., 4, F. W. Burnett (first quarter-peal) 5, F. Barron 6, H. Aitken 7, F. W. Rogers 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince of Wales' visit to Portsmouth. Also a 504 and a 419, conducted by F. W. Rogers and H. Aitken, with C. Shepperd and Mrs. Burnett ringing 2 and 4.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
* FREDERICK E. COLLINS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal of London on an inside bell. First peal of London on the bells.

KIRBY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* EDWARD E. DAVEY Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	HAROLD CLARK 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM T. NEVARD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SWAINSWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in D.

* HERBERT J. MERRETT ... Treble	JESSE HALLETT 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
FRANK MERRETT 3	GEORGE BREWER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER

* First peal away from tenor.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's of Stedman, seven of Plain Bob, eight of Old Doubles, nine of St. Simon's and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

* CYRIL D. NICHOLS Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE 3
* MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	HARRY BAXTER 4

ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal of Doubles.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Plain Bob, and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	GEORGE W. BIDDLEPH 5
HARRY PARKER 3	THOMAS HORD Tenor

Conducted by T. HORD.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5640 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH SEWARD Treble	FRED GINN 4
JOHN SMART 2	ARTHUR JOHN GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVIS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.**HINTS FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.**

We would ask correspondents who send us paragraphs for insertion under this heading to indicate that they are intended for this column.

It is pleasing to be able to announce that the first of the helpful hints which we intend to give for young conductors is to be contributed by that well-known ringer, Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, than whom no one has had more experience in helping young bands. For fifty years Mr. Williams has been doing spade work, whilst his skill as a conductor is too well known to need comment.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Before attempting to shine as a conductor, the beginner should learn to ring and strike correctly, and be able to ring the method in hand, free from mistakes. When that stage has been reached you can then concentrate on calling.

I will deal with Bob Doubles first. Although, as an odd-bell method, Plain Bob is not now encouraged, the calling of Bob Doubles provides the A.B.C. or foundation for most of the methods to follow.

Having made yourself proficient in ringing Bob Doubles, and wishing to call, I would suggest, for a start, that the fifth bell be rung, and every time you pass the treble in 3-4, that is, when you are going to lie the four blows behind, you call a 'Bob.' With the fifth, this is really at the end of the course; and if this is done three times in all, or, put in the way that composers set out their peals, 'twice repeated,' the 120 changes are produced. It will be noticed that the work of the fifth is never disturbed by a bob. This bell keeps doing the work which comes to it in a plain course, and it is called the 'observation' bell.

On Thursday, July 29th, at St. Laurence's Church (Thanet), 540 Grandsire Caters: S. Gee 1, S. G. Twyman (first as conductor) 2, A. W. Friend 3, W. E. Pitman 4, W. J. Jarman 5, T. W. Scott 6, W. G. Birch 7, J. Blythman 8, A. E. Jarman 9, C. S. Bird 10. First by all except ringers of 4, 5, 9, and tenor.

At the Parish Church, Whalley, Lancashire, on July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: *H. Hargreaves 1, J. Wrightson 2, *O. Exton 3, *B. Potts 4, *W. Procter 5, *T. Hoyle 6, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, *H. Pickup 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt.

MR. ALBERT COPPOCK'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor, 4 methods	...	1
Minor Treble Bob	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	1
Grandsire Caters	...	3
Stedman Triples	...	18
Stedman Caters	...	2
Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters	...	1
Bob Major	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	28
Oxford Treble Bob	...	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	6
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	...	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	12
Superlative Surprise Major	...	12
Norfolk Surprise Major	...	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	2
London Surprise Major	...	2
Spliced Treble Bob Major	...	1
	100	42

Rung in 20 towers, 5 counties, and for 5 societies.

CAPENBURST, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, July 22nd, 720 Double Oxford Minor: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, G. Jones 4, W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Jones 1, R. Maddock (conductor) 2, W. Thomas 3, W. Clarke 4, J. Morgan 5, A. E. Richards 6.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT RICHARDS.**PASSING OF ANOTHER NEWCASTLE STALWART.**

The Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cathedral Guild in particular have suffered a further great loss in the passing of Mr. Robert Richards, whose death occurred on July 24th. It is fitting that 'Bob's' obituary should be told in high esteem, for his was a character of dominant influence, full of original thought and scheme. They say that most of the reforms of this world, sometimes unfortunately accompanied by revolutions, have emanated from the wits of the 'cobbler,' and our old friend was no exception to this. His reforms and suggestions, however, were all to the good of ringing, and the improvement in the working of the association of which he was most emphatically part of the backbone. Much of this was done in such a modest retiring manner that no one knew from whom the ideas came. Though Mr. Richards was well short of the ordinary span of life—he was only 56—he had done as much or more than any other man in the North of England for the Exercise, and he will live long in the memory of his ringing friends. He had very strong views on the propriety of ringing unmusical methods, and no amount of persuasion would get him to ring in a peal or even a touch of Superlative. London and Cambridge he was fond of, and rang many peals of both. He was a very safe method ringer, and in his days of good health rang the tenor-in on all the heaviest peals in this district. He had rung only 98 peals with the Northern Association, but they were all of good quality. When required he could call a touch of Stedman Caters or Cinques more intelligently than most conductors, and his first essay at calling a peal in this neighbourhood was Holt's Original.

Through a long, distressing and painful illness he was most patient and cheery, and even had a leg removed to prolong his useful life. Even this did not deter him from mounting the Cathedral stairs and ringing for service, but the disease eventually wore down his magnificent spirit, and his ringing came to an end over six months ago. He leaves a widow and many sorrowing friends, not only in these dioceses, but all over England, and they will never know his like again.

Following so quickly on the passing of dear old Alf. Hillier, the association has lost two of its finest and most intelligent supporters. Both had been members of the committee for many years, Bob on the sub-committee and a peal referee.

He was buried in St. Nicholas' Cemetery on Tuesday, July 27th, with all the honours ringers can give on these sad occasions. The Vicar of Newcastle, Canon G. E. Newson, and the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Rev. A. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, officiated at the cemetery. After the burial service Canon Newson gave a kindly appreciation of Mr. Richards' good qualities, embodying much of what has been written above, deploring the great loss the Cathedral had suffered in losing the services of two such fine helpers in Church work as Mr. Richards and Mr. Hillier.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. Keen, W. H. Barber and W. Story (four of his oldest friends). The bells of Newcastle Cathedral were afterwards rung half-muffled, in the manner he had requested before his death—he had seen it done in Norwich, where he had lived and rung some years before coming North. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 56 times, to record his age, and then the bells were set one by one starting at the treble and finishing with the tenor, the 'whole pull and stand' going the whole time. A most beautiful effect and very impressive.

A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted later, which failed, but a quarter-peal in the same method was brought round afterwards to his memory. The ringers in the whole pull and stand were: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, Wm. Holmes 3, Rev. A. W. Lister 4, A. Payne 5, W. Shuckford 6, J. Foreman 7, W. Baskill 8, J. Keen 9, W. H. Barber 10, R. Thompson 11, E. E. Ferry 12.

The service was attended by ringers from all the neighbouring towers as a token of respect to departed merit. **C. L. E.**

After Mr. Richards' death we received a letter written by him on May 6th, and which he had requested should not be posted until after his passing, which he realised could not then be long delayed. In this letter he spoke with gratitude and heartfelt thanks of the kindness which he had received from the members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild through his long illness, a kindness which had taken the very practical form of a weekly collection among the members. 'They will never tell you what they have done,' said Mr. Richards, 'but the magnificent spirit of comradeship which they have shown should not go unrecorded.' This letter from Mr. Richards was a deeply pathetic document, coming as it did in such a way that it conveyed the intimation of his death. In it there was no word of complaining, although the brief facts of his long illness which the letter recorded made it obvious that his later years had been full of intense suffering. It was indeed a letter written in heroic spirit and out of the gratitude of a dying man's heart in appreciation of the kindness of friends who had been friends indeed.—Ed. 'R.W.'

REDENHALL.—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Borrett 1, G. Howlett 2, W. Eldridge 3, J. Eldridge 4, G. Gower 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Riches 7, W. Barrett 8.

NOTES BY THE WAY. THE RINGING MATCH AT FLIXTON.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

All the peals to which I referred in last week's 'Notes by the Way' were only practice for the great match which was to come off on June 24th. The preliminaries were all settled, and the remainder of the stake money paid in. The judge was Joseph Grayson, of Birmingham. Two men, Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, and Jonathan Hague, of Manchester, were appointed to take off the lead ends as they were rung. And four 'censurers' were chosen — Thomas Ogden and John Moss representing Ashton, and John Wolstencroft and Daniel Bamford representing Oldham. The lead-takers and the competing bands alone were allowed in the belfry while the ringing was going on. They were locked in, and the key kept in the possession of the judge. This was to prevent any interference by outsiders either to help or hinder, and was probably not an unnecessary precaution when we remember that there was a lot of betting on the result, and a good many people besides the ringers, and those not altogether the most desirable of people, were interested in the success or failure of the various bands.

The duty of the lead takers was to see that the peal was rung truly without any shifts, and that every bob was duly called and made. Two censurers were locked by themselves in a convenient room near the tower, where they could hear the bells. Their duty was to judge of the quality of the ringing. Every missed dodge, every bell too wide or too close was noted, and marked down as so many 'faults.' At the end these faults were added up, and the band which had the fewest number debited to them won the prize. The judge's business was to decide any point on which the censurers disagreed. He was not otherwise called upon to express an opinion, but when he had to settle anything his decision was final. This was the ordinary procedure in prize ringing, and was in use in Devon and some parts of the North down till about forty or fifty years ago.

The best known among these officials is Joseph Tebbs. He was the composer of one of the early peals of Stedman Triples, a peal with a multitude of bobs and singles which has been rung a good many times down to recent years. Shipway referred to him as 'that ingenious composer, Mr. J. Tebbs, of Leeds,' and included two or three of his peals in the 'Art of Ringing.' One is a 5,600 of Cumberland's Exercise, an obsolete method rather difficult to compose peals in; another is a 5,040 of Treble Bob Royal; and another is a peal of Grandsire Caters, 'a curious production having in so few as 5,579 changes the sixty 8g's and the sixty 978's.' A very interesting 10,080 of Treble Bob Major is also given us by Tebbs. Tebbs may have composed it independently, but there is good reason for supposing that this was the peal the Norwich Scholars rang at Coslany in 1727.

That Tebbs was fully competent to judge of the truth of a peal is shown by the following incident. Somewhere about 1820 a band, made up of ringers from Leeds, Wakefield and the district, went for a 14,000 of Treble Bob at St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey. The peal was the composition of Hugh Wright, and was at that time the longest produced in the method. After they had been ringing about six hours a shift occurred between the third and fifth. The conductor did not notice it, but Tebbs, who was outside listening, did. He sent word up to Hewitt, of Wakefield, who was calling, and Hewitt,

when he came to one of his observation places, found it was so, and stopped the bells. Tebbs rang in several peals, the most notable being a 12,320 of Treble Bob Major at Otley on August 27th, 1814, when he, with assistance, rang the tenor; and 10,080 Bob Major at Leeds on December 27th, 1790; when he rang the tenor and called the bobs. He died on February 14th, 1836, aged 68 years.

Wolstencroft was an Oldham man, and a good ringer. He seems to have been a thriftless, happy-go-lucky sort of person, who never would work as long as there was enough food in the cupboard for one meal, holding, as he said, that one meal without work was better than two meals with work. His mother was a well-known character in Oldham, and was usually called in the Lancashire dialect, 'Owd Mally.' Her son from this got the name of John O'Mally, which was further corrupted by the original recorder of this ringing match to John Amellows.

On the day before the 24th of June both bands and a great number of their supporters betook themselves to Flixton. The ringers put up at the Dog and Partridge, an inn adjoining the churchyard. The rest had to sleep where they could, and for the most part in the open air, for there was nothing like sufficient accommodation in the village. At 6 o'clock next morning the two bands turned out, and after a walk in the fields, returned to breakfast. Then the censurers tossed up to decide which was to make the first attempt. Oldham won, and just before eight o'clock they were locked in the tower. They raised the bells in peal (which would be part of the test), rang rounds for a few minutes, and at eight struck into changes for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. Directly after half-past ten the bells came round, amid the loud cheers of their supporters, and the judge immediately gave his verdict that they had rung a true and complete peal in 2 hours and 33 minutes. This was very fast time, almost as fast as the quickest of their practice peals. It could hardly have been expected that they would have equalled the time of the practice peals, for those were rung on their own bells, and now in the match they had other things to think of besides speed. They had to avoid 'faults,' and it would never have done to have lost the peal through trying to rush the bells too fast. The band stood as follows: James Taylor treble, Robert Coope 2, Henry Hindle 3, Joseph Newton 4, William Rigby 5, Joshua Kershaw 6, John Whitehead 7, James Gartside tenor. Conducted by Joseph Newton.

It was now the Ashton men's turn. After greasing the bells and inspecting the ropes, they raised the bells in peal, and struck into changes at eleven o'clock. There was a certain Oldham man, named Abraham Fitton, who had been a very good ringer, but who had gone blind. Like many blind men, his sense of hearing had become very keen, and, as he still kept up his interest in ringing, he had acquired the gift of accurately following ringing by hearing, and could take down course ends outside the tower. There was also the publican, John Travis, who was one of the promoters of the match, and whose interest in prize ringing was chiefly in the money he made by the betting. Travis took Fitton with him to Flixton, and engaged a quiet bedroom for him in a cottage near the church, where he could listen to the ringing and report if anything happened in the peal. Soon after the Ashton men had passed the half-way single Fitton sent word to Travis that the conductor had made a miscall.

After he was convinced that this was the case, Travis went into the churchyard and began backing the Oldham men with anyone who would take his bets. As the Ashton men were still ringing, and ringing excellently well, he had no difficulty. In due course the Ashton men finished, and, on coming out of the tower, were greeted by their supporters with a rousing cheer, which quickly changed into surprise and disappointment when the prize was awarded to Oldham.

(To be continued.)

BOYNE HILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place on Friday, July 23rd, of Mr. L. W. Copsey, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, after a long illness patiently borne. He had been suffering from diabetes for several years, but only took to his bed on the previous Sunday.

He had been a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, for twenty years, and was foreman of the ringers for the last fifteen years, being always at his post till within a fortnight of his death. Ever a regular and punctual ringer, his place will be hard to fill. He was not a large peal ringer, and never kept account of what he had rung, but he estimated his total at about sixty. He was a native of Romford, where he first started ringing, and afterwards went to Leicester and then to Ealing.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, July 27th, at All Saints' Churchyard, four of his brother ringers acting as bearers. There was a very large number of floral tokens, including one from his brother ringers in the shape of a bell, and a wreath from the Cookham bell-ringers, etc.

On Tuesday evening the following rang, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, deceased's favourite method: A. Martin 1, W. A. Garraway 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, A. Walker 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, A. Walker 7, T. Goodchild 8. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung fifty-five times to correspond with the deceased's age.

HYDE BAND'S FIRST SURPRISE MINOR.

At Hyde, Cheshire, on Tuesday, July 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 26 mins.: W. Shaw 1, A. Haughton 2, J. Brierley 3, J. Shaw 4, T. Wilde (conductor) 5, A. Hough 6. First 720 of Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday, July 24th, at Almondsbury, where the bells were available from 2.30 p.m. The methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major. The association form of service was conducted by the Rev. T. C. Fowler, of St. George's, Bristol, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Rev. Canon R. G. Wood).

Tea followed on the Vicarage lawn, kindly provided by the Vicar. Halfway through the meal the rain came down in torrents, and a hasty retreat had to be made inside the Vicarage, where the large drawing-room served to accommodate the party.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), and 55 members were present, representing 20 towers. The chairman welcomed the visitors—Miss N. G. Williams, Messrs. F. C. Rich and W. H. Crocker (Bath), C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon), and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), the latter having cycled over 60 miles from the old Wessex town during the morning. He also welcomed their vice-president, Rev. T. C. Fowler, again among them, and hoped they would see him more often. He congratulated him on his 'ruby' wedding that week.

The following members were elected: Mrs. F. Jewell, associate member; Messrs. V. Wills (Olveston), performing member; and A. H. Drew (Dorchester), life member.

It was resolved to hold the next two monthly meetings as follows: At Marshfield on Saturday, August 28th, when a motor omnibus will run from Bristol; and Abson on Saturday, September 25th, where the peal has been renovated. Particulars will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. W. Jones said no doubt they had read the sad news in 'The Ringing World' of the death through an accident of one of their life members—Mr. Isaac G. Shade. He knew him personally, having rung several peals with him, and he asked the meeting to stand in respectful silence to his memory.

The chairman moved votes of thanks to the Rev. T. C. Fowler for coming to take the service, the organist (who came from Olveston), the organ blower, and, last but not least, to their kind host, Canon Wood. Although the last-named was not present, his son, Mr. H. S. Wood (who is a very keen ringer) was with them, and he was asked to convey their thanks to his father on his return. Mr. Wood promised to do so, and said his father would always give them a hearty welcome.—Thanks were accorded to the ladies for waiting at table.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that the Peal Books of that old London Society, now defunct, 'The Trinity Youths,' cannot be traced, and a gentleman interested in their preservation for the purpose of placing them in the British Museum, is prepared to give a reward of £10 for their recovery for this purpose.

The bells of St. Mary's, Chorley, are now at the Loughborough Foundry, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having in hand the contract to rehang the peal in all new fittings, including iron headstocks and ball bearings. When they are re-installed they will be on a lower level in the tower.

After ringing a peal at East Tytherleigh, Hants, on Monday, the band called at Lockerley, where, by kind permission of the Vicar, touches of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the fine peal of six. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells outside on the green, much to the pleasure of the Vicar and his friends.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that three peals have been rung in one day (on December 26th, 1900) at East Tytherleigh, and on another occasion three Surprise peals—nearly. Cambridge and Superlative had been safely accomplished, but someone put 'paid' to London when it was well on the way.

It was on the return journey to Romsey, by wagonette, in the dark of the night, that the writer heard the late Mr. I. G. Shade sing a song for the first and only time.

Trowell Church tower is, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Southwell, to have erected in it the clock from the Nottingham Exchange. It was at Trowell that two well-known members of the Exercise learnt the rudiments of change ringing, and the village has given its name to one of the methods in the Minor Collection.

It is hoped that, with the gift of the clock, the parishioners will make an effort to get the ring of six recast, for, we are informed, they are a peculiar peal for a clock to strike on. There is now a band at this church ringing Grandsire Doubles under the instruction of Mr. E. C. Gohey.

Thurstans' masterpiece—his four-part of Stedman Triples—was called for the first time on August 8th, 1842. It is, of course, impossible to say definitely, but it is probably a fact that this composition has been called more often than any other, not even excepting Holt's ten-part of Grandsire.

Exactly 150 years ago next Thursday a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester.

The Union Scholars rang their first peal on August 12th, 1749. This was a 5,040 Bob Triples, rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, composed and conducted by Henry Hubbard.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hugglescote on July 10th should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

The Somerset tour, which begins at Wrington on Saturday, includes visits for peal attempts to the following churches, as at present arranged: Sunday, Clevedon; Monday, Weston-super-Mare and Winscombe; Tuesday, Congresbury and Wraxall; Wednesday, Chewton Mendip and Shepton Mallet; Thursday, Ditcheat and Evercreech; Friday, Mells and Mere; Saturday, Yeovil and East Coker.

HEAVY METAL.

THE BELLS IN SOMERSET TOWERS.

In looking through the recently issued report of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, one thing in particular which impressed itself on my mind was the weight of metal in the peals.

Every branch has not recorded the weight of their tenor bell, so that a complete average cannot be arrived at, but from those which are given some interesting figures can be ascertained.

In the area covered by the association there is one peal of twelve with a 30 cwt. tenor.

Coming to ten-bell peals, there are five affiliated to the association with tenors varying in weight from 20 cwt. to over 57 cwt., and giving the high average of 38 cwt. tenors—truly a good weight.

The weight of forty-six peals of eight which are recorded give an average tenor weight of over 21 cwt. per peal. The lightest of these has a tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., while the heaviest has a 35 cwt. tenor. Again an uncommonly high average.

Next we have the weights of sixty-eight peals of six, the lightest being 8½ cwt. and the heaviest 29 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., giving the remarkable average of 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. But even the Queen Camel tenor of 36 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. is not included in this return.

Peals of five also hold their own, for of the eleven given, varying between 18½ cwt. and 8½ cwt., the average is 12½ cwt.

One can thus see that the county of Somerset offers exceptional facilities for heavy bell work from Minor to Royal, and give to men of muscle every opportunity to test their strength and endurance.

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On July 6th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, A. Binfield 2, R. J. Birch 3, S. Baker 4, S. Binfield 5, G. Turner 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, J. Coppin 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the patronal festival at St. Margaret's Church on Tuesday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, W. A. Cooke 2, F. Belsey 3, J. Gull 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, R. Moore 8.

THE LATE MR. SHADE'S 1,450 PEALS.

HOW HIS WONDERFUL RECORD WAS BUILT UP.

Such a peal record as that of the late Mr. I. G. Shade is so remarkable that our readers will, we are sure, be interested to hear something more about it than the brief information which is conveyed in the tabulated totals of his performances. It forms a striking example of the enthusiasm which a man may develop in the art of ringing, for Mr. Shade, during the fifty years that he occupied in compiling his total of 1,450 peals, must have travelled thousands upon thousands of miles. He had rung peals in nearly every English county, and in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and on all numbers of bells from six to twelve. With the one exception of the record made by Mr. William Pye, his is an unparalleled performance.

Mr. Shade's first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, on April 30th, 1875, when the late Mr. James Pettit called Holt's Original. During the few succeeding years peals were few and far between, and there being no regular paper for ringers at that period, the details of Mr. Shade's performances at that time have been lost. His first eight peals, however, were all Grandsire Triples, his first as conductor being the sixth that he had rung. In this performance he gave conspicuous evidence of his ability, for, although he had never previously called a peal, he conducted Holt's Original as his first essay in this capacity at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley. His ninth peal was a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Alphege's, conducted by William Baron. Mr. Shade's first excursion into Sussex, where he was afterwards to ring many peals, was on July 23rd, 1881, when he called the Original at the little town of Hurstpierpoint. This was his tenth peal, and thereafter there is a complete record of all his performances, in the keeping of which his friend, Mr. John J. Lamb, has been the diligent recorder.

Strangely enough, after the peal at Hurstpierpoint, Mr. Shade nothing further of note until the year 1884, when, on March 1st, he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by William Cooter at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green. His next peal was his first of Kent Treble Bob Major, which he called at Mottram, in Cheshire, for the Manchester Cathedral Society. Thereafter, for three of four years he called most of the peals he rang, including Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob, and he also took part in a memorable performance at St. Giles-in-the-Fields with the College Youths, when a picked band rang, for the first time, Holt's Original non-conducted. It was looked upon at that time as one of the finest things that had ever been done in change ringing. This was on October 23rd, 1884, and evidently Mr. Shade had made careful preparation for the performance, for two days before he had conducted the same composition at St. Mary-at-Bow. Many of his peals round about this period were rung with the College Youths, and one with the St. James's Society, for these were the days when the territorial associations were in their infancy, in fact many of them had not then seen the light. In 1886 he visited Manchester again, and rang a peal of Treble Ten, conducted by John Thorp, for the United Counties Association, a society long since defunct. Among the famous conductors of that day under whom he rang were Pettit, Cooter, Mat. Wood and Murray Hayes, and from that time onward one can find the names of practically all the famous ringers in his peal book.

On his visits to Manchester and district in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 he rang peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and his first two peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal. His first 'long' peal was a 6,240 Kent Treble Bob Major, which he conducted at Bethnal Green on May 7th, 1887. His first peal of Stedman Caters was rung under the auspices of St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, at Aston in 1888, and with the same society at the famous Bull Ring Church he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques in the following year, both these being conducted by his old friend, Harry Bastable. On April 9th, 1892, at Bethnal Green, he called a 7,040 of Kent Treble Bob.

HIS FIRST SURPRISE PEALS.

His first peal of Double Norwich was rung at Cuckfield in Sussex on May 26th, 1894, conducted by Mr. George Williams, and of Superlative at Crawley, Sussex, on August 25th of the same year conducted by Mr. James Parker. In September he took part in a Winchester Guild tour in Hants, and attempts from the 15th to the 19th resulted in the ringing of three peals of Double Norwich, one of Stedman Triples and two of Superlative. In the following months came a succession of peals of Superlative in Sussex, and further visits to that county and Hampshire in the next year resulted in a considerable addition to his list of peals of Stedman and Superlative. Most of his other peals at this time were rung with the Kent Association.

Mr. Shade's first peal of London Surprise was at Crawley on May 10th, 1896, and of Cambridge Surprise Major on October 3rd, 1898, on the Winchester Guild tour (then an annual event), when, between the Saturday and Wednesday, three peals of Cambridge, two of Superlative and one of Stedman were rung. Meantime, on August 2nd, 1897, Mr. Shade rang in the one day a 6,336 Kent Treble Bob Major at Woolwich, and a 6,000 Bob Major at Erith, the latter being his first in this method! At Erith, too, on December 26th, 1898, he took part in a 10,464 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Mr. William Pye, and at the same tower, on April 3rd, 1899,

he was one of the band that rang the 15,072, the then record length, of Double Norwich, which was also conducted by Mr. W. Pye, the time being 9 hrs. 24 mins.

Peals came now in increasing numbers. His first hundred had taken over twenty years to accumulate, but his 200th peal, which he scored on January 20th, 1900, was reached but little over four years later. On March 24th, 1900, he rang his first peal of Maximus. In the same year, between October 6th and 17th, he rang no fewer than eleven peals, six of them on a Norwich Guild tour, beginning with his first peal of Grandsire Cinques, at Ipswich, and including Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the remaining five with the Winchester Guild, including three in a day at East Tytherleigh. Peals followed thick and fast in succeeding years, mainly of Stedman and the Surprise methods on eight bells; Stedman Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus on the higher numbers. The counties around London, as well as the towers of the metropolis itself, were his happy hunting ground, and the majority of the peals were called by Mr. William Pye, with whom, as we mentioned last week, Mr. Shade rang altogether 875 peals.

VISITS TO IRELAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND.

There were week-end excursions to more distant places, and in 1901 came the first tour in Ireland, when the first Surprise peal out of England was rung, and, on the way home, the first Surprise peal in Wales, in both of which, as in the other tower bell peals rung on that trip, Mr. Shade participated. His first peal of Surprise Royal was conducted by Mr. William Pye at St. Magnus', London Bridge. This was New Cambridge.

He took part in a tour in Scotland and the North of England in 1902, when peals of Stedman Caters were rung in Edinburgh and Newcastle on the same day. But of the many tours in which Mr. Shade took part none was more successful than that in September, 1903, when he stood in twelve peals in a week, and of these it is worth giving some details: Saturday, September 12th, Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol; Monday, the 14th, Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, followed by that great performance of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, when Mr. William Pye rang the 72 cwt. tenor single handed, a feat never equalled before or since; Tuesday, September 15th, Stedman Caters at Taunton and Superlative Surprise Major at Bridgwater; Wednesday, September 16th, New Cambridge Surprise Major at Martock and Stedman Triples at Glastonbury; Thursday, September 17th, Stedman Triples at Long Ashton, and Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Nicholas', Bristol; Friday, September 18th, Stedman Cinques at Cirencester, and Stedman Caters at Cheltenham; and Saturday, September 19th, Stedman Cinques at Painswick. That is, we imagine, one of the most prodigious week's ringing that has ever been undertaken and brought to a successful conclusion, although in the following year another trip to Ireland produced no fewer than eleven peals. At Whitsun, 1905, there was another special trip to Ireland, the principal object of which was a peal at Waterford Cathedral, and this was duly brought off, a peal of London Surprise Major being rung. In the meantime the 500 peal mark had been passed, for at this time Mr. Shade was averaging round about 60 peals a year. All sorts of methods in all sorts of places added steadily to the total, the most noteworthy points which can be gathered from his peal book being the various tours in which he took part. For instance, the same year that he went to Waterford, he shared in a tour in Lancashire and Derbyshire; in 1906, in which year he rang his first peal of Bristol Surprise, there was a week's excursion in Cheshire; in 1907 it was again Cheshire, with an incursion into Wales; in 1908 it was Derbyshire and Notts.

RECORD PEALS.

The year 1909 is ever memorable for the great performance at Loughborough. In that peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters, which occupied 12 hrs. and 1P mins., Mr. Shade rang the 2nd, and he is the second member of the band to cross the bourn—Bertram Prewett was killed in action in 1918. There was another visit to Ireland for two or three days in 1909, and in 1910 the tour was in Norfolk. South Wales was the attraction in 1911, when twelve peals were rung, in nine of which Mr. Shade took part. That same year he joined in a little excursion to Sussex, when, within the space of 48 hours, there were rung the first peal of Cambridge Royal in the county and peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

The outstanding performance of 1912 was the 15,264 Bristol Surprise at Hornchurch, Essex, rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. on Whitsun Monday, and later in the year Mr. Shade joined a tour in Wessex, which included peals at Wington, Sherborne and Yeovil. He reached his 1,000th peal on April 26th, 1913, when he rang Bristol Surprise at St. James's, Clerkenwell. A month before that he had rung his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The tour in that year was in Devon and Cornwall, and incidentally a trip to Cambridge, which resulted in peals of Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques being rung in one day.

January, 1914, produced for him four peals of Stedman Cinques on four consecutive Saturdays, and on Easter Monday he shared in the ringing of four Surprise peals in one day, the only time that this has been done. We said last week that these peals were rung in four different counties. That was an error, as two of them were

ring in Surrey, but they were in four different methods. The peals were: Bristol at Egham; London at Chertsey (both in Surrey); Cambridge at Staines (Middlesex); and Superlative at Old Windsor (Berks). A trip to the Midlands came in the first days of August, and then the war put an end to peal ringing for the time being. From August 8th, 1914, to November 9th, 1918, Mr. Shade rang only four peals, and these muffled for various special reasons. But peace brought a resumption of activities, although some of the names that had figured in Mr. Shade's earlier records were no longer there, and no one felt their absence more than Mr. Shade. Among those who were missed there was none whose loss was more keenly felt than Bertram Prewett, with whom Mr. Shade had rung some hundreds of peals.

In 1919 touring was resumed, and Cheshire was visited once more. There was an Essex tour in 1920, and one in Beds and Bucks in 1922, followed, in 1923, with a tour in Sussex and an increasing number of peals in a great variety of methods in Kent. The year 1924 was Mr. Shade's record year for peals. He had rung 83 in the year 1902, but in 1924 he exceeded this total by one. Having by this time retired on pension, he was able to devote even more attention to ringing, and he joined in tours in Norfolk in June, in Norfolk and Suffolk in August, and in the twelve-bell week in September, when peals of Cinques were rung at Leicester, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Painswick and Cirencester. Last year he had one trip to Durham and Newcastle, and another to Lancashire, Westmoreland and Cumberland. Indeed, there were very few counties in England, besides the considerable number in Wales and Ireland, in which Mr. Shade had not rung a peal.

SEVENTY-EIGHT 'DOUBLES.'

There is not space to go into other individual performances in which Mr. Shade shared, though many of them were interesting, for there were first peals in methods in various counties and in some of the spliced ringing which he had done with Mr. Edwin Barnett's band, the first of their kind ever rung. It is worthy of note, however, that during his long career Mr. Shade had on no fewer than 78 occasions rung two peals in a day: three times he had rung three in a day, and once four in a day. Six times he had rung over 40 peals in a year, three times over 50, four times over 60, three times over 70, and twice over 80. He had rung twelve-bell peals in 23 different towers, but in how many towers in all he had rung peals we are at the moment unable to say. The total number of peals which Mr. Shade rang was 1,450, and he had conducted 54, the majority of them before the end of the year 1897.

A review of Mr. Shade's long ringing career is necessarily taken up almost entirely with his peal ringing activities, because it is only of these that there is any permanent record. But Mr. Shade did much more than this. He was ever ready to assist beginners, he took his full share of service ringing, and, when at home, was always in his place at his own church. The fact that he had gone to the city for a practice on the night he met his death is testimony to his general keenness, and probably few men have ever done more than he has to put their ability at the service of others.

MISS SHADE'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am desired by Miss Shade to express her most sincere thanks to the numerous change-ringing friends of her beloved brother for their valued letters of sympathy, as well as the personal tribute paid by those attending the funeral at Charlton Cemetery. Such kindly thoughts for Miss Shade in her hour of trial have brought her much comfort, and will not soon be forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

FRED W. THORNTON.

Greenwich.

At several association meetings tributes have been paid to the late Mr. Shade, and muffled peals were rung at Gravesend and Earl's Colne, as recorded in their proper place.

At St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 31st, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Isaac G. Shade, who was for upwards of fifty years a ringer at this church. A peal attempt in the same method failed through the bad 'go' of the 4th bell. E. E. Richards 1, H. Hoskins 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. H. Daynes 4, A. C. Mason 5, W. Berry 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, E. Alex. Young 8.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 53rd quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. There was a good attendance, and the fine peal of eight bells were set going soon after 3 p.m. Tea was served on the lawn at the Denbigh Arms, and 36 sat down.

At the invitation of the Vicar, the meeting was held on the Vicarage lawn. In the absence of the president, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver took the chair. Nuneaton was selected for the October meeting, and Shilton and Whitnash for August and September.

The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., the ringing including Grand-sire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION FORMED.

ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD UNDER NEW TITLE.

A meeting to re-form the old Salop Archidiaconal Guild into an association for the county of Shropshire was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th, and was largely attended, ringers being present from many Shropshire towers, together with visitors from Birmingham, Crewe, etc.

The business meeting took place in St. Chad's vestry, the Ven. Archdeacon Lambart presiding. The Rev. F. Tennison (secretary to the old Salop Guild), Preb. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), Revs. E. C. Pigott (Moreton Corbetti), H. S. T. Richardson (Hopesay) and F. E. Overton (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury), were among those present.

The chairman said that they wanted to get the Guild, which practically lapsed for a short period, going again on a sound basis. With that object they had invited all who were interested in church bell-ringing to that meeting.

The old rules, with some suggested amendments, were considered, and the meeting decided to change the title of the Guild, which would be known in future as the Shropshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

On the motion of Mr. W. Saunders, Coalbrookdale, the meeting invited Major Trevor Corbett to serve as Ringing Master, and, in accepting office, Major Corbett impressed on bell-ringers that they were church workers; that bell-ringing was not the end of their work for the church.

Rev. F. Tennison consented to continue to act as secretary, and Mr. E. Rodenhurst was elected to join him in the office.

Mr. W. Short, Shrewsbury, was appointed instructor.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the Rev. J. Mackay, who, the chairman remarked, did a good deal for the old Guild.

The Archdeacon, replying to a vote of thanks, said that by the law of the land the parson had control over the tower of the church, and in most parts of the country he was in sympathy with the bell-ringers; but occasion might arise when it was not expedient to ring the bells.

Touchees of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung on St. Mary's bells before the meeting, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Royal at St. Chad's during the evening.

ANOTHER ESSEX EIGHT.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

On Sunday week, the two new treble bells at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, were dedicated at matins by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a large congregation. Ringers attended from Assington, Ardleigh, Braintree, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea, Great Cornard, Edmonton, Earls Colne, Feering, Greenstead Green, Mistley, Romford, Swindon, Sudbury, Thorington, Thorpe-le-Soken, Tondering and Weeley, about forty in all, including Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. W. J. Nevard (district Master), Mr. R. W. Stanward (district secretary N.E. Division), Mr. W. J. Butler (district secretary S.W. Division), Mr. F. Claydon (district Master N. Division), Messrs. D. Elliot, W. Duffield, F. Sheppard, and many other well-known ringers. During the service a few rounds were rung, and immediately after service 304 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, F. Claydon 3, W. Keeble 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, D. Elliot 6, W. J. Hazell 7, A. Saunders 8. During the afternoon and evening touchees were brought round in all the standard methods.

The work was carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who also supplied the treble to the old ring of five and erected the steel frame a few years ago. The completed octave is a very musical ring, and the 'go' is excellent.

The arrangements for ringing were admirably carried out by the evergreen veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard.

LLANDAFF AN MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. The bells, a light ring of six by Rodball, were raised early in the afternoon and kept busy until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. D. Ivor Jones) officiated at the service. The address given was on the history of bells, their customs and uses, and was most interesting. The church looked very beautiful, the whole of the interior, including the chancel, having just been painted and decorated by volunteer workers of the parish.

Tea followed the service, and had been very generously provided by the ladies of the parish.

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, reference was made to the death of Mr. Isaac G. Shade, of Greenwich, under such tragic circumstances, and the usual mark of respect was shown by all standing in silence. Mr. Shade was a life member of the association.

The representatives to the Central Council meeting gave their report, for which they were thanked.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Caldicot.

Several new members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member.

The weather was delightfully fine, the exceedingly hearty welcome given was much appreciated, and the visit greatly enjoyed.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. After a thunder-storm, with rain coming down in torrents at intervals in the morning and early afternoon, the sun came out about four o'clock to cheer the soaked motorists. The view of the very fine old castle of Raby, with the deer scattered about the extensive well wooded park surrounding the old pile, was well worth the journey. A few hundred yards beyond the castle is the fine old church of Staindrop. The tower here, up to the end of 1923, had contained a 'tubby' ring of six bells. These have given place to a very fine ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' and 'one' give pleasure to all who ring or hear them. Staindrop is so far away from everywhere that it was nearly four o'clock before a full band of eight men had arrived. From that time onward the bells were kept going in various methods, thirty-three ringers taking part, representing the following towers: Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's and St. George's, Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington, Tanfield, Gosforth, and the local ringers. Five o'clock found thirty ringers and friends seated round the well-laden tables at the Central Cafe. The Bishop of Tanfield asked the blessing before tea. Although his lordship is not the oldest member as regards length of membership, he is looked upon as the 'father' of the Guild, for he has only two or three milestones to pass to complete his four score years.

This was not a business meeting, but Mr. Story, on behalf of those present, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. C. Spervies) for the use of the bells, and also a vote of condolence with Mrs. A. F. Hillier and family upon the death of her husband, who will be greatly missed by all members of the association. He was most regular in his attendance at the meetings, and a good ringer in all standard methods.

The Tanfield contingent arrived in good style in a private motor with 'Harry the Great' in charge, and the Bishop bringing up the rear just in time for tea.

Afterwards, some had a pleasing stroll about the very pretty countryside, and some returned to the tower for more ringing. The shades of night brought a most enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

A NORFOLK RING RESTORED.

VILLAGERS DELIGHT IN HEARING THEIR OLD BELLS AGAIN.

The bells of the village of Neeton, in mid-Norfolk, a soft-toned peal of six, with the tenor 14 cwt., which have been silent in the tower for over fourteen years, have just been overhauled and rehung, fitted with new steel headstocks, the old wood frame has been strengthened with angle and fitch plates, and new ropes have been supplied. The work has been done by Mr. A. Bowell, bellhanger, of Ipswich. On Monday evening of last week a company of ringers visited the tower to have a trial ring, but long before their arrival the tower was packed with village folk anxious to watch the proceedings and get a knowledge of the art. They showed keen interest in watching such a mechanical wonder as the new sallies going up and down, followed by the mellow tones of the bells blending from the campanile. Ringers from Fakenham and other parishes joined in touches of Oxford Minor and Grand-sire Doubles, followed by a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Cooke 1, A. W. Baldwin 2, Bertie Simpson 3, C. S. Tuthill 4, G. Cooke 5, Robt. Cooke (conductor) 6. The occasion formed quite a pleasing and interesting evening, and a little encouragement in this way should help show unenlightened brother ringers the proper way to ring. Neeton is near Swaffham, with its grand peal of eight, and forms one of a group of six-bell towers with the bells all in good order and available for ringing.

STONHAM ASPAL BELLS.

VISIT OF SUFFOLK GUILD MAY LEAD TO RESTORATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, July 31st, and was attended by about twenty members, representing the towers of Debenham, Earl Soham, Wetheringsett, Framdsen, Helmingham, Otley, Ufford, Bury, Ipswich and Lavenham. Two visitors were present in the persons of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Seartho, Grimsby.

The fine ring of ten at the Parish Church were kept going to the tune of Kent Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also Bob Royal, London and Cambridge Surprise Major, and Stedman Triples, with two courses of Bob Major to help on some of the local band. Tea was served at the Ten Bells Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rector presided, supported by the Guild secretary (Rev. H. Drake).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Southwold at the end of the month, if this can be arranged.

The Rector (Rev. — W. W. W. W. W.) was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and several bellfry elections were confirmed.

Some of the bells at Stonham Aspal go rather badly, and as a result of the meeting the Rector became so much interested that he decided to have them inspected by a bell-hanger, and it is to be hoped that they will eventually be put into good order.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, July 17th, 720 Double Court Minor: E. Youngs 1, E. F. Poppy 2, H. Moss 3, A. J. Rerry 4, B. Blaxall 5, G. Cattemole (conductor) 6. The first 720 Double Court by Poppy, Moss and Blaxall. On Saturday, July 24th, 720 of Double Oxford Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, H. Moss 3, G. Kemp 4, E. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattemole (conductor) 6. First 720 of Double Oxford by E. F. Poppy and H. Moss.

RINGING IN BOSTON, U.S.A.

A WEEK-END AMONG THE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I claim a small space in your paper as to our doings out West for the week-end of July 10th, when we had a busy time and a happy meeting of friends from a wide area. Although this is a large country, we can make arrangements to meet here and help to satisfy their hunger for a pull. So we had with us Mr. J. Oldham (from Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, England), who was over on a business trip—perhaps he will say later what he thinks to this country—Mr. Weatherby, from Montreal, who wanted again to feel what a bell rope was like, and had travelled 500 miles to do it; Mr. E. Randall from New York, 250 miles from here, and he had not handled a rope for eight years. Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton School, who was away on his vacation, travelled 140 miles to join us; and Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff (president of the Boston Guild) came a distance of 50 miles to be with us. Our secretary, Mr. Richard Newton, had made all arrangements for our meeting and ringing at different towers, and first we made our way to Hingham on Saturday afternoon. This place is 18 miles out of Boston, and some went by cars and others by train. We did our best to satisfy our wants of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples on a peal of 10 bells installed in a brick tower, in memory of the Stowell family and dedicated November 25th, 1912. But the bells might have been put up better for ringing, as the 6th rope hangs nearly in the centre of the floor.

After the meeting we returned to Boston, and next morning took another car ride to Groton Schools, 40 miles away. These bells, however, do not go any too well in a weak frame, and we were not very sorry when we were asked to stop ringing through sickness near the church. These bells could do very well with the attention of a bell-hanger to put them in a good, strong frame. After lunch, partaken of by some on the lawn, and by others by the wayside, we went on to Perkins' Institute for the Blind, at Watertown, where we had a good afternoon's ringing on a good peal by Mears and Stainbank. The bells hang in a fine tower, close to the Charles River. Later, we journeyed on into Boston to ring for service at the Church of the Advent on another good peal, where some good Grandsire Triples were brought round and our day to a close, after ringing in three towers and travelling nearly 100 miles to do it. Then came the farewells, and we had to make towards our homes in different parts of the country with pleasant memories of the time we had had together, and hoping to meet again.

Although we do not get regular Sunday ringing here, we can, through our worthy secretary, get together when we have visitors coming to this part of the world, and make them feel as if they are still in the 'Old Country' by having a pull. If at any time there is anyone who is thinking of making a trip, the secretary will be pleased to give them as much information as possible.

Those who took part in the ringing were: Mrs. A. A. Shurtleff, Mr. J. Oldham (England), Mr. Weatherby (Montreal), Mr. E. Randall (New York), Mr. Richard Newton (Boston), Mr. G. Goodhead (Boston), Mr. W. Bashford (Boston), Mr. J. Laker (Boston), Mr. Tony Price (lately returned from England), Mr. G. R. Henson (Everett), and Mr. W. S. Sturgis (Groton School).—Yours truly,

G. R. HENSON.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

To The Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have to point out that the length of my peal of Double Norwich (four-part) appearing in your issue of April 18th, 1924, is 5,312 and not 5,120 as stated. This composition has only been rung to my knowledge on one occasion, at Holy Trinity, Loddon, on March 29th, 1924, for the Norfolk Guild, Guild Collection No. 66.

I regret the error, and append a peal of 5,120, containing the same qualities as the 5,312 but with 8 singles less.—Yours truly,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

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Repeat three times, with single for bob at 1 in 2nd course of 2nd and 4th parts. Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never before or behind the tenor.

At Halesworth, Suffolk, on June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells during the day, including 1,008 (Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. Peck 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS. BRISTOL GUILD'S TWO TRIPS.

Early in the year St. Stephen's Guild decided, as an experiment, that two half-day trips should take the place of the customary Bank Holiday outing, and on Saturday, June 5th, the first of these excursions took place. The members with a few friends, including the Rector and Mrs. Thomas, made a trip by charabanc. Stourton, a lovely, old-time village just over the border of Wiltshire, was the first place of call, a special permit having been granted to Mr. Cave for the party to view the mansion (the seat of Sir Henry Hoare). This fine old house is full of the most rare and wonderful art treasures imaginable, and was quite worth the time given to the visit. Tea was taken at the Spread Eagle, and was followed by some of the party taking a stroll through the charming grounds of Stourton House, while others made use of the peal of six at the church, and a band of handbell ringers was made up for a fete which was being held at the Rectory. The next move was to Bruton, where the visitors were welcomed by an old Guild member, Mr. Geo. Naylor, and the ringing of Stedman Doubles took place on the six bells at the Parish Church. The stay here was short. At Shepton Mallet the party met yet another old member of the Guild in Mr. Charles Millard, and here touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung, after which the homeward journey was begun, Bristol being reached at 10.30, after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The second of the outings took place on Saturday, July 10th, when again the glorious county of Somerset was selected. Wells was the first place of call. Permission had been obtained to ring for half an hour only on the unsurpassable peal of ten at the Cathedral (this was extended to three-quarters of an hour by the lenient steeplekeeper). Two touches of Stedman Caters were rung and enjoyed by the ringers. The next stop was at Glastonbury, and the party were met by Mr. Trim, the steeplekeeper of the Parish Church. Touches of Stedman Triples and London Major were rung, and after a substantial tea a move was made for Burnham-on-Sea, where Mr. G. Chamberlain had the bells up and waiting for the party. While the non-ringing members were enjoying the breezes on the sea-front, the remainder were indulging in Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, three of the local ringers taking part. Bristol was reached shortly after eleven o'clock, the Guild being perfectly satisfied with their selection of the two half-day holidays, which proved so delightful in every way. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of their bells and the various steeplekeepers for their kindness in having everything ready.

A TOUR IN ESSEX.

The Stowmarket company had their annual outing on Saturday, July 17th. A party of fourteen started from the headquarters, The Post, at 7.30 a.m., by charabanc, and the first stop was made at Sudbury, where at St. Gregory's Church bells were placed at the disposal of the company. Here a few touches were rung before the party went on to Halsted, eight miles away. Here they found the bells running well. Two of the local company took part in a touch with the visitors, but the stay had to be very short. Dinner at Earls Colne, where Mr. Clayton had arranged a splendid meal, which was well served and much enjoyed, after about 35 miles' drive, was the next important item. Here Mr. Tarrant proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clayton, also the host and hostess, for the kindness shown in arranging and catering for the party. After this a move was made to the church, where several touches were rung on the very musical peal, and much enjoyed. The next run was to Great Tey, where there is another good peal of eight in quite the old style of belfry. Some of the small bells do not sound very well when being raised, but in peal the ring was very passable. The last and best tower of the day was Colchester. Here the party were met by Mr. Nevard, Mr. Bumpsted and Mr. Duffield. A welcome tea, arranged by Mr. Nevard, was ready at Day's Restaurant, and after this had been enjoyed a move was made to the tower, where the best ringing of the tour took place. The bells are of very fine tone and go well. Mr. Nevard took a rope in a touch of Double Norwich, Mr. Duffield called a musical touch of Stedman, and Mr. Bumpsted stood in a touch of Oxford, this concluding the ringing for the day. After looking round the town, a move was made for home, which was reached at 11 p.m. The company wish to thank the various incumbents and steeplekeepers, also Mr. J. Nevard, Mr. Clayton and their guide, Mr. Tarrant. The following methods were rung during the day: Bob Major, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, etc.

ST. PETER'S, CARMARTHEN.

On Thursday, July 22nd, ringers of St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, had their first annual outing. The party left Carmarthen by motorbus at 8.30 a.m., and Haverfordwest was reached about two hours later. After a stroll through the town, dinner was served, and ringing took place afterwards, the Vicar welcoming the visitors in the belfry. After a very enjoyable time, the party proceeded to Tenby, where tea was arranged, and afterwards the tower was visited, where another happy hour was spent. Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Liverpool, who was on a visit to Carmarthen, accompanied the party. The homeward trip was begun at 9 p.m., and Carmarthen was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The St. Peter's ringers desire to thank Mr. Rogers, of Haverfordwest, and Mr. Jenkins, of Tenby, for so ably arranging the ringing in their respective towers.

PUTNEY RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, had their annual outing on July 17th and 18th, and the venue chosen was the Trowbridge and Westbury district of Wilts. The secretary had the party out at 6.15 a.m., which was a bit of a strain for some (himself included), and 7.15 saw all safely aboard the train at Paddington, eleven men answering the roll. A good run to Chippenham and forty minutes to wait, gave an opportunity to make a hurried tour of the town, but no ringing was either contemplated or performed. On (by permission of the railway authorities) to Melksham, and the time having arrived when one might refresh, a slight lunch preceded a visit to the Parish Church, where hang a peal of Taylor's of very recent date, with tenor of about a ton. Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were accomplished, pleasure being expressed at the good going, while the Simpsons were elated with the tone. Having been hurried up by Mr. Secretary, all were able to catch the train to Trowbridge, where dinner was partaken of at headquarters. The programme said Westbury next, and this tower being duly reached, some of the standard methods were rung. This secretary man gave one no rest, for he demanded that his charges should catch a train for Frome, which was accomplished by a hair's breadth. Arrived at Frome, the visitors were escorted round the historic church by the sacristan, and then raised the bells for more ringing. After tea, the party pushed on to Trowbridge, where they had the pleasure of meeting some of the local ringers, and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal, and a bit of Double Norwich were accomplished. Afterwards they adjourned to 'a place, etc.' History may relate how some heroic souls rang a course of Grandsire Caters in spite of the 'plaudits' (?) of the company present. 'Ringing for service this morning,' said Mr. Secretary at breakfast next day, and with the locals this was duly done, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal being the order. The rest of the morning we were allowed to have to ourselves, but he was soon after us again, for, said he, 'Our Teddy is to call a quarter of Grandsire this afternoon.' Result, the party were hounded off, regardless of those who wished to 'nap,' to Beckington Abbey, where hang a very useful and tuneful eight in the old style and of not much weight. However, 'twas not to be, for someone had the nap all the same, and 'stand' was called at about forty minutes, everybody voting the bells topping. More ringing was done, and then back to headquarters to tea. Brave spirits went for more Stedman Caters, 'If we have to run for the train,' said they. They got 'em, too. A good journey brought the Putneyites back to London at the very respectable hour of 10.15. It might be mentioned that the country was looking its best, the weather was better than expected, and the help and welcome received from steeplekeepers and ringers generally went a long way towards making the outing the success it was, and the company take this opportunity of expressing thanks to all the gentlemen who did so nobly for them.

ERDINGTON RINGERS AT WESTON.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Erdington, held their twenty-first annual outing on Saturday, July 17th, and visited Weston-super-Mare. The party numbered 17, including the wives of the ringers and Rev. C. W. d'Ombraim, M.A. Leaving Birmingham at 8 a.m., Weston was reached shortly after 11 a.m. The ringers went straight to the Parish Church, and were met there by Mr. Parker, one of the local men. The bells were soon going in various methods, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Treble Bob and Plain Bob being rung. The party then adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where a good repast was served, and presided over by the Rev. C. W. d'Ombraim, M.A. In the afternoon the visitors all made their own arrangements for sight-seeing, and then returned to the hotel for tea. After tea, the secretary, Mr. J. Preston, reminded the members that it was the twenty-first annual outing of the society. They had had many successful outings, but this year had ventured to a seaside resort, and he trusted they had all enjoyed it. They had also for the first time brought with them one of the clergy, and were proud to have him with them. The speaker also hoped they had many more pleasant outings in store.—Mr. W. J. Meers said a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Mr. Preston for the way he had arranged the outing. He went to a lot of trouble to make these outings a great success. On behalf of the company Mr. Meers also thanked all those who had subscribed to the outing and made it one of the best in the history of the society.—Mr. C. Cottrell seconded the vote of thanks.—The Rev. C. W. d'Ombraim, M.A., said it gave him much pleasure to be with them, and he had enjoyed himself very much. He would also like to add his appreciation of the work of the secretary. He had known him for some time, and knew he was always willing to do anything he could for the benefit of the parish.—The secretary briefly replied to the vote of thanks.—The party then made the best of the time left before leaving Weston. Home was reached shortly before midnight, after a most glorious and splendid day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Weston for the use of the bells and Mr. Parker for his kindness in having everything ready.

READING RINGERS AT OXFORD.

On Saturday, July 17th, the ringers, with friends, of St. Giles' tower, Reading, had their first summer half-day's outing—a party of twenty going by charabanc to Oxford, where they were welcomed by Messrs. Finch and Clinkard. The object of this visit was to test the Washbrook Memorial trebles in the peal at St. Ebbe's, and this lovely

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (from the last part of Holt's Original) in 43 mins.: *H. Weeks 1, J. Greening Taylor 2, F. Canning 3, J. Hallett 4, G. Jones 5, H. Taylor 6, A. Prince 7, *J. Weeks 8. *Members of the local company. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the cross, flags and tablet by the Rector, Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers, A.K.C., assisted by Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.; placed in the church in memory of the men of Colerne who died in the Great War.

OSWESTRY.—At St. Oswald's Church, on Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. W. Liddbetter (Isleworth) 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, H. Kynaston 8.—For evening service a quarter-peat of Grandsire: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. W. Liddbetter (conductor) 6, R. T. Evans 7, G. Beaton 8. This quarter was kindly arranged for H. W. Liddbetter by the Oswestry ringers.

LEYLAND, LANC.—At St. James's Church, on Sunday, July 25th (St. James's day), for the patronal festival and Sunday School services: For 7 o'clock Holy Communion, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service 720 London Surprise, for afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise, for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Holmes (conductor) 1, J. Miller, jun., 2, H. France 3, W. Nelson 4, J. T. Miller 5, J. Ryding 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 25th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Common (first quarter-peat), 1, Ray Curtis (first inside) 2, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 3, H. H. Payne 4, F. White 5, F. Mursell 6, F. Gale 7, J. H. Nash 8. Arranged for S. Common.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, B. Clark 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hastad (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Specially arranged for the ringing of the 5th, who belongs to Havant.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday afternoon, at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Livermore 1, Miss G. Clift 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, A. Levett 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, L. Giles 8.—For evening service, another quarter-peat in 50 mins.: L. Giles 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, S. Driver 3, J. Livermore 4, W. Oakley 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, D. Ruse 8. These quarter-peals were rung on the occasion of the visit of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Falkland Isles.

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little octave was soon going well to Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The big end men expressed surprise at the statement displayed on the wall that the tenor was actually under 5 cwt., when more weight might have been expected, but the 'go' and tone of the peal were considered excellent, although there was some difficulty in hearing one or two of them in the lower, especially the treble, to which possibly some day a sounding pipe might be fixed. The well-designed tablet placed in the church, at the belfry entrance, to Mr. Washbrook's memory and describing his great ringing abilities, was duly admired by all, and more especially perhaps by one of them who had the privilege of first learning change-ringing from this great instructor in the first Victorian Jubilee year, and subsequently knowing him so well. The return journey was made through Crowmarsh and Henley, reaching home about 11 p.m., a most enjoyable run on a perfect day.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, accompanied by their wives and friends to the number of 30, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 17th.

Leaving Farnham in a saloon bus at 7 a.m., they journeyed by way of Odham and Swallowfields to Reading, which was reached at 8.40 a.m. The ringers then made their way to St. Giles' Church, where they were met by Mr. A. W. Osborne, of the local band, and a pleasant hour was spent in ringing on the splendid peal of eight. After a stay of just over two hours in Reading, the journey was resumed, the destination being Windsor, which was reached at 12.30 p.m. The party then broke up to enjoy themselves in their own way, most of them visiting the Castle and going through the royal apartments during the afternoon. The ringers visited St. John's Church, where they were met by Mr. T. Smith, steeplekeeper, and the bells were kept going for nearly an hour. Whilst in the belfry they were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. Hamilton), some of whom were known to him when he was curate at Farnham a few years ago. The return journey was made by way of Staines and Virginia Water, a stop being made at the latter place for about an hour for the purpose of having a view of the lake and waterfalls, the journey then being resumed, and Farnham reached at 9.30 p.m., everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the incumbent of St. Giles', Reading, and St. John's, Windsor, for so kindly granting permission for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Osborne and Smith for meeting them and having everything in readiness at their respective towers.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Aug. 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Wellford on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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.—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. 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Axbridge on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Clifton (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Buses start from Collin Street 1.30, 2.40, 4.5, Bartons Greyfriar Gate 1.45, 2.45 and every hour onwards. All ringers welcome. The Rectory gardens will be open to the members.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 21, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—W. Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Whitwell on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, provided by the Vicar, for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 10th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, 'Collingwood,' Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) at the Rectory, at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly endeavour to let me know not later than Wednesday, Aug. 11th?—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Green Dragon, Market Square, 5 p.m.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, and C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Thursday, Aug. 12th.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Police have kindly placed their bowling green and athletic ground at the disposal of ringers and friends on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Arrangements as before.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, August 21st. Tea on table 4.30 p.m. Meeting and social following. Will all ringers and friends intending to be present send number to Mr. Roland Hall, 63, Stourton Street, Rishton, not later than Tuesday, 17th? Price of tea and social not more than 1s. 9d. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at about 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. R. Exton, Springfield Terrace, Scorton, near Garstang, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 17th. Buses every 30 minutes from Tithebarn Street, Preston.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please advise me early.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.—There will be no Sunday service ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, throughout August. Church closed for renovations. Practices as usual from the 17th prox.—George W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

SILVER WEDDING.

JENNINGS—SILK.—August 6th, 1901, at the Parish Church, Symondsbury, Bridport, Dorset, by the Rev. F. W. Mansel, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. R. W. Farrer, M.A., R.D., Rector of Bridport, Chas. Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jennings, of Allington, Bridport, to Ada Eunice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Silk, of Symondsbury. Present address, Sunnyside, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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