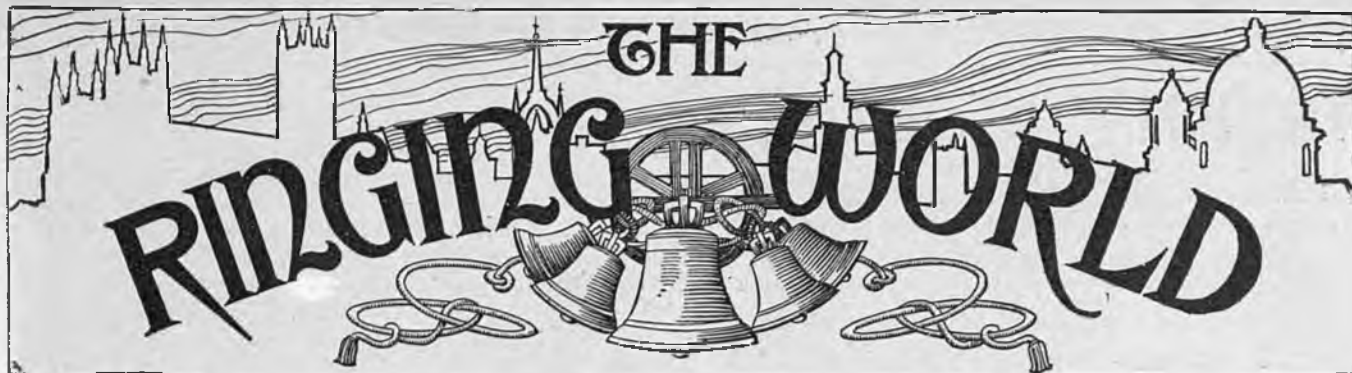




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BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

The recent case in which an action was brought by a parishioner against the Vicar of St. Alban's, Golders Green, for an injunction to restrain him and anyone acting under him from annoying the plaintiff and his family by the tolling or ringing of the bells, is not only of great interest, but importance to church authorities and ringers, despite the fact that a settlement, by agreement, was arrived at before the defendant's case was heard, and the Court was not called upon to decide the issue. The bells at St. Alban's Church are not hung for ringing, and the complaint was against the chiming of the bells for prolonged periods and early in the morning and late in the evening. The settlement arrived at limits future chiming to a quarter of an hour before the usual morning and evening service, and a single bell for five minutes before early service.

The publicity which was given to this case may encourage others who dislike the ringing of church bells to take similar action, in the hope of restricting the time of the ringing of which they are within earshot, and the prospect is not a very reassuring one to ringers, because one or two objectors in a parish might very easily succeed in effectually closing a tower to change ringing if only by 'agreement' with the authorities. In the Central Council's booklet on 'The Law affecting Church Bells' it is pointed out that 'bells may be a private nuisance liable to be restrained by injunction at the instance of any person specially aggrieved,' but, 'so long as bells are rung in moderation—even for peal ringing—it is unlikely that the Courts will interfere with such an old established custom.' We are not sure that this comforting opinion would stand the test of a legal action, although obviously it must make a difference whether the objector settles himself within the range of the 'nuisance' or the 'nuisance' is brought to the objector.

A noticeable thing in most cases of objection to church bells is that those who complain seldom have any interest in the church or even in the observance of Sunday except as a holiday. There will, therefore, generally be a much stronger claim to resist the efforts of those who would restrain ringing if the bells are regularly rung for their primary purposes—the church services—and if other ringing is done in moderation, and under conditions which will reduce the possibility of annoyance to a minimum. It must be admitted that many rings of bells are far more noisy outside the tower than they need be. Let the sound go out in full volume, by all means, for the service ringing and on public occasions; but there is no reason why the people living round about the church should be given the full benefit (?) of the bells when the

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ringers are practising or ringing a peal for their own amusement. In these days there are simple and inexpensive means of considerably moderating the noise from the bells in the neighbourhood of the tower and ringers, in their own interests should see that steps are taken to that end, particularly in crowded towns. It is wiser to safeguard the ringing by taking reasonable precautions, than to risk the closing of a tower—not necessarily by High Court action, but, as sometimes happens, by the 'pressure' put on the incumbent by some influential resident or residents.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD	... Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	5	JOHN NEAL	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	6	WILLIAM DAVIES	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	HARRY R. ROPER	8
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	HERBERT SHERMING	10
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Mrs. Cross is the first lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus in Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEAL.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	... Treble	CHARLES WEBB	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	8
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM FYE. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on ten bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At Brookfield Church,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER Treble	FRANK MERRETT 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
PERCY RUSHTON 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* 50th peal. Arranged for Mr. F. Merrett, of Bath.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST L. SHELTON Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	JAMES S. WARD 6
ARTHUR BIGLEY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 138). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Alphaeus Perkins, who was a member of this belfry for 40 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

* JACK ONSLOW Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JOHN SADDINGTON 6
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal. All the above are employees of John Taylor and Co., the Bell Foundry.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Botolph, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIES Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
CHARLES GOODBURN 2	STUART SANDFORD 6
* THOMAS TAYLOR 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD 7
JOHN BURLS 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of 5th and tenor have now 'circled' this tower.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	* W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	* EDWARD F. GOBBY 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE SWINFIELD.

* First peal forward. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 28, 1933, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
* MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method and fiftieth peal.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
BASIL REDGWELL 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	* GEORGE HAYWARD 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S FIVE-PART, Tenor 12 cwt

* JAMES H. HAYWOOD Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	* JOHN MARSHALL 7
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	J. HILTON SYKES 5
ARNOLD HAIGH 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	* CHARLES H. GILLOTT 7
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by G. HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal of the method. Rung to celebrate the 'half-century' of the treble ringer, who was born on July 29th, 1883. W. Harrison's fiftieth peal.

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On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.	
* THOMAS AUGER Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 6
† ARTHUR NEWTON 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
RALPH COLES 4	FRANK BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	CYRIL TANSELL 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	† GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
* ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN 3	HARRY A. HOVERD 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4	CYRIL E. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. B. Weeds to Miss Winifred Palmer.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
WALTER CHARMAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	WESLEY PETTIFER 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting two short for Major. W. Pettifer has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 16 methods: (1) Fotheringay and Balmoral Delight, (2) Charlwood, Braintree and Wragley Delight, (3) St. Albans and Neadden Delight, (4) College Exercise and Ockley, (5) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (6) Capel, Oxford and Kingston, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SYKES Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
ARTHUR GILL 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
GEORGE LORD 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal in 16 methods by all the band and on these bells, also first peal in 16 spliced methods for the association.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* F. BOYCK Treble	† C. GRIFFIN 4
† E. HOWES 2	* H. REED 5
† W. MEDLER 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
GEORGE L. HALL 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung in honour of the centenary of the Oxford Movement.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN B. HALLIFAX Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	JOHN CURRY 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

First peal on the bells since they were rung and a new treble added. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Ladd.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jul. 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* WALTER ELSBY Treble	WILLIAM MUSK 4
† ALDOUS ELSBY 2	DAVID WHITING 5
† FREDERICK ROPER 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
FRANCIS KIRK 3-4	CHARLES JEFFES 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. F. KIRK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Kirk.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 1-2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

Umpire, Walter G. Paul, who checked the lead-ends throughout the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. J. BEER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER 3-4
RICHARD SMITH 5-6	

Witness—Mrs. E. J. Beer.

First peal of Doubles by all the band and first of Doubles 'in hand' by the association. The 120's were called by ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 alternately.

DEATH OF PENMAENMAWR RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Cole, who passed away suddenly on July 18th. He was much respected by the ringers at Bangor and also by all at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno.

The bells at St. David's Church, Bangor, were rung half-muffled on Tuesday, July 25th, to 240 Grandsire Doubles, and also the 'whole pull and stand' 68 times, corresponding with the age of the deceased. The following ringers took part: F. Hobbs 1, Miss Beryl Pegler 2, A. E. Pegler, jun., 3, J. H. Midwinter 4, Gordon Davies 5, A. E. Pegler, sen. (conductor) 6. J. L. Prichard and George Abrami took part in other ringing.

PUPILS RING FOR MASTER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Sunday morning, July 16th, at Stone, Staffs, for the memorial service for Mr. Clough, who had been schoolmaster and lay reader at the church for many years, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: H. Buckley 1, H. Hodson 2, J. Moulson 3, R. Baker 4, J. Head 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, C. Templeton 8. Six of the eight ringers were scholars under the late Mr. Clough. This was the first quarter-peal of Stedman for all the ringers, and the first on the bells.

DEATH OF OLD IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER, MEMBER OF A FAMOUS BAND.

We regret to record the death, which took place on July 18th, of Mr. Alpheus Perkins, of Irtlingborough, Northants, the oldest member of the band that achieved fame many years ago for their Surprise ringing. Mr. Perkins, who was 71 years of age, had been connected with St. Peter's belfry for 40 years, having joined the band which was formed after the restoration of the tower in 1893. He rang his first peal in 1894, and afterwards took part in the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major in the county. His last peal was one rung muffled on the death of Queen Alexandra in 1926. One of his peals was a 9,312 of Superlative Surprise.

He was not a great peal ringer, as peal ringing is counted in these days. He had taken part in all in about 50. But while always willing to let others take his place in peal attempts, he was a regular Sunday service ringer up to the beginning of his long illness, and, even since a serious operation some fifteen months ago, he was frequently to be found in the belfry on Sundays. He was always keen on having good striking. His fellow-ringers have lost a loyal and devoted colleague, and his place will be difficult to fill. To the widow and family, the greatest sympathy has been extended in their irreparable loss.

Ringers from many towers attended to pay their last tribute at the funeral which took place on Saturday afternoon, July 22nd. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. W. Wright).

The chief mourners were: Mrs. S. Perkins (widow), Mr. Wilfrid Perkins (son), Mrs. A. Abbott (daughter), Mr. Oliver Perkins (son), Mrs. W. Mumford (daughter), Mr. Osmund Perkins (son), Mrs. W. Perkins (daughter-in-law), Mr. Frank Perkins (son), Mrs. O. Perkins (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Abbott (son-in-law), Mr. W. Mumford (son-in-law), Mr. S. Perkins (brother), Mrs. S. Perkins (sister-in-law), Mr. W. Perkins (brother), Mrs. Roberts (niece), Mrs. Bailey, Miss L. Abbott and Mr. G. Perkins (grandchildren), Miss H. Freeman (friend), Mr. H. Perkins (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. E. Poole (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Poole and Miss G. Poole (sister-in-law and niece).

A coiled bell rope lay on the coffin, which was carried to its last resting place by brother ringers of St. Peter's, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, J. Mawby, C. Newman, J. Ward, H. Chambers, E. Shelton, A. Bigley and F. Palmer.

The visiting ringers walked in front of the cortege, headed by Mr. F. Barber, Wellingborough, secretary of the Wellingborough District, bearing a beautiful floral tribute in the form of a bell, from his brothers ringers of St. Peter's. Other representatives present were Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild; Mr. C. W. Clarke, Bedford; Mr. J. W. Taylor, Northampton; Mr. J. R. Sharman, Cogenhoe; Mr. A. Martin, Higham Ferrers; Mr. T. Hensher, Mr. J. Main, Mr. G. Basford, Mr. C. Richardson, Mr. T. Abbott, Finedon; Mr. J. Packwood, Wellingborough; Mr. F. Kirk, Raunds; Mr. J. Garratt, Mr. W. Whitmore, and several others.

At the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells over the grave by Messrs. A. Bigley 1-2, C. W. Clarke 3-4, A. Y. Tyler 5-6, and J. Mawby 7-8.

After the funeral half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, the methods including London, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, and Bristol Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

It was a happy day at Sunderland for ringers on Saturday week when the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held another successful meeting. Members were present from Whickham, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester-le-Street, West Hartlepool, South Shields, as well as the local men. The bells of St. Ignatius Church were kept going until five o'clock, and afterwards a substantial tea awaited the ringers in the Institute. A short meeting followed, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, presiding.

After the loyal toast, the chairman made reference to the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Robson, the secretary of the Eastern District. In a happy little speech he said he was sure that all the members would wish him and his bride all health and happiness.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and said they always welcomed the ringers to Sunderland. He welcomed Mr. J. Leighton back again among the ringers, after a serious illness. That day he had rung the first touch on the bells for over 12 months.

Mr. Storey, in proposing a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, said they owed them a debt of gratitude for giving up their Saturday afternoon. The ringers fully appreciated their part in the meetings.—Mr. Anderson proposed, and Mr. Robson seconded, the re-election of Mr. R. L. Patterson as vice-president, and Mr. Picking proposed, and Mr. Leighton seconded, that Mr. F. Robson be secretary for the coming year, these nominations being subject to approval at the annual meeting.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring on September 9th.

After the meeting ringing took place at Holy Trinity Church. The methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAERLEON BELLS AGAIN RINGING.

The quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th, and was splendidly attended by members from both counties. Soon after two o'clock the bells were raised and rung in the standard methods, and at 4.30 service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. Theo. M. R. Younghuges) officiating and giving an address. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Institute, the members enjoying the hospitality of the Vicar, who afterwards presided over the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported that since the last meeting the bells of Caerleon tower were again ringing. Some minor repairs had been done to the tower. Since the arrival of the new Vicar a new leader had been appointed, and the bells were being rung for the Sunday services and a weekly practice night arranged.

Instruction reports were received, progress being reported at Nash, Redwick and Caerleon.

Restoration and augmentation reports were also received, and the representatives to the Central Council meeting gave their report, for which they were thanked.

New members were elected from several towers.

The Hon. Secretary commented on the leading article in 'The Ringing World.' After reading the first portion referring to 'Putting something in,' he endorsed all that had been said by the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association at their meeting. They had, he said, the same experience in that part of the country. The Hon. Secretary then referred to the arrears of subscriptions, ringing of peals, etc.

The meeting closed with the very best thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality.

The Vicar having obtained permission for the visitors to view the Castle and grounds, a party took advantage of the opportunity. Further ringing until late in the evening brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

A GOOD TIME AT KEYSTON. HAPPY GATHERING OF RINGERS.

There was a happy gathering of ringers at Keyston, Hunts, recently, when the marriage was solemnised between Mr. John James Lilley, son of Mr. C. R. Lilley, and Miss Elsie May Fensome, daughter of ex-Sergt. Fensome, of Keyston. The visiting ringers were also delighted to meet once again Mr. Harry Chapman, formerly of Manchester, who now lives here in retirement. As one of them writes, he was welcomed by Mr. Chapman 'as of old, with his usual gist of enthusiasm, and both of us synchronised with a feeling that confronted us with a programme of ringings and meeting of ringers which is akin to our state of calling.'

We don't quite know what this means, but they evidently had a good time.

Ringers were present from, among other places, Irthlingborough, Rushden, Woollaston, Raunds, Nottingham, etc. Ringing took place on the five bells, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles being accomplished.

After the ringing, refreshments were partaken of at the local hostelry, where touches and tunes were rung on handbells, and in the evening part of the company paid a visit to the residence of the bridegroom's father to enjoy further hospitality and to extend their good wishes to the newly-wedded pair.

We are confirmed in our view that the ringers had a rollicking time from the fact that our correspondent goes on to say: 'The company later reassembled to bless the day, which surely and slowly was closing, after which we cautiously and carefully retired to our virtuous couches.'

The next day one of the visitors discovered a beautiful and tuneful peal of eight bells at Raunds, on which he helped to ring Stedman and Double Norwich, and then 'after inspecting the church's precincts and historical adjuncts,' made a long detour to survey 'the green pasturage and foliage in its prime and colourful state in a quiet and peaceful countryside which could scarcely be surpassed.'

BROOKFIELD RINGERS' OUTING

The ringers of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, accompanied by wives and friends, visited North Staffordshire and Cheshire for their annual picnic. Proceeding by motor coach, Newcastle-under-Lyme was reached, and the fine peal of 10 bells was soon ringing, also an old acquaintanceship of long standing renewed, the two persons concerned not having met for 35 years.

Leaving Newcastle, with the addition of two more handy men who were cordially invited to join the party, Wolstanton was the next place of call. Here a few short touches were rung. They then continued to Lawton, the venue of the picnic, where, after a fine tea, for which thanks are due to Mr. W. Rigby and his friends, ringing was again indulged in on the handy ring of eight, touches ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich being successfully brought round. The ringers wish to thank all steepkeepers, incumbents and others for their co-operation in making this, the 13th post-war picnic, so successful.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. SIX-BELL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Callington. It was a six-bell festival, the towers of Callington, Linkinhorne, St. Mellion, Pillaton and South Hill being used. All these towers contain rings of six, with the exception of South Hill, which has a ring of five in a minor key.

Ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Callington, St. Gluvins, Kea, Landulph, Laneast, Launceston St. Mary's, Launceston St. Thomas, Lewannick, Lezant, Manaccan, Pillaton, Redruth, South Hill, South Petherwin, and also a few visitors from Plymouth, and other parts of England.

A fine service was held in Callington Church, conducted by the Vicar, the singing being led by the church choir.

After the service the ringers and their friends sat down to tea in Callington Town Hall, during which the Rev. W. H. R. Trehella thanked the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, and the Rector of Callington, Rev. R. W. Marsh, and his churchworkers for the service and for organising the tea.

Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, the Ringing Master, mapped out the times of ringing in each place in such an excellent way that neither the bells nor the ringers were idle all the time. Everyone seemed happy, and no grumbling was heard.

Ringing varied from rounds to some of the higher methods. Lezant is to be commended for their excellent striking in 'call changes' at Callington. They rang with an open lead at the hand-stroke. Perhaps this is the first step in their advance to half-pull methods.

It was pleasing to see several of the clergy present, including Revs. R. W. Marsh (Rector of Callington), Perry Gore (curate of Callington), I. S. Jenkins (Rector of Calstock), R. Hocking (Rector of Pillaton), and G. E. B. Scott (Vicar of Lewannick).

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DEVON RINGER. LEADER OF CHARLES CHURCH BAND.

The many friends of Mr. Walter H. Marsh will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Plymouth on July 17th, at the age of 77 years. A man of forceful personality, he was held in high esteem by all with whom he had come in contact. As a keen churchman he served as a chorister for 40 years, and as a keener ringer he was responsible for teaching the rudiments of change ringing to numberless learners at the Church of Charles, Plymouth, where he was the leader. Such were his methods that one could not fail to learn under his tuition, and he brought his hand up to a very high standard. His punctuality was a byword, and as chairman of the South-Western Branch of the Devon Guild he controlled the meetings admirably until ill-health compelled him to relinquish all his activities.

Ringers from Cornwall and Exeter joined the Plymouth ringers in attending his funeral on Saturday, July 22nd. The bells of Charles Church were rung half-muffled for the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, to which old comrades carried him.

On the Wednesday following his death a representative band of the South-Western District rang course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob at the Church of Emmanuel, Plymouth, with bells half-muffled, and on Saturday evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, was attempted at Plympton St. Maurice. Those taking part were J. Woodley, W. G. Lavers, W. J. Rundle, W. Oatway, J. Pook, W. Wonnacott, W. Richards and A. Wonnacott.

On Sunday evening, at the Church of Charles, where Mr. Marsh had served so long, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory, half-muffled, by H. Rogers, A. Weatherby, S. Pengelly, W. Oatway, S. O'Shaughnessy, J. O. Pook, A. T. Westcott (conductor) and J. Sims.

NEARLY A BACHELORS' PARTY.

It was nearly a bachelors' party that met at Penn for the July practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, only one male having the forethought to bring a lady with him. Numerous methods were rung, Cambridge being greatly in demand. One lively youth of some 70 odd years rang his first course of 'bachelors' delight' at the first attempt.

The usual excellent tea was enjoyed by all, a 'thoroughly domesticated' young man officiating with the teapot. The handbells (since sold) were produced and sounded quite pleasing. Is there to be any commission for those who advertised their musical qualities?

More arrivals after tea helped to swell the party to its usual numbers. The 'globe trotter' left early, but it is understood that the bells were kept going until a late hour.

The next gatherings of this branch are to be held in London on August 5th, and Windsor on August 26th (see notice column), but ringers are advised not to wait until afterwards and say, 'I wish that I had been there.'

ORIGINALITY IN COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was stated at the Central Council meeting that 'real originality in peals of ordinary length does not exist nowadays.'

I would invite any holding this view to try their luck with Silchester Surprise, and should like to hear their opinion when they have produced a peal or two.

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BELL FOUNDER'S EMPLOYEES' PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH MEN RING BOB MAJOR.

Peals scored by ringers having the same Christian name, by fathers and sons and husbands and wives are not now unique, and although several peals have been rung before by employes of one firm, the peal rung at Loughborough on Monday, July 24th, as recorded elsewhere in this issue, is not without interest.

Even to-day, with facilities for peal ringing such as never before existed, there can be few, if any, firms anywhere which can claim, like Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the proud distinction of having amongst their employes a band capable of ringing a peal on eight bells. In addition to those who rang in the peal referred to, there are Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of the firm, and Mr. J. Oldham, the manager, who often take a rope when visitors to the foundry wish to see an exhibition of change ringing on the bells in the foundry campanile.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have usually had a muster of men who understood the practical side of ringing in addition to bell hanging, for as far back as 1888 the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., with his two sons, the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, together with seven of their employes, rang at Loughborough Parish Church a peal of Stedman Caters.

More frequent attempts for peals would be made by employes of the Loughborough Foundry were it not for the fact that some of them are rarely at home at the same time.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, on Saturday, July 22nd, and the musical ring of six bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening by members from Buckland, Burstow, Godstone, Merstham and Reigate, with visitors from Brighton and Shoreham, while members of the local band mustered in good force. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Chamberland, of Hurst Green, Oxted. Tea and meeting followed in Chart Hall, at which the Master of the association, Mr. K. D. C. Birt, presided. One new member was elected, and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Reigate on September 16th.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Chamberland, to the organist and organ blower, to the local band for making arrangements, and to Mrs. L. A. Tidy for providing an excellent tea. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m. in various methods up to London Surprise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Conductors of peals rung to-morrow and on Monday are requested to forward their reports in time to reach us on Tuesday.

Ringers desirous of purchasing copies of the Central Council publications should note that they may now be obtained from the new hon. librarian, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Watlington Rectory, King's Lynn, Norfolk. The list of publications will be found in an advertisement.

In a handbell peal of Doubles, rung at Gravesend, Kent, the conducting was shared by two of the ringers who alternately called the six-scores. It all helps to make a change. We remember a handbell peal some years ago in which each ringer called a quarter-peal, and each quarter-peal had a different calling. There have been numerous instances of a change over of conductor with each 720 of a peal of Minor. Why not a peal of Stedman Triples with courses called by all the ringers in turn?

The tower of Buckfast Abbey, Devon, is to be raised another 40ft. The work will be carried out by the five monks, under the leadership of Brother Peter, who last August completed the building of the Abbey after 25 years. They are now erecting the scaffolding.

When the tower is completed the bells will be raised and the present belfry used as the ringing chamber. Ringing is at present done from a stone gallery.

An attempt for an 'Ernest' peal took place at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, but failed after 2 hours' ringing. Another attempt will be made later.

In the report of the peal of Bristol Surprise at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, on July 22nd, and published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the 7th should have been Frederick J. Cullum.

MUSICAL BIKES!

It is reported that the famous Dr. Strabismus, of Utrecht, has approached a ringer with yet another idea from that fertile brain.

This is no less than to attach to the side of the front fork of a bicycle an octave of small hemispherical or cup bells. By means of tappets on each spoke the bells will strike in their proper turn, the curve of the fork allowing 'compass' and preventing 'firing.'

Seventy spokes, each with its suitably affixed tappets, and—oh, boy! away to work to an oft-repeated but perfectly struck Plain Course of Grandsire Triples. The ringer is referring the learned doctor to Mr. Cyril Johnston.

HANDBELL RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

CHRISTCHURCH RINGERS VISIT DUNEDIN.

Messrs. J. R. de Lambert and G. Lightband, members of Christchurch Cathedral Company, New Zealand, recently spent a week's holiday in Dunedin. The opportunity thus presented was taken advantage of to put in as much useful handbell practice as possible.

On May 1st, at 9, Balmoral Street, the residence of Mr. J. S. Wilde, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: C. Wilde 1-2, J. R. de Lambert 3-4, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 5-6. On May 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: *G. Lightband 1, *J. R. de Lambert 2, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 3-4, J. Whipp 5-6. * First 720 in the method.

During the week other successful items included 120's of Grandsire Doubles, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Major and Bob Major.

SQUIRE PROCTOR AND DUFFIELD.

CHILDREN 'TEACH' THEIR FATHER.

As a complement to the ringing history of Bennington and its association with the revered name of Squire Leonard Proctor, it may be of some little interest to those of his brother ringers in the mid-Victorian period to give some extracts from an amusing letter received from him by Dr. Symons, of Penzance, in July, 1885:—

'I had a fortnight since a great ringing treat in visiting Duffield, near Derby. Mr. Percival Heywood is a capital ringer, his family all ring and the peal of eight are very ringable near his house. Started for a peal of K.T.B., rang well for 75 minutes, when the tenor man caught his foot with the rope as it lifted from the tenor box, this knock knocked him clean off the box and also not being satisfied with his own fall, but he must needs cannon against the seventh man and knock him over too, so they both came sprawling into the middle of the ringing floor and "Mr. General Stand" was immediately called into requisition.

'Wonderful to see little daughters of Mr. Heywood ringing two handbells in hand well—"Superlative Surprise" telling their father where to go to—three daughters and two sons, all ring, seven and eight years old! When hunting "quick" they say, "Father, we are going by the "express train," you by the stopping train; therefore, dodge and stop at intermediate places and stations.

'Father has a private rail in his grounds, stations, etc., 1,000 yards long, tunnels, etc., and drives his own engine. A wonderful clever man and fine place.'

A CELEBRATED SOHAM FAMILY.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES RECALLED.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Ely Diocesan Association at Soham, Cambs, on Saturday, recalls the notable performances at this church in the distant past, when a society calling themselves the Soham Youths flourished for many years.

Prior to the year 1788 the tower contained a ring of six bells. Then Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk, cast a peal of eight to replace the former ring, and it was on this octave that the Soham Youths began their activities. They soon gained proficiency, and a number of peal boards in the tower record some of their more notable achievements. The first appears to have been a peal of 5,120

In the following year the bells were increased to ten, the two old trebles being recast and two more bells added by John Briant, of Hertford. Robert Tebbit was at that time one of the churchwardens, and his name appears on the bells.

Another tablet records a peal rung on November 16th, 1820, 'in honour of the Queen's acquittal'—when party feeling ran high over the King's treatment of Queen Caroline. A year later came a peal of New Treble Bob Royal (what we now know as Kent), and the last of the tablets records a peal of Grandsire Tittum Caters, rung in 1830, in which, again, the name of Tebbit occurs—William, who was the conductor, John, Robert and Thomas, jun. And with that peal the ringing history that is left to us of the Tebbits and the Soham Youths comes to an end.



SOHAM CHURCH.

Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in 1790. Among the ringers were Thomas, Robert and Edward Tebbit, who played a prominent part in the ringing in this tower for many years thereafter, and were succeeded by their sons.

In 1795 they rang a peal of Norwich Court, in which the name of Thomas Tebbit, jun., appears, and in 1800 came a peal of Imperial the Third. Luke, Goldsbrow, Joseph Finch, Robert Silver, Thomas Brown and Thomas Talbot are other names which appear in the records, and some of them were still actively engaged in peal ringing in 1820.

The most notable performance was in 1809, when the Tebbit family, of 'three brothers and their sons,' rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: Thomas Tebbit 1; Robert Tebbit, son of Robert, 2; Benjamin Tebbitt, 15 years of age, 3; John Tebbit, son of Thomas, 4; Robert Tebbit 5; Edward Tebbit 6; Thomas Tebbit, son of Thomas, 7; William Tebbit, son of Thomas, 8.

At the meeting, on Saturday, it was only possible to ring rounds on the fine peal of 10. Grandsire Caters were tried, but with no success. Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were, however, rung. Among the visitors were Rev. E. Banks James, Rev. E. B. Sheppard, Miss Price, and Mr. C. W. Cook, District Master, Ely Archdeaconry, of Newton. The towers represented were Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Chatteris, Fordham, Mildenhall, Over, Willingham, Wilburton. The next general meeting is at March, but there is also to be a meeting at Sutton in connection with a thanksgiving service of the rehanging of the bells, which has been carried out by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The probable date is August 19th or 26th, but notice will be given in the proper columns of this paper. Ringers are always welcome at Sutton, the 'cathedral church in the Isle.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

JOIN WITH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT HEADINGLEY.

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held in conjunction with an informal meeting of the Yorkshire Association at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, when Canon Marshall invited all present to use the Vicarage grounds, in which were handbells and garden games, where the young and not-so-young ringers filled in the time between the spells of ringing in the tower.

Tea was served in the church schools, when 77 members and friends took advantage of this provision.

The Leeds Society members held a business meeting immediately after tea. Mr. J. W. Baxendale was chairman. Three new members were elected—Messrs. J. Croft, of Burley, J. E. Cawser (hon. general secretary of Yorkshire Association), and H. Walker (unattached).

The suggested date of the next meeting was August 26th, to be held at Shipley.

The Chairman proposed the very best thanks of the society be accorded Canon Marshall for allowing the use of the bells and the Vicarage grounds, also to the ladies who served tea, and to the local company for the other arrangements.—Canon Marshall replied.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SMALL ATTENDANCE AT SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The police forces at Leatherhead and Ashted did not find it an extremely difficult task to control the crowd which the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild attracted to those places on Saturday, July 22nd. Only just over thirty members attended the meeting, and this was the poorest attendance for a summer festival since the formation of the Guild. A possible explanation is to be found in the fact that a change of date had been necessary.

The bells at Leatherhead Parish Church were rung during the afternoon, but neither Grandsire nor Stedman Caters would 'go,' although, fortunately, three leads of Treble Ten were brought round for the service touch.

The Guild's form of service was conducted, and an address given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, and (all members please note) it was learned that the lady organist had left a sister who was very ill in order to play.

After tea, to which 42 sat down and which was served in the Leatherhead Institute, some of the party went on to Ashted, where the peal of eight were kept going in the standard methods until late in the evening. A broken rope at Leatherhead brought the ringing there to an early close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday. The bells, which are noted as one of the finest, if not the finest, peals of eight in or about Lancashire, were kept going, with an interval for tea and the business meeting, from before three o'clock to eight, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Besides the usual members present, there were visitors from the Fylde, Wigan and Manchester Branches, to whom the chairman extended a hearty welcome, the visitors suitably replying.

The meeting confirmed the re-election of Mr. W. Loxham, of Penwortham. The next meeting was then fixed to be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd.

Mr. C. Sharples gave a report of the committee meeting held at Walkden in June.—The report was accepted with thanks to Mr. Sharples.

The Secretary, in giving his report of the working of the branch during the year, said since the last annual branch meeting, meetings had been held at Preston St. Mark's, Hoghton, Brindle, Brownedge, Penwortham, Samlesbury, Tarlton and Broughton, as well as having the association annual meeting at Chorley and a joint meeting with other branches at Poolstock.

The attendances had been about the average for the past years.

FALLING OFF IN PEALS.

The number of branch peals rung was the lowest for years, only three having been rung, namely, a peal of Minor in three methods at Garstang—the first peal on the bells—a peal of Double Norwich at Whittle-le-Woods, and a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Leyland St. James'. Twenty-four members had rung in one or more peals for the association, ranging from Plain Bob to the Surprise methods. Seven members have rung their first peal during the year, whilst six rang their first in some method, and one his first as conductor in a method.

One redeeming feature about the members who had rung peals was that they included members from towers from which no members had rung peals in the past, but there were still one or two towers in the branch from which no members had rung a peal.

During the year one honorary member and three new ringing members had been elected, and an old member rejoined.

In discussing the report, various members made comments on the reasons for the apparent falling-off in ringing activities, but the feeling of the meeting was that the ringing of the Surprise peals in the branch by bands mainly composed of branch members would ultimately be for the good of the branch in the future.

The secretary was thanked for his report, which was adopted.

The nominations for the association officers was then proceeded with. Mr. F. G. Bradley was nominated for vice-president, Mr. E. R. Martin for treasurer, and the retiring ringing secretary and two auditors were renominated.

Mr. Wm. Sharples was re-elected as Ringing Master and representative on the committee.

The election of branch secretary then took place, Mr. Rigby having intimated to the members his desire to retire from the office. Various members tried to persuade him to take office once more, but as he remained firm in his decision, Mr. Wm. Taylor said it was with great reluctance that he moved that the secretary's resignation be accepted with regret, and that the best thanks of the branch be accorded to him for his services.

RETIRING SECRETARY NOMINATED AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. F. G. Bradley, in seconding, said it gave him great pleasure to say a few words of appreciation of the splendid and efficient manner in which Mr. Rigby had done his work as secretary.—Other members also supported the vote of thanks.

Mr. Rigby thanked the members for their kind words of appreciation, and said he would only be too pleased to help his successor as far as possible.

Mr. John Charnock, of Whittle-le-Woods, was elected to the office, on the proposition of Mr. Wm. Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. Rigby.

Mr. F. G. Bradley then said that, seeing that Mr. Rigby had retired, he himself would like, with the consent of his proposer and seconder, to withdraw his nomination for the position of vice-president, and proposed Mr. F. Rigby for the position. This was agreed to unanimously.

Other business included a proposal that combined practices be held at four or five different towers in the near future, and another that a letter be sent to the incumbents of some of the churches in the branch to use their influence in getting some of their ringers to attend the branch meetings.

The usual vote of thanks to the local authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots on Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3, H. Cook 4, W. H. Wood 5, E. R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, C. Warner 8. Arranged as a farewell to Mr. P. V. Sinkins, who is leaving Kensington to reside at Southsea.

A NOTABLE CHURCH.

BUT CRONDALL'S BELLS NEED RESTORATION.

Tucked away in the folds of the low hills, through which the road from Farnham to Winchester runs, but a mile or two off the main highway, is the village of Crondall. It is a village not much known to fame, but it can claim a priceless possession in its Norman church—one of the best and most complete examples in the South of England. Its chancel, at any rate, was built by a master hand, for the roses in the vaulted ceiling bear the marks of one of the builders of Canterbury Cathedral, and, so it said, no other church in the country can boast of it. Only in Canterbury and Crondall can you find the marks which distinguish this particular master craftsman. The church, built almost as it stands at present, was erected about 1150, on the site of an earlier building, probably of Saxon origin. The circular Saxon font is still in use, and there seem to be traces of Saxon workmanship in the remains of an ancient tower, which at one time was entered by a doorway from the chancel.

Nearly three hundred years ago a new tower of imposing proportions but of complete incongruity with the ancient church was built in brick and to the eastward of the old tower, from which it is separated by a space of some twelve or fifteen feet. The base of the tower is used as a vestry; to gain access to the upper floors the stone stairway in the old tower (where pigeons nest) is still used, and the ringing room and the floor above are connected with it by open galleries. Thus, to reach the bells from the ringing room, one has to cross a gallery, mount the stairs in the old tower, and recross another gallery. The last stage of the journey is up a fairly long and precipitous ladder.

There are six bells in the tower hung in a frame, bearing the date 1642, which has long since passed the stage of usefulness. It is massive but decrepit, and, in ringers' parlance, 'walks round the tower' when the bells are rung. The tenor moves in three directions, in addition to revolving, when it is pulled off. The loose frame goes backward and forward; the bell goes from side to side through ill-fitting bearings, and up and down owing to loose gudgeon plates, and it also 'wobbles' on the stock, coupled with all of which the bells are badly out of tune! The serious need for the attention of a competent bell hanger is obviously indicated.

Of the bells themselves three were by Henry Knight, 1616 and 1619, two by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, 1788, and one a pre-Reformation bell bearing a Latin inscription, which, broadly interpreted, reads, 'Chiming I will call to prayer; I ring when folk do wed and toll in lamentation for the dead.' The tenor was recast about 50 years ago.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

It was here on Saturday that the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting, which was attended by about 25 ringers, but the actual ringing was limited by the physical energy necessary to keep the tenor going. Six scores of Grandsire, short touches of Bob Minor and courses of Treble Bob and Cambridge were all that were rung, longer lengths not being worth the effort required.

The Rector, who has not long been in the parish after many years in the mission field, conducted the Guild's service and gave an impromptu address. He also presided at the subsequent tea and business meeting, at which he was elected an hon. member, and the general hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), in proposing a vote of thanks to him, took the opportunity of pointing out the necessity of calling in an expert to report on the condition of the bells.

A gloom was cast over the gathering by the news of the sudden death of Mrs. W. Denyer, of Aldershot. Her husband, Mr. W. Denyer, is the 'father' of the Aldershot tower, where he is constantly training literally young blood, and has a band of over twenty ringers whose degrees of advancement vary from rounds to the Surprise stage. Her eldest son is Mr. C. W. Denyer, the enthusiastic and capable hon. secretary of the Farnham District, and a daughter and two other sons—one aged only nine—are ringers at Aldershot church. Mrs. Denyer, who was 54 years of age, had a seizure on Thursday morning, and passed away in the afternoon. Despite his bereavement Mr. C. W. Denyer very courageously carried out his duties in connection with the meeting, at which the hon. general secretary expressed the Guild's regret at the death of Mrs. Denyer and their sympathy with Mr. William Denyer and his family.

The funeral had taken place on Saturday morning, when the choir boys and organist attended, and two of Mrs. Denyer's favourite hymns, 'Jesus lives' and 'O blest Redeemer,' and Psalm 23, were sung. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled, and as the committal was being said their distant notes were wafted on the breeze to the mourners and formed a fitting requiem to one into whose life bells had so largely entered, although she herself had not been a ringer.

FIRST 720 AT 12 YEARS OF AGE.

At Braintree, on Sunday, July 23rd, for matins, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Myrtle Reason (aged 12 years, first 720) 1, W. G. Melbourne 2, G. Wiffen 3, S. Warne 4, H. Coote 5, A. Wiffen (conductor) 6. For evensong, 336 Bob Major: Miss Edith Reason 1, Miss Myrtle Reason 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Wiffen 5, S. Warne 6, H. Coote 7, A. Wiffen 8.

A LONG TRIP.**220 MILES FOR A DAY'S OUTING.**

The ringers of St. Mary's Slough, selected Swanage for their annual outing, and were favoured with very fine weather. The journey was made in a comfortable motor coach kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a party of 15, including Messrs. F. Taylor and A. Perryman, two veterans, who no longer handle the 'dancing sally.'

On the outward journey a visit was paid to the new Church of All Saints, Basingstoke, where a pretty little ring of eight bells (tenor 10 cwt.) was placed at the disposal of the company. Here Messrs. H. Horne and Wanning gave the party a welcome on behalf of the absent Vicar and warden.

Near King's Worthby, a fine clump of beech trees stands by the roadside, affording peaceful shade for the ringers' humble lunch, which thoughtful friends of 'other years' again supplied, consisting of the now familiar black bottle, brown jar and the farmer's thumb-piece. Resuming the journey, 'longing eyes' were cast towards the central tower of Winchester Cathedral as the coach wended its easy way through the old city. Along the fine roads of the New Forest distant views of the Dorset country and the urge of the 'Demon of Speed' seemed to say 'Onward' to our careful driver, but all in vain. We 'sloughed' down approaching Ringwood at a certain bend of the road to glance regretfully at the bank where three members of an old Slough family recently met their death. In the old days of motoring one of the wayside signs shown at danger spots represented a skull and crossbones. If the Ministry of Transport will visit Upton Church, Slough, he will find a more appropriate one, 'Tis the pace that kills,' which was engraved on stone long before the very first motor vehicle appeared in Bucks, strangely enough upon the Upton and Datchet road.

Swanage Bay, sparkling in the sun, gave the party a cheery welcome, and at the Trocadero Hotel hot luncheon was served in excellent style half an hour late, per programme, plus ten per cent. appetite. Here another warm welcome was given by the generous host, Mr. E. Sargeant, who at once arranged for tea at the same hotel at 5.30 p.m. instead of at Romsey, as intended.

Swanage Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, possesses an old octave of mellow bells, with a tenor at 22½ cwt. in the key of E, and these were set going to various musical touches of Triples and Major by courtesy of the Rector. All the local band of ringers were away on their outing, but a willing representative did 'belfry duty' on behalf of Capt. J. B. M. Ridout and Mr. W. J. Bastable, who had made arrangements for the visitors.

During the afternoon sight-seeing was indulged in. There is so much and yet so little to see at the seaside nowadays, even if you have forgotten your field glasses. Most of the company climbed up Peverel Point, Durlston Head, to gaze across to the Isle of Wight or Poole Harbour, and the Isle of Purbeck, made famous by its building stone for the church. A certain Preist's Way was explored, but Brother Edward, the monk who officiated, had no tansure.

Time, like an ever-flowing stream, reminded the company of the homeward journey, not that from which no traveller ever returns. Accordingly six o'clock found the coach moving, and passing in rapid succession Corfe Castle, Wareham Church and Ringwood Causeway, in due course deposited its burden at the north transept of Romsey Abbey, where ringing was enjoyed from 8 till 9 p.m. Here Mr. F. H. Paskins and several Abbey ringers received the visitors and showed them up the 'long, long trail' to Ethelfreda's belfry, with its grand historical peal of eight bells, with tenor 25 cwt. in D. These bells have recently been restored and go well, and after several standard methods had been rung the visitors lowered them in peal in excellent style as a finale to the day's ringing.

Continuing homewards, the same old beech trees afforded umbrella cover whilst the onions were all cleared up, as well as a couple of 'erates' from 'Old Bill,' who remembered that 'closing hour' was ten o'clock. The party passed the old 'dug out' at Windsor whilst the curfew chimed were going, and reached St. Mary's, Slough, after 17 hours' absence, safe and sound from a journey of 220 miles.

Mr. A. Bateman, the home steeplekeeper, is asking all kind friends of the bellringers to accept the united thanks of his men through the Press, as he would rather push a jackplane than the mighty pen.

W. H. F.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT VISIT BEDDINGTON.**

The meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, held at Beddington on Saturday, July 22nd, was not too overcrowded, but in spite of lack of numbers some good work was done. A lovely day, a beautiful old church set in delightful surroundings, a splendid peal of bells, a welcome superlatively hearty, a nice tea party, and a social hour after ringing should have been sufficient inducement for 50 to attend. However, among other things Cambridge Royal and London Major were accomplished. At the social hour vocal items were rendered by Mr. David Wright, Mr. Royden Davies, Miss Price and others, some handbell ringing being interspersed among them, Miss Bradford very ably presiding at the piano.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT EPSOM.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Epsom on Saturday, July 29th. It had been arranged as a joint meeting of the North-Western Division of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but the members of the Leatherhead District must have forgotten their social obligations, as the district secretary was the only resident member present, with the exception of the two local towerkeepers. The visitors had the opportunity, seldom given in these days, of ringing at the Parish Church and also Christ Church in the evening.

There being no service, the ten bells at St. Martin's were kept going until 5.20, when the company adjourned to Wright's Restaurant for tea, 25 sitting down, representing a wide district of Surrey, with visitors from Kent, London and Twickenham. After tea, the Parish Church was again visited for a short time, and then a move was made to Christ Church, where full use was made of the peal of eight until nine o'clock. A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Cambridge Royal and a course of Bristol at the one church, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and a touch of four spiced Surprise methods at the other. So in spite of disappointments all enjoyed a good time, and thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches and those who made the arrangements.

BEACONSFIELD RINGERS IN HERTS AND BEDS.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Beaconsfield ringers, accompanied by friends from Farnham Royal and Amersham, set out to visit towers in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. After a slight delay (partly caused by one 'little' fellow getting stuck under a bus seat for some unknown reason), a start was made shortly before 1 p.m. The first call was made at St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, where the ringers were pleased to meet and ring with an old member of the band, Mr. C. C. Mayne. After enjoying a few touches on the bells, the journey was continued to Hemel Hempstead, where, though time was short, everyone managed to have a pull. The next stop was at St. Albans Cathedral, where great admiration was expressed for the tone and 'go' of the bells. The one regret here was that time was very limited owing to a late arrival.

After tea, for which arrangements were made by one of the local ringers, the party pushed on to Dunstable, where everyone enjoyed ringing on the beautiful bells, while the architectural beauty of the Priory Church was much admired. Leighton Buzzard was next visited, and here some of the party tried Stedman Caters for the first time. The last tower, Tring, was reached eventually, and, judging from the number of ringers left in the belfry at the last, it was concluded that the outing had, at any rate, satisfied some people's appetites for ringing. Beaconsfield was reached at 10.45 p.m. The methods rung were Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the various towers, and also the local ringers who welcomed them at each tower.

TALL TOWERS TOO TIRING**FINEDON RINGERS AMONG LINCOLNSHIRE BELLS.**

The Finedon (Northants) ringers and friends spent their annual outing in a visit to Lincolnshire. Starting at 7.30 a.m., the party travelled via Kettering and Stamford to Harrogate, where several well-struck touches were rung. The fine old Saxon tower was greatly admired. Lincoln was reached at 11.45, most of the party having a look round the stately Cathedral, but the big climb to the ringing chamber was too much for some of the cripples, who, however, found a great deal to interest them in the ancient city. After dinner they proceeded to Heckington, where the fine peal of eight (tenor 1 ton) were soon merrily swinging to Stedman, Superlative, etc., excellent striking prevailing throughout. The next stop was Boston. The 186 steps to the ringing chamber were almost too much for the old hands, and the big circle seemed to upset the ringers, the striking leaving much to be desired. The tone and 'go' of the splendid peal were, however, greatly admired.

Surfleet was reached after a pleasant journey, and the party were met by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark. Tea was arranged in the Church Hall, the Vicar and Mr. W. R. Madgwick sitting down with the visitors. General regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. Rupert Richardson. After tea, a move was made to the belfry. The younger members of the party were allowed a few rounds on the twelve, and excellent touches on the back eight followed. The splendid tone and ease of handling of this light twelve delighted the visitors. The next stop was at Crowland Abbey, where the Vicar gave a brief but very interesting lecture on the wonderful church and the adjoining ruins, which was very much appreciated. The journey was continued through Peterborough to Orton Longueville, where a social hour was spent at the Gordon Arms, all the singers being in splendid voice. Dropping the visitors on the way, home was reached about midnight, after a most enjoyable day. The thanks of the party are heartily extended to Mr. Rupert Richardson, who made all the arrangements for ringing, also to the Vicars of the various churches and the ringers who welcomed the tourists.

T. R. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd, and was attended by 15 members from Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Rudgwick, Warnham and the local band. After ringing several touches in different methods, the members attended a short service, conducted by the Rev. G. Wells, Vicar of Kirdford, who also joined the company at tea, but owing to an engagement was unable to stay to the business meeting.

Mr. W. Charman therefore presided, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. L. Brunt, W. Carver, H. R. Parker, H. R. Coombes, P. Edgehill, T. Freeland, L. Link, J. A. McCrae, J. Seamark, S. Selsey and R. Weston, of Westbourne, and W. Stent, of Kirdford.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. W. Charman and to Mr. Dunton for making the local arrangements were passed, and another visit to the belfry for further practice brought the proceedings to an end.

DEATH OF A TETTENHALL RINGER.

Tettenhall tower has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Arthur Bennett, the sad event occurring suddenly on Saturday, July 22nd. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, had been a member of Tettenham band for about twenty years, and his loss will be felt very much by his fellow-ringers. The deceased was not a prolific peal ringer, having rung eight peals for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and previous to coming to Tettenham, had rung peals for the Salop Guild.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard on Wednesday, July 26th, a large number of wreaths, including one from the ringers, being sent to show the respect in which he was held by the villagers and friends. In the evening a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was attempted, but, one of the muffles turning on the clapper, it was called round at the quarter-peal: N. H. Smith 1, C. R. Collins 2, B. Dalton 3, A. D. Collins 4, H. T. Piper 5, R. Pickering 6, H. Boswell 7, T. W. Bate 8.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 22nd, ringers and friends of St. John's, Bournemouth, had their annual outing. They travelled by coach through the New Forest to Fareham, and after ringing for more than an hour sallied forth to Chichester. Despite the heat, justice was done to the appetising luncheon. Ringing at the Cathedral campanile included Stedman Triples and Kent Major. The journey was continued to Portsmouth, where, after tea, a visit was paid to Portsea, where the visitors were met by Messrs. Hannis and Taylor, of the local ringers, who gave them a very hearty welcome and joined in the ringing. The party then journeyed to Bassett, Southampton, to visit the miniature zoo, where one of the monkeys took quite a fancy to 'Little Willie,' showing his affection by biting him. Charming little fellow—the monkey. All good things must come to an end, and the homeward run was not without its delights.

The ringers wish to take the opportunity of thanking incumbents and tower correspondents who helped to make the outing so very enjoyable.

LINCS RINGERS AT NORFOLK RESORT.

A pleasant day that will long be remembered by the Spalding, Lincs, ringers was spent at Great Yarmouth. With the adult members of the choir and Canon Nicholas, the party left home at 7 a.m. by motor coach. After a delightful journey and a short stay at Dereham, the party arrived at Yarmouth Parish Church at 11 a.m. The bells were already raised, and some of the local band were there to welcome the visitors. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on the hack eight, and with the assistance of other visitors the twelve were got going in rounds. After lunch some of the party enjoyed a trip on the sea, while others were content to sit on the front and enjoy the sea air. Incidentally, they got a good view of H.M.S. 'Warspite.' The return journey was made after tea, and Spalding reached about 10.30 p.m. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for their assistance.

A WEEK-END OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Albans Cathedral Society took the form of a week-end at Herne Bay, the fourteen members arriving there on Friday evening, June 30th. As had been their good fortune for several years past, the weather was excellent. On Saturday a visit was paid to St. Lawrence, where a meeting of the Kent Association was held, an account of which has already appeared in these columns, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. On Sunday morning a visit was paid to Canterbury, where after a hurried look round this beautiful old Cathedral a visit was paid to the belfry, and the bells got going for the morning service.

Monday was spent round and about Herne Bay until it was time to catch the 3.48 train for home, after a delightful week-end. Thanks are offered to the Kent Association, Canterbury District, and its secretary, Mr. A. Smith, also to the Canterbury Cathedral Society for the cordial reception given to the visitors.

WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY.

LYME REGIS RINGERS' OUTING.

For their annual outing Lyme Regis, Dorset, ringers took a very enjoyable trip into Hampshire on Saturday, July 22nd, in glorious weather. After a break at Wimborne for a short, second breakfast, Romsey Abbey was the first point of call for ringing. Here they were met by Mr. Paskins, captain of the Romsey band, and Mr. Smith, of King's Somborne. These grand bells, going well now, were fully appreciated in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and the glories of the ancient abbey church also were duly admired. Hursley, so prominent to-day as sheltering the tomb of John Keble, came next, and touches in the four standard methods were rung, Mr. Hunt giving a cordial welcome. Winchester was reached for luncheon. A pull on the Cathedral bells not being permitted, some part of the afternoon was spent on the six at St. Maurice's Church, Kent, Plain Bob and a good course of Cambridge Surprise being rung. The route for the return journey was via the delightful Salisbury road, with a halt at Stockbridge, where Mr. Carey and some of his ringers were waiting to offer welcome. On these light bells, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and some excellent Cambridge Surprise were tapped off. Salisbury was reached for tea about 6.30 p.m., the final tower of the day being St. Martin's. This had a special attraction, as the Rector, Canon W. N. Willson, had been Vicar of Lyme Regis previously. Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung here, in which Messrs. F. Romaine and C. D. Heginbotham, of Salisbury and Devizes fame respectively, joined. Before the departure of the visitors, Canon and Mrs. Willson kindly entertained them with refreshments in the Rectory garden. The last stage of a long day's journey began about 8.45 p.m., and home was reached safely at 11.30.

The Lyme Regis band wish to thank all the incumbents who so willingly opened their towers to them, and also those at the various towers who made ready for them and met them with such friendly welcome.

C. C. C.

A TEN-TOWER DAY.

CHURCH WITH A THATCHED ROOF.

On Saturday, July 1st, the St. Clement's, Ipswich, company of ringers, accompanied by two members from Rushmere St. Andrew, had their annual outing—a motor tour of the Norfolk and Suffolk borderland. Starting at 8 o'clock, the first stop for ringing was made at Thrandeston, where is a ring of six. The next call was at Brockdish, where after a ring on the six the party were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar, and had a look round the Vicarage gardens. Moving on to Starston, the six bells were soon in use. Here again the Vicar was present to welcome them. A short run on to Redenhall completed the programme before dinner. An hour of ringing on the fine ring of eight passed all too soon. Dinner was excellently served at the Magpie Hotel at Harleston. A move was then made to Alburgh, where, however, owing to delay in obtaining the keys, only a short stay could be made, but long enough for all to have some Major. Bungay was the next place for ringing on the eight, but the reversed ringing position caused some trouble at first. Here Mr. Barrell, a member of the local band, had everything ready. The next stop was at Ditchingham to try the recently restored peal of six, which are hung in new iron frames and modern fittings. They proved well worth the visit.

The next call was at Stockton, where is a small church with thatched roof and a round tower with spire. The 'go' of the five bells could hardly be termed excellent, but some 120's were scored with hard work. This, however, was easily compensated for by an invitation by a retired clergyman living at Stockton Hall, and who at one time was connected with St. Clement's and Rushmere, as well as several other nearby churches. Tea was served on the lawn, an ideal spot for such a hot day. Having taken leave of their hosts, the ringers began the return journey via Bungay to Wissett, where hangs a good ring of six in a round tower. Here they were met by Mr. F. Lambert, of Halesworth, who had walked over to meet them. He also travelled to Chediston, the last stopping place. Here the six were made good use of, after which the usual group photograph was taken, which proved quite a success in spite of the late hour of nine o'clock and waning light. Leaving at 9.15, the last stage was via Halesworth to home, which was reached at 10.45, after a most enjoyable day. Ringing took place at 10 towers, the distance covered being over 100 miles.

MUFFLED BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at Irchester on Tuesday evening, July 25th, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. C. Payne, who was laid to rest on the previous Saturday.

Mrs. Payne was the wife of Mr. C. Payne (belfry foreman at Irchester) and mother of Mr. F. Payne, both of whom are members of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and the deepest sympathy is extended to them in the great loss they have sustained. The ringers were R. Payne 1, A. D. Stone 2, W. Dunkley 3, C. Aldridge 4, L. Chapman 5, G. D. Deighton 6, O. Payne (conductor) 7, H. Goosey 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**INVITATION MEETING AT WITHERNSEA.**

An invitation meeting was held at WitherNSEA on Saturday, July 15th, when a good company assembled from the towers of Eastington, Howden, Hull, Patrington and Selby. A variety of ringing took place in Minor and Doubles methods, affording useful practice to several inexperienced ringers. After an interval for tea, the party again ascended the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells, and in reply the local secretary gave those present a cordial welcome, and expressed a desire for such meetings to be held with greater frequency, not only to promote good fellowship and advancement in proficiency, but to stimulate and encourage the members in punctual and regular attendance in service ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A BRADFELD DEANERY REVIVAL.**

The Bradfield Deanery Branch held its summer meeting at Stratley on Saturday, July 8th. This was the first meeting, other than the annual meeting, to be held by the branch for some years, and it is hoped other meetings will be arranged in future. Amongst those present were Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. (the chairman of the branch), Rev. J. Hughes (Vicar of Stratley) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), also representatives from the following belfries: Aldermaston, Abingdon, Basingstoke, Beedon, Bradfield, Caversham, Cholsey, Compton, Exeter, East Isley, Goring, Henley-on-Thames, Peasmore, Reading (St. Laurence's and St. Mary's), Stratley, Tlcale and Wokingham, a total of 43 members.

Rev. J. Hughes conducted the service, assisted by Rev. H. C. Wilder. Tea followed, and a very happy company gathered at the table. The Chairman thanked the Vicar of Stratley for the way he had welcomed the branch, also for his address, and the arrangements made. He also thanked all those who had given assistance and made the meeting a great success.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. Hibbert 1-2, R. Hibbert 3-4, Miss P. Holloway 5-6, E. Caudwell 7-8. The company then dispersed, some going to Goring, where they had the pleasure of ringing on a lovely peal of eight touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples. Other ringers returned to Stratley, and several touches of Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were successfully rung.

The secretary of the branch, Mr. T. W. Palmer, would like to thank all those who turned up from near and far, also those who so ably assisted him, especially Mr. H. Perry and J. Bower, foremen of the Stratley and Goring towers respectively. The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 30th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World' at a later date.

LONDON RINGERS VISIT BERKSHIRE.**TRIBUTE AT GRAVE OF REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.**

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on July 1st. Proceeding to Reading by train, the party were joined by Messrs. J. C. Truss, G. Martin, F. and D. Borcham and F. West, and the journey was then continued by motor coach to Highclere, where the bells, a delightful little peal, were set going to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich. The church stands in beautiful surroundings. Hungerford was the next call, which was reached after a splendid ride through glorious country. Lunch was partaken of at the Plume Hotel, where full justice was done to the good things provided, although one gentleman, calling 'Time' too soon, nearly made the party miss a course. After lunch, they found their way to the tower, when Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round on the nice peal of bells, which go very well indeed.

The next point of the journey was East Garston, to pay tribute at the grave of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Master of the Holborn Guild laid a wreath on the grave, after which the Rector of St. Andrew's offered a prayer. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by the following: C. F. Winney 1-2, J. C. Truss 3-4, G. Martin 5-6, A. A. Hughes 7-8. This little ceremony was most impressive. After a look round the church, the ride was continued to Bucklebury through most delightful country. Here they were met by Mr. Matthews and Miss Stella Davis, who gave the party a hearty welcome. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were all recorded. Tea was served in the Village Hall and much appreciated and enjoyed. The opportunity was taken of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Andrew's for his presence, and his gift of cigars.—The Rector, in reply, said how delighted he was to be with them, and how much he had enjoyed the ride and scenery. Returning to Reading, the Rector was left at the railway station, and the ringers went on to St. Giles' Church, where they were welcomed by Mr. A. W. Osborne. Here the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Afterwards the party proceeded to the Shades to discuss the day's doings, etc. Here they were all delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. Cullin, Mr. C. Gardner and Mr. W. B. Kynaston, of Swindon. The 'Bishop' could not attend. Time flew all too fast, and the 10.15 p.m. train to Paddington conveyed the party safely to London after a happy and glorious day.

A TOUR IN WEST SUFFOLK.**GLORIES OF A PAST AGE.**

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 1st. Favoured by excellent weather, an interesting tour of West Suffolk was carried out by means of a motor coach, a distance of about 190 miles being covered. Leaving Hillingdon at 7.30 a.m., a pleasant drive through Uxbridge, Rickmansworth and Watford, thence by the Great North Road, brought the party to Baldock. Refreshments were eagerly sought upon arrival, and the ringers then visited St. Mary's Church, where excellent use was made of this fine ring of eight, with a tenor of 23 cwt. in D.

Again on the road, the coach sped on its way through pleasant rolling country. Newmarket Heath presented a pretty spectacle, at Bury St. Edmunds, the White Lion was found with difficulty, its unpretentious frontage misleading all. A very plentiful and appetising lunch was disposed of in a workmanlike manner! The old Norman bell tower attached to St. James' Cathedral was then visited. The ringing on this fine ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt., cast in 1736 (incidentally a maiden ring) was greatly enjoyed. Leaving Bury, the main road was forsaken, and the signposts to Lavenham eagerly followed. The past prosperity of East Anglia is shown in a remarkable manner by comparison of church accommodation and the present population. A very striking example is Lavenham, surely one of the finest Perpendicular churches in the country. This church was built in the fifteenth century, mainly through the generosity of a family of clothiers living at Lavenham. It is 200ft. long and 60ft. wide, with a tower, the finest in Suffolk, 141ft. high. The population of Lavenham to-day is 1,620! The bells are indeed worthy of the tower, with a tenor of 23 cwt., cast in 1625 by Miles Graye. The opinion of the visitors, however, was divided as to whether 'its equal cannot be found in England,' as stated on a peal board in the tower! After ringing and enjoying the extensive views from the top of the tower (what a climb!), a reluctant departure was made.

Sudbury, the next stop, possesses three fine churches, all being built or rebuilt in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. St. Gregory's, where the bells were rung, occupies a site of an old wooden Saxon building, which it is thought existed up to the time of the Conqueror. Continuing the journey, Dunmow was reached at 5 p.m., where an enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Angel and Harp. St. Mary's Church was then visited, and the musical ring of bells, tenor 21 cwt., rung. The 6th and 7th were cast about 1600. One item in the church deserves mention. A carpet from the chancel steps to the altar was made by members of the local branch of the Mothers' Union. Several other evidences of local craftsmanship were also to be seen.

The final halt was at Hertford, where the bells of All Saints' (a very fine ring of ten, tenor 25 cwt. in D) had been placed at the disposal of the visitors. This church is the successor to the one burnt down in 1898. After a visit to the shops, on a final souvenir collecting expedition, the last stage of the journey was commenced. Hillingdon was reached soon after 10 p.m., bringing to an end a day of pleasant memories. The methods rung were confined to Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob, but all enjoyed the fine tone of the different bells, and the towers snatchers had a happy day!

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY'S OUTING.**EXCURSION TO NORWICH.**

The Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 3rd, in ideal weather. Leaving at 9 a.m., and proceeding via Newmarket, the first call was made at Mildenhall, and the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, after which touches of Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round. They then moved on to Elvedon, and quite enjoyed ringing on the light peal in the memorial tower. The methods rung here were Stedman Triples, London and Double Norwich.

At Wymondham they were met by Mr. G. Peggall. Hot lunch was served at Underwood's Cafe, and they then proceeded to climb the 92 steps to the belfry. By the time they reached the top they were more than pleased to find the bells 'up.' The methods rung were Stedman, London and Cambridge. Going on to Norwich, they visited St. Peter Mancroft, where they found Mr. G. Howchin awaiting them. The first touch on this glorious peal was Stedman Caters, and afterwards two touches of Stedman Cinques, the visit closing with three leads of Kent Royal. After tea at St. Michael's Coslany, touches of London, Superlative and Stedman were rung, and this completed the ringing of the day. The homeward run was commenced at 7.30, and Walden was reached at 10.30, all agreeing that it had been a good day. The society's thanks are due in the first place to Mr. G. H. Cross for the trouble he took in making most of the arrangements, also to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the steepkeepers for having the bells 'up' at all the towers.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth to preach at the church, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Denyer (Aldershot) 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) 4, G. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st. *St. Mary-le-Bow Cheapside, on the 8th, St. Magnus' on the 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available 4 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, at the Volunteer Inn, 5.30 p.m. —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nell St, Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to St. Andrew's, Holborn, London, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in The Court House, followed by social.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. Edington bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Aug. 5th at Widford (6 bells). Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, 1s. each. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Visitors welcomed. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available all day. Also Wilby (8), Fressingfield (8), Wingfield (6), and Laxfield (6). Tea, 1s. each, at the Queen's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8). — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on August Bank Holiday Monday. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday prior to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at All Saints', Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 9th. Good bells, excellent bowling facilities, beautiful scenery. All ringers and friends welcome.—Claude I. Davies and Norman Brown, Branch Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 9th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, Aug. 12th. St. Aidan's (8), Benfieldside (6) are available from 2 p.m. for the rest of the day. The bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) from 2 to 6. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Warboy on Aug. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Meeting in the National Schools at 5.45 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Mablethorpe on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry afterwards. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? A good meeting hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify Mr. A. Steele, Queen's Villas, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Tuesday, Aug. 8th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Wheatsheaf. Everyone welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Deal on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. L. Ladd, Tormore Cottage, Upper Deal, on or before Thursday, Aug. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Further particulars next week. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to full members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—(Southern Branch).—The summer meeting will be held at Bredon's Norton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Service with an address at 5 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. W. H. B. Yerburch, will provide tea for all those intending to be present. Please oblige by letting me know who is coming by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.—Saturday, Aug. 19th (6 bells). Bells available from 3.30. Tea, Village School, at 5.30. Buses from Watford or St. Albans, or train to King's Langley (1 mile).—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite all ringers and their wives and friends to their Athletic Ground, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 19th. Usual arrangements. Names by Wednesday, Aug. 16th, to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner to commemorate the jubilee of the society will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield has promised to preside. Details later. Please book the date.—H. Knight.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LEEDS.—Practice on the bells of Leeds Parish Church is *cancelled* until further notice.—F. Renton, Hon. Sec., 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds 11.

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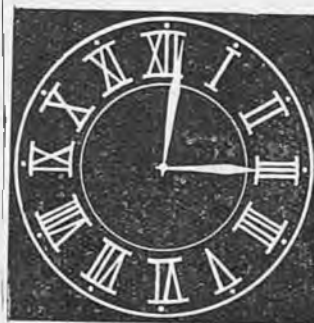
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