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PEAL FOOTNOTES.

There are considerable differences of opinion as to the interest and value attaching to the footnotes which are appended to the reports of peals which appear in our columns. It is true that some conductors are inclined to over-elaborate details when sending their reports for publication, and it is not always easy to discriminate between that which is essential to the completeness of the record and that which is merely superfluous. But that there is a value to some footnotes is beyond question. They mark, for instance, the progress of the ringers, either individually or collectively; they distinguish those performances which are new to the Exercise; they indicate the special occasions for which peals are rung and in all these respects they are of general interest and of value in the compiling of those statistics which appear every year in the report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council. The majority of ringers, we believe, desire to see these footnotes added to peal reports in the briefest form, but there appear to be just a few ringers who, from one cause or another, prefer to omit them entirely. This latter attitude led to a resolution being passed at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild on Saturday that conductors when sending peals to the ringing press should indicate such performances as first peals or first peals in a new method. To what extent this information has been omitted from the reports of peals rung in the past for this particular Guild we do not, of course, know, but it is a matter of general interest, as well as of interest, if not of encouragement, to the individual ringer, that progress should be marked in what may be termed the official records. Moreover, in the essential details, a good deal of trouble is taken to compile accurate statistics which will record the advance and development of the art and the way in which ringers, in the mass, are progressing, but these statistics lose their value when it is known that in some cases the details are omitted from the published reports. Indeed, we have heard the argument advanced that it does not matter about adding these particulars for the benefit of the Analysis, because in any case it cannot be accurate. This, of course, is a fallacy; if everyone was careful always to add the essential particulars, the statistics compiled on behalf of the Council would be complete and accurate to the last detail. What might be more generally avoided, however, is the addition of lengthy footnotes having little bearing on the peal itself, such, for instance, as the fact that after the ringing the ringers were 'entertained to tea' and that 'thanks are due' to those who have given hospitality. Such things have

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no real connection with the peal and thanks could be more politely and appropriately given at the time; while similar acknowledgment to the incumbent for the use of the bells is equally best conveyed privately. A good guide to what should be included in the footnotes of peals is that they should contain nothing that would not be put on a peal board in the tower. Anything beyond this, if of interest, should be the subject of a separate paragraph. Whether some of the occasions recorded as being the reason for ringing the peals are worthy of the honour is another question, but whatever the occasion, if the peal has been definitely arranged for it, it is a detail which is entitled to be recorded. Probably now that the subject has been ventilated, those responsible for peal reports will fall in with the suggestions and, on the one hand, add the essential particulars of first peals, etc., while on the other hand, refrain from giving as part of the peal record, details of matters which have no real relation to the performance.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 2	WILLIAM SHERRATON 6
JOHN A. BROWN 3	ADAM DEAS 7
HERBERT P. CLIFF 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON
This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. William Brown,
who has been a member of the association for fifty years, and who
has completed 51 years' service with the Chester-le-Street Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD H. KING 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* WILLIAM CROSS Treble	† MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	WILLIAM SEBLEY 6
† JOHN V. CROSS 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
JOHN E. ROOTES 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW. †

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

* ROGER CADAMY Treble	GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	WILLIAM CHALK 6
WILLIAM DENT 3	LESLIE J. CLARK 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 95.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
CHARLES LOOME 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
FREDERICK ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 5, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
ERNEST E. DAVIS 2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 6
SIDNEY E. ROMANS 3	GEORGE CONDICK... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung on the eve of Founder's Day.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. ERNEST COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
*WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 2	EDWIN H. FOSTER 6
W. GLYN B. SHAW 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* One hundredth peal. First of Double Oxford for all the band and for the Hereford Guild.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	HAROLD KENT 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the association. Rung at the first attempt without any practice.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
WILLIAM J. WACEY 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
RUSSELL W. CURSON... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This 49-course composition, containing all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course ends, without the 2nd in 5-6 or the 3rd in 6th's, is now rung for the first time. A farewell peal to W. B. Duncan, who leaves Salle to take up duties as stationmaster at Worstead.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JABEZ PREECE Treble	ALFRED GOODING... .. 4
HARRY J. CHANDLER 2	TREVOR JONES 5
LEWIS JONES... .. 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by A. GOODING.

Rung as a compliment to Harry Chandler, of the Royal Navy, who was home on leave.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ARTHUR WATTS Treble	CHARLES E. BASSETT 4
PERCIVAL W. FISHER... .. 2	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT 5
ARTHUR H. FISHER 3	*PERCIVAL L. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. Rung with four changes of method.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8lb.	
*REGINALD TIPLER Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY... .. 2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN 5
†HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. 3	HORACE V. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Iris Rowley, daughter of the conductor.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.	
MISS E. C. BAREHAM Treble	BERT COCK 4
*CECIL CORDER 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE 5
*CHARLES A. WEAVERS 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. C. RIPPINGALE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on tower bells for Miss Bareham. First peal of Minor as conductor. This peal was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Miss Winifred Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, to Mr. William Everitt, of Sible Hedingham, the bride being the sister of Mr. Olave E. Broyd, well known as a ringer and conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 1st, for the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,313 changes): J. W. Faithful (conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, N. Curtis 3, A. E. Newman (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Smith 5, A. Butler 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, R. Brown 9, J. Elliott 10.

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LINCOLN.
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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	HAROLD MARCON 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 9-10
FRANK LORD 5-6	GEORGE W. CREASEY 11-12

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
First peal of Cinques 'in hand,' by all the band and for the Guild.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
IN THE GROUNDS AT THE INSTITUTE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5046 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 1-2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3-4

*G. F. D. PRATT 5-6

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

Witness—Mrs. Saunders.

* First peal. Especially arranged to enable J. W. Humphries to ring a peal before leaving the neighbourhood to take a position in London.

N.U.T.G. ON THE WAR PATH.

A WEEK-END IN SOUTH BUCKS.

Seeking new towers and heavy tenors, six members of the N.U.T.G. Association journeyed into South Bucks on bicycles the other day. The first call was Little Missenden. They were welcomed by the Vicar and local foreman, the Vicar kindly showing them round the church and explaining the wonderful collection of mural paintings, the finest the writer has seen. Then into the tower to ring Grand-sire Doubles and Stedman on the good going peal of five (tenor 11 cwt.). After one of the band had mended a puncture and another had collected some postcards, a move was made to the chief attraction of the day, Great Missenden, with the second heaviest peal of six in the county (tenor 26½ cwt.). The bells being up, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 28 minutes: W. H. Gutteridge 1, R. Darville 2, F. J. Bolton, jun., 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, F. Corke 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. All admired the fine tone of the bells, which go remarkably well for their weight. Afterwards a course of Cambridge, with Mr. Higgin, the only change ringer in the parish, taking part. Tea time had arrived, and a good spread awaited the party in the village, and was soon demolished! Then a move was made to Chesham. A good-going peal of six (tenor 17½ cwt.) was soon going to 720 of Bob Minor, but after 10 minutes' ringing the second rope broke. A new one was put in, but there was only time for 108 Bob Minor before lowering the bells for eight o'clock service. The home-ward journey was begun, and to fill up time a 'short notice' call was made at Amersham, but several of the band feeling a bit tired the 720 did not go down well and 'went up' after about 15 minutes. The ringing finished with a course of Cambridge Minor, with Mr. Ayres, a local man, taking part. And so to bed!

Sunday morning was the beginning of a nice day, and the writer had the pleasure of ringing at Farnham Royal and of meeting Mr. J. J. Parker, of '12 part' fame. On Sunday afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at Chalfont St. Peter (tenor 11½ cwt.) was rung, and in the evening touches of Kent and Oxford at Chalfont St. Giles (tenor 11 cwt.). The last ringing of the day was 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor at Fulmer (tenor 7½ cwt.) after the evening service by *A. P. Cannon 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, *R. J. Darville 3, F. J. Bolton, jun., 4, *C. Nicholls 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Surprise Minor. A touch of Kent Treble Bob closed the ringing, and the end of a very pleasant week-end was reached. Mr. A. P. Cannon would like to thank all those who rang in the touches with him and the local captains for granting permission for the bells.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ALFRED WAITES.

A WELL-KNOWN OLDHAM RINGER.

The death took place on Monday, July 2nd, of Mr. Alfred Waites, of Oldham, under tragic circumstances; he was found dead at his place of employment.

Mr. Alfred Waites had been a ringer at Oldham Parish Church for over 30 years, and was a regular service ringer up to the last, having rung for service on the day previous to his death. Never a keen peal ringer, he was, nevertheless, justly proud of the peals in which he had taken part at the Parish Church. He is the only ringer who has rung the Oldham tenor through the peal of Triples, Caters and Cinques. Of a quiet disposition, but of rather a forceful nature, his absence will be keenly felt by his brother ringers.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Hollingwood cemetery, the Vicar (Canon Mackintosh) officiating. The bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege approached the church and after the funeral service. After the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. Lees, H. Barlow, V. Sykes and C. H. Marsland. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Oldham bells by: A. Waites (son of deceased) 1, B. Thorpe (Ashton) 2, J. Ogden 3, S. Holt (Middletown) 4, J. Lees 5, V. Sykes (conductor) 6, H. Barlow (Glodwick) 7, F. Buckley 8.

SUDBURY BELLS DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The diamond jubilee of the opening of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Sudbury, Suffolk, as a ring of eight, was celebrated on July 1st with a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,230 changes) rung for evening service by W. Lee 1, H. Herbert 2, C. W. F. Clarke 3, D. Felton 4, A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. E. Slater 8. Mr. Slater's father rang at the opening of the bells on June 23th, 1874. After evensong a touch of Bob Major was rung in which Mr. M. Silvester took part. He was present at the opening in 1874.

TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR.

THE METHOD. 5,152 BY A. J. PITMAN.

12345678 W. M. H. 23456

21436587 — — — 64235

12463857 — — — 26435

21648375 — — — 42635

26143857 — — — 56423

62418375 — — — 45623

62143857 — — — 64523

26418375 — — — 26545

24681357 — — — 42563

42863175 — — — 54326

42681357 — — — 34625

24863175 — — — 23645

42683715 — — — 62534

24867351 — — — 52436

28463715 — — — 35426

82647351 — — — 43652

28463751 — — — 63254

82647315 — — — 56234

68427315 — — — 23664

86247135 — — — 52364

68421753 — — — 35264

68247135 — — — 42356

86421753 — — — 34256

84612735 — — — 23456

48167253

48612735

84167253

81462735

18647253

81674523

18765432

18874523

Bob 17864523

This method is Carter's No. 4, and a peal was rung for the first time on May 29th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, by the Middlesex County Association.

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BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is strange the tricks that one's memory plays. If Mr. James had not written to the contrary I should have said that he paid me a visit after some peal ringing in Brighton or neighbourhood.

It is quite certain I have no recollection of pressing him to visit me, and further, 'a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.'

I had, previous to his call on me, been convinced by his letters that nothing would make him agree to the fact, accepted by sixteen other composers, that a method does not necessarily have the same lead-head when extended to the higher numbers. Mr. James' description, in 1922, was 'they are Oxford extensions,' an old, old cry that had long before been applied to the proper extension of Double Norwich Major to Royal and Maximus.

It is true that when he did call on me I tried to show him my reasons for saying that Arthur Craven's extension of Bristol Major to Royal and Maximus were correct extensions, and with your kind permission I will once more try to show him and the Exercise my reasons for saying so.

Mr. James and everyone who knows Bristol Major will agree that the following ten changes of Major are the first ten changes of that method:—

12345678	1234567890
21436587	2143658790
12346857	1234685079
21438675	2143860597
24136857	2413685079
42316587	4231658709
24135678	2413567890
42315768	4231576980
24351786	2435179608
23457168	2345716980

There is no getting away from the fact that the interior place-making is the same in both Major and Royal, and if the Royal is to be a double method without any padding or alteration all one has to do is to reverse the previous place-making.

I was one of the band who rang the first peal of Bristol Major, and from what Mr. James writes in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' one is led to suppose that the method has double dodging at the beginning and ending of a lead, hence the figures that he supplies us with as Bristol Maximus. Any Maximus that does not conform to the characteristics of the Major and Royal is no true extension.

Mr. Craven's extension of Bristol Major to Royal and Maximus are perfect extensions.

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION WELCOMES NEW MASTER.**

The Northern Division of the Essex Association held a meeting at Colne Engaine on Saturday week, 33 ringers being present from the following towers: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Colne Engaine, Colchester, Braintree, Bocking, Sible Hedingham, Great Bentley, Brentwood, Springfield, Dunmow, Gestingthorpe and Broomfield. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and later a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Chilton, M.V.O., D.D.). The lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The Rector, in his address, gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and said he was pleased to see what splendid work the association was doing for the Church in having these meetings and services in the church.

An excellent tea was arranged at the Village Hall by Mrs. Hines. Miss Courtauld and the Rector both visited the Hall to welcome the ringers, but regretted they were unable to stay to tea.

The business meeting was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), supported by the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield).

Mr. F. Townes and Mr. S. Genery, of Colne Engaine, were elected ringing members, and Great Easton was selected for the next place of meeting on September 15th.

The District Master gave a hearty welcome to the new Master (Mr. Duffield), and proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his excellent address; also to Mr. Pudney, who kindly presided at the organ; and the ladies who prepared the tea.—Mr. L. W. Wiffen associated himself with these remarks, and complimented Colne Engaine ringers on the great strides and success they had achieved.

Mr. Duffield, in reply, said he was very pleased to visit this division; he felt sure there was not quite that vitality and enthusiasm in any other division, and he was pleased to see such a happy gathering (applause).

Touques were then rung on handbells, and afterwards some returned to the tower, whilst others proceeded to Earls Colne, where the Vicar (the Rev. O. L. Martin) was pleased to allow them the use of the bells for the evening.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**STOCKPORT BRANCH VISIT BUXTON.**

Glorious weather greeted members of the Stockport Branch and their friends, representing Denton, Disley, Fairfield, Hyde, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Marple, New Mills, Reddish and Taxal, at the quarterly meeting held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday last. Although the attendance was not so large as might have been expected, a rumour has reached us that there was a cricket match at Old Trafford, so mayhap some members followed the wrong crowd accidentally and arrived at the match in error.

The bells, which were set in motion promptly at three o'clock, were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Jack Barton, who had been leader of the local band for over 20 years, and had passed away during that week.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. Saunders Williams, conducted the service, and in his very interesting address used as his text 'Jesu be our speed,' which was the inscription on two of the bells at the old 'plague' village of Eyam, where he had been Vicar previously.

An excellent tea was served in the new Parish Hall.

The Vicar presided over a short business meeting, and said how pleased he was to be able to welcome the Guild to Buxton. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

Although there are only six bells at Fairfield at present, they are hung with room for eight, and it is hoped that the time is not far distant when the octave will be completed.

A FAREWELL TO MANCHESTER.**MR. DAVID VINCENT'S DEPARTURE.**

On Sunday, July 8th, Mr. David Vincent bade farewell to Manchester ringers, preparatory to taking up residence at Haxby, York.

Mr. Vincent, who is well known in many associations both for his capabilities as ringer and his ever genial nature, went to Manchester about two years ago, since when he has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact, and his departure will be a loss to the branch and the association.

For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsize Triples (the first quarter of Holt's Original) was rung at Flixton Parish Church (where Mr. Vincent has been a regular Sunday service ringer during his stay in Manchester), as a farewell touch, and also for the church anniversary: Miss E. Collier 1, D. Vincent (conductor) 2, L. Rickard 3, D. Brown (branch secretary) 4, G. Mason 5, J. H. Collier 6, J. Baguley 7, R. Thomas 8.

After service Mr. Vincent was the recipient of the good wishes of the Rector of the parish and the local ringers, and later of members of the branch at a ringers' gathering in the city.

In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Vincent thanked the ringers of Flixton and the branch for the warm welcome extended to him on his arrival in the city and for the many pleasant little events in connection with ringing, which he had stored in his memory, during his stay in Manchester. He was sorry to have to leave, but hoped he would some day meet them all again.

Farewells and handshakes were exchanged as 'the last bus left for home.'

HILLINGDON RINGERS GO WEST.

The Hillingdon Branch of the 'Tower Snatchers' Union' held a most successful expedition on Saturday, July 7th. What a day it was—glorious weather, excellent food, and seven 'captures'!

A start was made soon after 7.30 a.m., and after picking up 'Corkie', the R.M., and some lads and lassies in Uxbridge, the Bath Road was quickly reached. A diversion was created by the radiator of the coach giving forth beautiful fountains of boiling water. No casualties, however.

Messrs. Curtis and Barber welcomed the party at Newbury, and the ringing was much enjoyed. Bishop's Cannings came next, the Vicar waiting for the visitors and expressing his pleasure at their visit. A first-class lunch was disposed of (should it be 'devoured'?) at the Elm Tree, Devizes, a place to be highly recommended. Mr. Hillier took the ringers to St. John's, where a half hour's ringing was enjoyed. Melksham, with a long draught of rope, proved a handful to some, but the 'secretary bloke' kindly saved their reputations by breaking a rope! At Calne, the high spot of the day's ringing was achieved when some 'spliced' Grandsize and Stedman was rung with the tenor ringing Bristol! The conductor's fault (of course!) and 'Corkie' was requested in the future to announce the method as well as 'Go!' Father Time robbed the party of some good ringing at Swindon, where the visit to the Parish Church was short and sweet. Tea was served in the cool shelter of the King's Arms, where the only complaint registered was that the drink was too hot!

Last on the list came Abingdon, where the ten were rung to three or four methods. A brief halt in Wycombe, to wet the proverbial whistles (and a good tune they played afterwards, too!), and home was reached soon after ten o'clock.

Through the medium of this paper, the sincere thanks of the visitors are extended to Messrs. West (Melksham), Weston (Calne), Bishop (Swindon), and Lock (Abingdon), as well as to those mentioned previously, for their valuable assistance in the arranging and completion of the day's programme.

TRANSPOSITION OF TREBLE BOB.

WHY TRANSPOSED PEALS ARE TRUE.

A correspondent recently put to us the question, 'If I take the composition of a peal of Treble Bob—a method in which there can be internal falseness—and start the calling at some point other than that put down by the composer, thus producing different lead ends, will the variation necessarily be true?'

Instead of dismissing the inquiry with a brief affirmative reply, we submitted the question to one of the greatest authorities on Treble Bob composition and intended to give the answer over his name. However, he prefers, as will be seen from the concluding 'dedication' of his article, to remain anonymous.

First, says our authority, imagine a circle, round the circumference of which, standing out like the spokes of a wheel from a hub, are the nine lead-heads of the familiar bobbed course of Treble Bob:—

A 2345678
B 4263857
C 6423857 —
D 2684735
8276543
7826543 —
2758364
5237486
3527486 —

A 2345678

On our circle, 2345678, of course, appears only once.

Now, from A (rounds) through B, C, etc., back to A, there is no repetition of rows.

Similarly from B (4263857) through C, D, etc., back to B, there is no repetition.

And so on.

If instead of Rounds at A you place there any other row that you choose—say, 18765432, and from it write out a touch with the same calling, then you have:—

at A 18765432
at B 16847253
at C 14687253 —
at D 18426375, and so on.

The actual rows, all 288 of them, will be different; but the composition of the touch being the same there can be no repetition of rows from A round the circle to A again, or from B to B, etc.

RULE.—Whatever row you place at A, the same calling gives a true touch, which remains true, and the same if you make B or C or any other lead your starting point.

Now place at A the row 13527486, and write out the same touch from that row. At B, a plain lead, you get rounds; at C, with a bob, you get 14235678; at D, a plain lead, you get 3462857; and so on.

Obeying the rule above, make B your starting point, and the result, written out in the ordinary way, is:—

2345678
4235678 —
3462857
6384725
8634725 —
3876542
7358264
5738264 —
3527486

2345678

This is the original touch (or familiar bobbed course) begun at the second lead.

Similarly, you may put Rounds at C with 14537286 at A, which is the same touch begun at the third lead, as follows:—

2345678
4263857
8482735
8642735 —
4876523
7458382
5748382 —
4537286
3425678

2345678 —

We can now put the rule already reached into another form, thus:—

RULE.—In any true composition, Rounds may be placed at any point, and the result will remain true.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH VISIT WARMINSTER.

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on Saturday, July 7th. The bells at the Minster Church of St. Denys were set going at three o'clock. The hot weather seemed to have an effect upon the attendance, which was not so good as usual, about 26 being present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bellars (Vicar), with Mr. Siminon at the organ, after which all adjourned to the Magnet Cafe, where a good tea was provided.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman) presided, and extended a welcome to the visiting ringers.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Bratton on July 28th, at the invitation of the Vicar, for the opening of the restored peal of six bells and the September meeting at Upavon.

The Vicar having to leave early expressed his pleasure in having the meeting of the branch at Warminster, and assured members of a welcome at any time.

An apology was received from Rev. F. Li. Edwards (general secretary).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Vicar for taking the service and for use of the bells; also to the organist and the caterers.

The towers represented were Bratton, St. John's, Devizes, St. James', Southbroom, Trowbridge, Melksham, Rowde, Warminster, Westbury, Longbridge Deverell, and visitors from Mere, Kingston Magna, Buckland Newton, Radstock, Chewton Mendip and Bath. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Minor, and Grandsire Doubles. The bells at Sutton Veny and Horningsham were open in the evening and were visited by most of the ringers, both peals of six being in good order and the ringing on them enjoyed by all.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

An enjoyable gathering was held at Lavenham on Saturday, June 30th, two ringing events being combined, namely, the 123rd 'Ring-ing Day' at Lavenham, and a district meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from Assington, Bildeston, Buxhall, Fimborough, Groton, Long Melford, Little Walsingham, Monks Eleigh, Newton, Rattlesden, Sudbury, Shipley (Yorks), Thorington (Essex), and Trumpington (Cambs).

Tea was partaken of at the Old Ten Shop, followed by a short business meeting, the Rev. Preb. M. Fountain Page (Rector) presiding, supported by the district secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds) and Mr. H. Herbert, secretary for the Sudbury district. The Rector was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Mr. T. A. King, of Shipley, Yorks, was elected a life member.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells.

In reply the Chairman said it gave him much pleasure to have the Guild at Lavenham, especially on the anniversary of Lavenham's augmented peal. He fully recognised the spirit of enthusiasm that existed amongst ringers, and also the great service they rendered to the church. He hoped the Guild would visit Lavenham many times.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Preston in July, to be followed by another at Monks Eleigh in September.

The Secretary asked for good support at these two meetings.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Double Norwich Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

(Continued from previous column.)

Or:—

RULE.—The truth of a composition is never affected by beginning the calling at a different place.

I cannot refrain from a short dissertation on 'the importance of rounds.' Of course, all practical change ringing in the tower begins and ends with rounds, as a matter of convenience to the ringers, and for the sake of musical effect. But it need not be so. The bells might be pulled off in 'Queen's' or 'Tittums,' and go off from 'Queen's' or 'Tittums' into changes, coming back to 'Queen's' or 'Tittums' at the end. Or even the bells might be so hung that when the ropes were pulled off in consecutive order the bells sounded in 'Queen's' or 'Tittums.' Then 'rounds' would occur somewhere in the middle of a peal of Triples, and would never occur at all in an ordinary composition of Major. But this would not affect the truth of what was rung. For the composer rounds is of no more importance than any other row—654321 or ZYXWVU will do just as well for him. He takes rounds as his starting point as a mere matter of convenience, like the ringer in the tower. But his block of changes, be it 720 or 5,040 or 7,777, is true if it contains no repetitions, and that though rounds occur in the middle, or even not at all. One consideration, however, does bind him. If he wishes his peals to be rung he must arrange his 'true and complete' 5,000's so that the practical ringer can go off into them from rounds and find himself ringing rounds again when his job is finished.

This little essay is dedicated to some stalwarts of the Central Council by

'MINOR RINGER No. 0.'

RINGWOOD BELLS RESTORED.**ANOTHER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF THE BARRON BELL TRUST.**

In the presence of a large congregation, including 30 to 40 visiting ringers, the restored ring of eight bells at Ringwood, Hants, was rededicated by the Vicar, the Very Rev. R. O. P. Taylor, on Sunday, July 1st. The service opened with the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England.'

Following the singing of the Magnificat, the service of dedication took place in the nave beneath the tower. Mr. F. Hopkins, senior trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, handed a bell rope (which was attached to the tenor bell) to the Vicar, saying: 'In the name of the Barron Bell Trust I convey this restored peal of bells and their appurtenances to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens of Ringwood.' The prayers of dedication then followed, and as the last 'Amen' was uttered, the bells pealed out, rung by members of the local band.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the beauty of bells, and explained how, through the hearing of Shannon bells, a lady, Miss E. Barron, founded the trust to which Ringwood owed its thanks for the restoration of its bells.

At the conclusion of the service the bells took the place of the organ by ringing while the choir and clergy left the church, this being carried out by six officers of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and two officers of the Salisbury Guild, who rang a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

At the tea which followed, the Vicar expressed his gratitude to the Barron Bell trustees, and also spoke a word of welcome to the visiting ringers.

Mr. Hopkins said that he was glad to see that the gifts of the trust gave so much delight among ringers.

A move was afterwards made to the belfry, and the bells were rung by visiting ringers from Christchurch, Portsmouth, Fareham, North Stoneham, Crawley, Winchester, Bishopstoke, Southampton, Botley, Poole, Salisbury, Wareham, by members of the local band, and by Mr. Martin Stewart, Ferndown, and Mr. W. Shute, from somewhere in North Dorset, to methods ranging from Graudsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The bells, three of which, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, have been recast and the rest retuned, now make a very fine ring of eight. They have been rebung in new fittings and ball bearings on the existing frame, and everyone present agreed that Messrs. Taylor and Co. had again left their mark in the form of a first-class job.

W. E. C.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS' OUTING.

Members of the Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 2nd, the weather being ideal. Travelling by motor coach via Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds, the first call was made at Stowmarket, where touches of Stedman Triples, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. The party then proceeded to Woodbridge, where hot lunch was served at the Sun Hotel. Afterwards the party went to the fine Parish Church, where they were met by Mr. J. Trotman. The bells were soon set going, the methods rung being Stedman Triples, London, Cambridge and Superlative. The journey was then continued to Felixstowe, where a few enjoyable hours were spent beside the sea.

On the return journey a call was made at Ipswich, where the party was met by Messrs. G. Symonds, C. J. Sedgely and several other ringing friends of the St. Mary-le-Tower band. Touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Maximus were rung on this fine peal.

The homeward journey was continued at 8.45, and Saffron Walden was reached at 11.30 p.m., after a most delightful outing.

The society would like to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and also those members of the Ipswich band who so kindly met them and helped to make the ringing so enjoyable.

CALL IT A DAY.

On Saturday, June 30th, the Helmingham band held their annual outing. They left St. Mary's Church at 6.30 a.m. for a day among Essex towers. Witham was the first call, and then they went on to Brentwood, where they were joined by Mr. E. J. Butler, who kindly acted as guide for the day. At The Retreat, Chigwell Row, Mrs. Richardson had an excellent hot lunch prepared, and after this had been disposed of a move was made to the tower, where a few courses were rung before going on to Woodford, Romford and Hornchurch. Tea at the King's Head Hotel was greatly appreciated, after which a pleasant hour was spent in ringing St. Andrew's bells. On the return journey the guide was left at Romford, and home reached about midnight. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise, and a course of an unnamed method at Hornchurch. The band wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all towerkeepers for having everything in readiness and the clergy for giving permission to ring, and, last but not least, Mr. E. J. Butler for his great help in arranging the route and making this one of the best outings the band has ever had.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting which was to have been held at Everleigh to-morrow, by the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, has been postponed.

Mr. Maurice Smith, of Banbury, thanks all ringers for their kind inquiries and messages of sympathy in his illness. He is now discharged from St. George's Hospital.

The prize-winning numbers in the draw in connection with the Newington Church Tower Restoration Fund are 259, 545 and 614. Holders should forward their tickets with full postal address to Mr. T. Jull, 14, Station Road, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has no fewer than 78 honorary members, whose subscriptions last year amounted to £16 15s.—£6 14s. more than the contributions of the ringing members!

The Portsmouth District spent £5 and the Winchester District £4 4s. on assistance to towers.

At the opening of the bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on July 18th, 1798, the College Youths rang a peal of 5,184 Grandsire Cinques.

THE MOST TRAVELLED BELL IN HISTORY.

NOW IN INCHCAPE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

A bell with a history has been hung in the bell turret of the Inchcape Memorial Chapel, at the Royal Merchant Seaman's Orphanage, Bear-Wood, Wokingham, Berks.

The bell, dedicated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham on Wednesday, July 4th, was formerly on the R.M.S. 'Britannic,' which steamed between 1874 and 1903 2,232,989 miles, and carried 416,124 passengers and troops. The bell will be used for all divine services.

There is also a magnificent organ installed in the chapel.

W. H. H.

'GREAT RINGING DAY' AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

VICAR'S INSTRUCTIONS ON ANCIENT BELLS.

The 311th anniversary of Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day' was, by the kind permission of the Vicar, held on Saturday, June 30th. Visitors came from all parts and included Mr. E. P. Duffield (Colchester), Master of the Essex Association, Mr. G. Dent, Master of North-Western District, Essex Association, Messrs. A. P. E. W. E. W. Eye (Leytontone), G. Lucas (Tottenham), T. Jordan (Stansted), J. Ward (Melbourn), T. Obinary (Cambridge), B. Buttress (Fulbourne), F. Hurry (Sawston), P. Webb (Icklestone), R. King (Royston), — Barnard (Braughing), and others.

The bells were kept going most of the morning till 12.30, when the usual festival service was held. The Vicar (Rev. L. Hughes, M.A., D.D.) conducted the service and preached a most interesting sermon on the life of St. Dunstan, the patron saint of bellringers.

Hot lunch was served at the King's Arms, the chair being taken by Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Master). In a short speech the Chairman welcomed the visitors and thanked the Vicar for his very interesting sermon.

In his reply the Vicar said he had received instructions that in future no ancient bell was to be recast, but instead was to be welded. If it was not welded it was to be preserved and a new one cast in its place.

In replying for the visitors, Mr. E. P. Duffield said how pleased he and all visitors were to be at Saffron Walden, and thought that the festival should have further advertisement and, in his opinion, a lot could be done at the annual meeting of the Essex Association. He was very impressed by the Vicar's sermon, and thought that a full report should be sent to 'The Ringing World,' as it would be of the greatest interest to every ringer in the country.

The toast of 'The Saffron Walden Society' was proposed by Mr. G. Dent, seconded by Mr. A. P. E.

The bells were afterwards kept going during the afternoon and evening until 8.30 p.m., when most of the company retired to the Cross Keys Hotel, where the day ended with a social gathering.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETING.

Over thirty members and visitors turned up at Redenhall on Saturday on the occasion of the general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross (Barnehurst) and representatives from Diss, Garboldisham, Pulham, Bungay, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Loddon, Stoke Ash, Hethersett, Wymondham, St. Margaret's, Norwich, and the local band took part in ringing a variety of methods from Stedman Triples and Bob Major to Cambridge, Superlative, Norfolk and London Surprise.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. L. Duffield, the branch chairman, Mr. George H. Cross, was elected to the chair. The routine business was soon disposed of; the date of the next meeting fixed on September 29th—a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild, if possible, at Thetford—and votes of thanks to Mr. Churchwarden Davey for his welcome, and the Rev. R. H. Tippon for the use of the bells.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES DISTRICT FUNDS.**

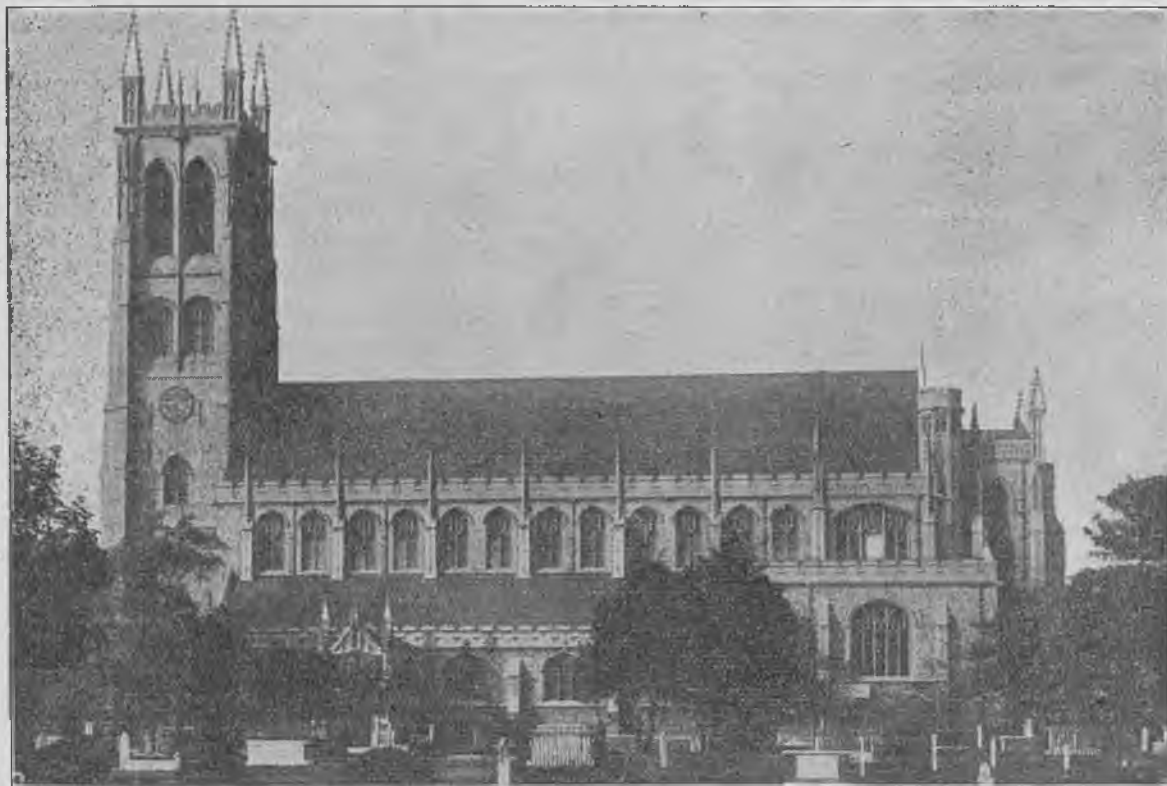
The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Portsca, on Saturday. There was brilliant weather, which might have offered a strong inducement to visiting members to tarry by the sea, but they turned up in considerable numbers for the business meeting held in the afternoon in the Parish Institute. The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, supported by the hon. treasurer (Rev. Evan Jones) and the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers). Members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Dibden, Fareham, Godshill (Isle of Wight), Highclere, North Stoneham, Overton, Portsea, Portsmouth, Petersfield, Ryde and Sandown (Isle of Wight), Southampton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford, Ventnor (Isle of Wight), and Wickham, with visitors from Brighton and Woking.

The meeting was to have been held at Petersfield, but the hon. secretary explained that the Vicar of Petersfield was sorry it was not

The hon. treasurer submitted the accounts, which had been printed. In the treasurer's account there was a balance of £59 15s. 9d. from 1932 and £72 12s. 9d. received from the eight districts; £30 10s. was transferred to the general purposes fund, £7 to the general secretary's account, and £31 16s. 5d. disbursed in the general expenses, leaving a balance of £62 2s. 9d. in the bank and 19s. 4d. in hand. The general purposes fund, which forms a deposit account, began the year with a balance of £35 4s. 10d. It had been added to by the transfer of £30 10s. from the general account and 7s. 3d. interest. £2 2s. had been given to a restoration scheme at Ryde and £2 2s. to Leckford, leaving £62 8s. 1d. in the bank. The hon. secretary's fund had a balance of £3 16s. 7½d. in hand.

Mr. G. Pullinger suggested they were not getting sufficient interest on their deposit account, and thought they should transfer some of the money to the Post Office Savings Bank, where they would get 2½ per cent. and the money would be on easy call if wanted.

The Treasurer said they might have less money at their disposal later on if the motion on the agenda was carried. It had also been suggested in committee that they might spend more in propaganda.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSEA.

Of cathedral-like proportions; externally it is faced with flints.

convenient to go there that day as he would be away on his holidays and the curate had left the parish. The alternate vote at the last meeting had been for Portsmouth, but the arrangements in connection with the Cathedral Pilgrimage had made it impossible to go there. The Vicar of St. Mary's, however, readily granted them permission to hold the meeting at Portsea. The secretary also mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from a number who were unable to attend.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Master in his report said the Guild might well congratulate the district officers on the financial position. The 50 per cent. paid over to the hon. treasurer for the year must be a record one, viz., £72 12s. 9d. Although the number of active members was slightly down, this was made up for by additional life and honorary members. The increase in finance seemed to imply that the smaller districts worked more efficiently. Bell augmentation and restoration went on steadily. The addition of two trebles to the fine ring of eight at St. Mary's, Southampton (given by the Barron Bell Trust) had made a magnificent ring of ten, and other jobs were in progress. The Guild's thanks were again due to the trust for the kind consideration of the applications made to them. Thanks were also due to the various incumbents for readily placing their bells at the disposal of the Guild during a week's ringing tour in September last; to the whole of the officers for a successful year's work; and to the life and hon. members for their support.

It was decided to place £30 of the balance in the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of the Master and hon. treasurer of the Guild as trustees.

The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc, Mr. Pullinger, who proposed this, remarking that they had a good lot, and it would be a mistake to change them.—Mr. Tucker seconded, and added the thanks of the Guild to the officers for their services.—The Master and hon. secretary briefly replied. The latter said he did not try to please everybody, but if he had displeased anyone he hoped he had not hurt them too much.

The executive officers are: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE LESS.

Mr. Pullinger proposed that rule 8 be altered to reduce the contribution of the districts to the general fund from 50 per cent. to 40 per cent. of the contributions of honorary and ringing members. He said when the Guildford people broke away from the old Guild and formed a Guild of their own, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild decided to form smaller districts, the 50 per cent. contribution to the general fund was looked upon as an experimental figure. He considered the time had now arrived when they could reduce the amount of that contribution and so keep more money in the districts, where it could be spent with advantage to the Guild, by enabling the districts to do more work. They would be able to do more in making

grants for restoration work and show those whom they were trying to interest that they were not out to take all the time, but that they were willing and ready to give. He did not think the reduction of ten per cent. would, in the long run, make much difference to the central fund, for he believed it would be made up by an increased membership. The money retained by the districts would be spent in the districts, and he thought the Guild as a whole would benefit by it.—Mr. Stone seconded.

Mr. W. T. Tucker said this proposal would make the rich districts richer, but would not do much to help the small districts. He would like to see their funds centralised, and in any case he did not think a district should retain a balance of more than £3 at the end of any year. The district balances ought to be paid over to the treasurer and invested.

Mr. W. Linter supported this view.

Mr. Pullinger said the districts used to pay over their balances under the old rule, but while some sent in 67 or 70 per cent. others sent far more and contributed much less to the central fund. Under the present rules they all contributed the same percentage, and that must be fair. It was up to every district to make itself solvent. He was against centralising the funds. They wanted 'home rule' for the districts, and if they centralised the money they took away the power of the districts, and the districts would lose interest.

The Hon. Treasurer thought they ought to give more instead of less power to the districts. He thought it would be a tremendous help. He believed the work of the Guild was greatly stimulated where they were able to make small grants for restoration work, and some districts could do a lot because they had a good deal of money. He thought those districts that had the money ought to spend more in advancing the work of the Guild, and he supported the resolution.

The Master said the executive committee at their meeting that morning unanimously supported the resolution.

The Treasurer thought their rules might be amended so that small districts in need of money might be able to get help from the general fund.

The motion was carried nem con.

Mr. L. Dudaid, St. Mary's, Portsca, and Mr. A. A. Walsgrove, North Stoneham, were elected members of the Guild.

Basingstoke was selected for the next annual meeting, with Southampton as the alternative place.

The Hon. Secretary read the letter received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with reference to the scheme for sending to Australia albums of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches. He said the Guild would be honoured by having two of its members in the party who were going to Melbourne, the Rev. E. Bankes James and Mr. W. Linter, and the scheme should therefore specially appeal to the Guild. It had been discussed by the committee, who thought they ought to give it hearty support, but, in order that no unpleasantness should arise as to the towers selected, they suggested it should be restricted to the two cathedrals.

At the request of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave further details of the scheme, and on the motion of Mr. G. Pullinger the committee's recommendation to present photographs of Winchester and Portsmouth Cathedrals was agreed to.

A GIFT TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master, as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, briefly reported on the meeting at Warwick and, referring to the motion with regard to the falling-off in 'first pealers,' said Mr. Atkins, the mover, told a very doleful tale and seemed to have been canvassing the grumblers in his district. He (Mr. Williams) was able to tell the Council what was happening in their own Guild.

Mr. W. Barton, another representative, in a written report said to his mind the most useful feature of the Council's work was the opportunities which the meetings afforded of informal discussions between representatives of the different guilds and associations upon matters affecting the Exercise as a whole, and upon methods relative to the organisation and management of ringing bodies both diocesan and parochial. He did not think the time spent in discussing Mr. Atkins' motion was wasted. It brought out many interesting expressions of opinions, and Mr. Williams' remarks at the meeting adequately expressed the point of view of their own Guild.

Mr. G. Pullinger, who also attended the meeting, called attention to the fact that the Council desired to collect the county bell histories for the library. He thought it would be nice if that Guild would present to the Council a copy of the history of the bells of Hampshire, written by the late Rev. W. E. Colchester. It was not complete, but it was the only book there was.—Major Stilwell seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr. W. Noice (secretary of the Winchester District) wrote pointing out that it was proposed to erect a memorial in the Cathedral to Canon Madge, who was one of the founders of the Winchester Guild, and suggesting that the Guild should give a donation. It was resolved that a sum of one guinea be contributed.

The Master said it would be open to the Guild to do something independently. He would like to see some memorial to Canon Madge worthy of the Guild in the tower.

Mr. B. J. Snow (hon. secretary, Isle of Wight District) proposed that a grant of five guineas be given to the bell restoration at Godshill, Isle of Wight. They had there a very keen band of twelve ringers, and it was hoped that while the old six bells were being re-

stored two additional pits would be provided in the new iron frame, so that trebles could be added in the future.

The Master said the committee recommended this grant, and the meeting agreed to it.

A recommendation was carried that first peals, first peals in a new method, etc., should be shown by conductors when sending reports of peals to the ringing Press.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' was welcomed by the Master, and he was thanked for his attendance, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Tucker, who took the opportunity of urging all ringers to become subscribers to the paper.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO RINGERS.

This terminated the business, and the members then attended service in St. Mary's Church, the Guild Office being conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt).

The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. E. N. Lovett), who, speaking from the floor of the church, said he was very pleased to see such a large gathering in view of the other events taking place in the adjoining diocese. He was quite certain, he said, that the work the ringers were doing for God's glory on earth was part of the glory in which they would stand over yonder.

Basing his address on the words, 'A bell and a pomegranate' (Deut. xxxviii, 24), he pointed out that this text was evidence that the bell had been used in connection with worship from the days of the children of Israel, and from the third century of the Christian era bells had been used to call people to worship and to mark Sunday. It had been the custom in many parishes for hundreds of years to ring the bells at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, whether there was a celebration of Holy Communion or not, to tell the people that it was Sunday. The tongues of the bells were intended to proclaim holy things, said the Bishop, but they could not do so without the help of the ringers. God worked through them. There were probably several answers to the question why they liked ringing. They enjoyed it, and they might do much worse things for enjoyment than that. They might also say it was an art. An art was something which came out of their life, and those who listened were appealed to in proportion to the skill which the ringers put into it. All art was precious to mankind, because art came from what was best in the mind of man. But ringing was not only a pleasure and an art, it was also a privilege. God had given them the art and skill, and it was a privilege to be one of those who summoned the Christian Church to worship. There were some people who grumbled about bells, but all the same, if an attempt was made to silence the bells of England, they would get an enormous majority who would say, 'By no means. We should be sorry indeed to be without our bells and without our ringers.' They played a part in English life and did it for the glory of God. While churchpeople were exceedingly grateful to those who rang the bells, the ringers ought to be grateful that there was something so definite and clear that they could do to witness to the importance of church worship. He did not think ringers would differ from him when he said they should live up to their high office. He had had splendid teams of ringers at four different churches, where there had been peals of bells, and he always liked to think of ringers as men against whom nobody in the parish had anything to say. Ringers should bear in mind that they were witnesses of God, and had to try to live up to a high standard. They should go on ringing, he said, as much as they could—it was worth it in the very perplexed world in which they lived. They had the art; they had the opportunity; they had trained themselves in skill; it was real good work for a good purpose. It was also something to help them to remember that men's lives must be like a bell all the time—they had to be hung level and had to swing level, and if they did this all through life they would be doing the will of God.

At the close of the service, the Bishop shook hands with all the ringers as they left the church, and enquired where they came from.

Tea was served on the lawn of the Vicarage, the company being joined by Canon Lunt, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Evan Jones.

During the evening there was ringing on the bells of St. Mary's Church, which last year were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

MARTOCK RINGERS' EXCURSION.

For their annual outing the Martock, Somerset, ringers, with their friends, made a journey into Dorset and Hampshire on Saturday, June 30th. Making an early start, Wimborne was reached at 9 a.m. After a brief halt the journey was resumed to Lyndhurst for the first ringing of the day, but the 'go' of the peal of six here was not all that could be desired. Stops were also made for ringing at Brockenhurst, Lymington and Milford-on-Sea. The last ringing of the day took place at Christchurch. On arrival the visitors found Mr. G. Preston waiting, and the majority of the band had their first experience of 12-bell ringing on this fine peal.

Before the return a couple of hours were spent at Bournemouth. The band are indebted to all the incumbents who so willingly opened their towers to the, and also those who met them with such friendly welcome. They are especially grateful to Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. G. Preston for their help in making arrangements.

TWO LONDON RINGERS DEAD.

Mr. Walter Prime Dies After Ringing.

FATALITY TO MR. GEORGE R. FARDON.

London ringing circles lost two well known figures under tragically sudden circumstances last week-end.

On Friday, after ringing at the Imperial Institute in celebration of the wedding anniversary of their Majesties the King and Queen, Mr. Walter Prime, one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, collapsed and died in the ringing chamber.

On Saturday, while motor-cycling to a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Banbury, Mr. George R. Fardon, also a member of the College Youths, met with an accident at Stoke Mandeville. He was taken to hospital and succumbed to his injuries on Sunday.

Mr. Walter Prime had been associated with ringing in London for between fifty and sixty years, and in the circle of his intimate friends he was dearly loved for his sterling qualities. Retiring in disposition, Mr. Prime was one of the quiet workers behind the scenes. While he was able to ring the standard methods inside, his great forte was ringing the tenor behind. In this task he probably had no superior, and for years he could be found twice every Sunday 'on the box' at St. Paul's Cathedral covering the customary three courses of Stedman Cinques, which always form the service touch. Most, if not all, of his peal ringing was done on the tenor, and he has shared in some notable performances. His first peal was rung on the tenor at St. Peter's, Walworth, on February 2nd, 1882, a peal of Grand-sire Triples, conducted by F. E. Dawe. On December 8th, 1883, he rang the tenor at All Saints', Fulham, to the then record length of 11,111 Stedman Caters in 7 hrs. 12 mins., conducted by the late James Pettit. A little later Mr. Prime was on the tenor at Cornhill when an attempt was made to set up a new Stedman Cinques record. The length intended was 10,032, but it came to



THE LATE MR. PRIME.

grief after 7 hrs. 35 mins., with only two bobs to call in the homing course.

Mr. Prime was the first man to ring Bow tenor single-handed to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and in 1894, with Mr. W. T. Cockerill, he rang St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells. He also rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute on August 9th, 1902, in honour of the coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. Mr. Prime's last peal was with the veterans at Hart Street, City, when a new peal ringing age record was set up. It was a remarkable performance, the eight ringers being between 70 and 82 years of age, and their average 76½ years. What made the achievement the more notable was that the peal, which occupied 2 hrs. 59 mins., was rung after an abortive attempt which lasted 1 hr. 21 mins., and came to grief through a broken rope. In this peal Mr. Prime, as usual, rang the tenor.

Throughout his long connection with London ringing Mr. Prime was actively identified with the Ancient Society of College Youths and, after serving in various offices, became Master for one year in 1897. At the time of his death he was one of the trustees—the other being his very old friend, Mr. C. F. Winney—an office he had discharged for many years.

Mr. Prime was 79 years of age. Mr. Prime's sudden death in their midst was naturally a great shock to his colleagues. He had just rung the tenor to a touch of Stedman Caters, and was sitting on one of the belfry seats, when he collapsed. There are nearly 250 steps up to the ringing chamber at the Imperial Institute, and it took some few minutes to summon medical aid. A doctor was found on the premises, but all he could do, when he reached the belfry, was to pronounce life extinct. It was not until the next day that the body could be removed from the chamber.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at St. Michael's, London Fields, and the interment at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S MINOR DECISION EMBODIED IN RULES.

An ideal spot, situated amid gorgeous scenery, beautiful summer weather, two rings of eight bells, and a party of some 40 odd ringers! Can anything further be said than to add that a very successful meeting was held at Matlock and Darley Dale on Saturday afternoon, June 30th?

The committee met in the schools at 3.30 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties. Among the latter, the new rules passed at the annual meeting, which were held over pending the Central Council's decision on the Bankes James' Minor peal, were authorised to be printed, inserting under the clause of what constitutes a peal the Central Council minute on the above Minor composition.

Further it was decided to contribute to the cost of photos about to be taken to Australia in the forthcoming tour. These are to include the Cathedrals of Derby, Leicester and Southwell; Leicester (St. Margaret's), Tideswell, Chesterfield, Loughborough (All Saints') and Burton (St. Paul's) churches.

Tea was served in the Duke William Hotel, and some 40 members and friends (including a number of ladies) enjoyed the good fare. The meeting followed, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, being in the chair, supported by Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (secretary). The president gave a resume of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc.

The Vicar of Matlock came in and gave the visitors a hearty welcome in a brief but witty speech.

New members proposed since the previous meeting, viz., one life, two rejoins, 14 ringers, were duly elected.

Messrs. W. E. White, J. H. Swinfield and E. C. Gobey, the association's representatives on the Central Council, each spoke at some length on the meeting of that body at Warwick at Whitsuntide.

Hearty votes of thanks to the local society for the excellent arrangements made concluded the meeting. Further ringing, both at Matlock and Darley Dale, terminated an enjoyable gathering.

The next meeting will be held at the end of September at Duffield, when it is hoped to have a joint gathering with the Ladies' Guild.

CAMBRIDGE VISITED.

Leaving Kettering by motor coach on Saturday afternoon, June 30th, a party of ringers from Kettering and Thrapston districts set out for Cambridge. Eaton Socon was the first stop, where the party was met by Mr. H. Fields, of St. Neots, and St. Neots bells not being available owing to funerals, time allowed for extra ringing on this new peal installed in the rebuilt church, the original ring having been destroyed in the fire which reduced the whole building to a ruin. Some good ringing was enjoyed, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round. Tea was served at St. Neots, after which the journey was continued to Cambridge, where the Catholic Church was first visited, and the ringers were met by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss V. Shorter, who had the bells 'up' in readiness. Some well-struck touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were brought round on this magnificent peal. St. Benedict's was the last call, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge Surprise, Minor and Stedman Doubles, and it was found that they are badly in need of a spanner round them. Home was reached about eleven o'clock, after a most enjoyable outing. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the bells, to Mr. Fields and Mr. Lathbury for having everything in readiness, and, last but not least, to Mr. Frank Warrington and Miss Kitty Willers for their assistance.

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The memorial 'whole pull and stand' will be rung at St. Paul's Cathedral this evening.

The accident which cost Mr. George Fardon his life happened while he was motor-cycling to Banbury.

Mr. Fardon was a Gloucestershire man, having been born at Bourton-on-the-Hill on September 30th, 1873, and was thus 60 years of age. He was only eight years old when he first learned to ring a bell at the church in his native village, and he rang with the local ringers for the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. In the following year he came to London as an apprentice in electrical engineering, and did nothing in the belfry until 1905, when he once more took up ringing and joined St. Luke's Society, Chelsea. Here he learned the greater part of his change ringing. He was Master of the society in 1897 and 1898, and in the former year formed the then St. James' Society, of which he was Master in 1907 and 1908. He was one of the younger spirits who turned the St. James' Society into the London County Association, to give it greater scope, and he became Master in 1911, and represented the association on the Central Council. He was a member of numerous other ringing organisations, among them the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was elected Master in 1921 and served for one year.

In recent years Mr. Fardon had not done as much ringing as formerly, but he regularly attended the meetings of the College Youths, and both he and the late Mr. Prime were present at the fortnightly meeting at headquarters the week before last.

SWINDON RINGERS VISIT HAMPSHIRE.

ROMSEY ABBEY AND CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY INCLUDED IN LONG TOUR.

Swindon Parish Church ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 23rd, and were favoured with fine though rather dull weather. A start was made at 8 a.m. with Romsey as the objective. On arrival at the Abbey, Mr. Paskins was found in attendance, and the excellent peal of eight was fully employed for the time allowed. The next port of call was North Stoneham, where that genial veteran, Mr. George Williams, welcomed the party. Ringing on this bright little ten was much enjoyed, the proceedings terminating with a course of Cambridge Royal. Mr. Williams was appointed pilot, and successfully steered the party to Christchurch, where lunch was taken at the King's Arms Hotel. After an excellent repast some difficulty was experienced in negotiating the 100 steps to the Priory Church ringing chamber, a general shortness of breath being noticeable. Despite his 79 years Mr. Alfred Lawrence, Swindon's veteran ringer, made the long climb with ease. Mr. George Preston had made the arrangements at the church, and the ringing ranged from 'rounds' to Stedman Cinques. Downton was the next stop, where the local men had kindly raised the heavy peal of six. A halt was made at Salisbury for tea, and here Mr. Williams left the party. The last call was Amesbury, where the Vicar and Mr. Miles met the visitors. The six bells were up in readiness, and were fully employed for half an hour, after which the chariot was headed for home, Swindon being reached at 9.45 p.m. Very nice timing!

Thanks are extended to all who contributed towards the success of the outing.

WINCHESTER GUILD'S YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR ?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the youngest ringer to conduct a peal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, I should like to point out that Mr. Leonard Stone, of Christchurch, who was at that time a member of the Priory band, called Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Ringwood on January 29th, 1921, for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. He was then 16 years of age, and the peal was my first.

WM. E. CHEATER.

Ringwood.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 17th, at Bishop Ryders Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. E. Norman 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. E. Fearn 3, W. Dowling 4, J. Neale 5, F. Haynes 6, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 7, J. George 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, in honour of the 69th birthday of His Majesty King George V., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: B. Weaver 1, A. Baas 2, R. G. Cousins 3, S. Webb 4, J. G. Prior 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. This was also a compliment to Mr. C. Morss, son of the popular Woodford Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Morss, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ruby Powell. Other ringing on this date was shared by Messrs. F. and H. Cornev, N. Masterson and B. W. Brighty.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell (first quarter-peal) 1, W. A. Kitchenside 2, H. Hammond 3, L. Mitchell (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Lewry 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

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

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deerne, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Eling and Fawley bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is requested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Room. Kindly let me know if you want tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brecon, Saturday, July 14th. 12 noon to 2.45 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (eight bells). 3 p.m. service at Brecon Cathedral (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon). 4 p.m., tea at Tower Cottage. 4.30 p.m., business meeting.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester and Bramley on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Silchester Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Orwell on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Barrington bells (6) may be rung in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Mortimer on July 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall, free to all members of the Guild.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) ready for 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, July 14th, at 2.30. Tea can be had at cafe. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held to-morrow (July 14th) at St. Mary's, Woodford, from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., will be at 5.30 p.m.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77a, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting at Everleigh on the 14th has had to be postponed until a later date.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 18th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at service for Guild restoration fund. Cheap railway tickets from all stations in diocese, G.W.R. and L.M.S. All college and city towers open as in past years.—Richard T. Hibbert, sec., 69, York Rd, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (recently augmented to a ring of ten) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those, and only to those, who notify me not later than Monday, July 16th. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tenterden, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meetings after. Half travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Marindin Institute. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Secretary, 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton (eight bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Polstead (6 bells) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.45. Please send card if you require tea. Ringing at Stoke after tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Contest for Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Draw at 2.30 p.m. For tea let me know by the 16th certain.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 17th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at Kingstone, near Ilminster. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, weather permitting, on the Rectory lawn at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Petherton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come in crowds. Create interest. Numbers not later than Tuesday next. — C. Evans, Hon. Sec., Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hope on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Daniels, 8, Shepherd's Row, Redbourn, by July 19th.—W. Ayre, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea must please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs., by Wednesday previous. All welcome. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30. The Rectory garden will be available to the visitors. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Annual meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Huish Episcopi bells available.—P. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, July 21st. Arrangements as usual.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, by July 19th. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 16th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint practice of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarter meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by July 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, July 21st, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal rung to commemorate the 1,050th anniversary of the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, as soon as possible.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting will be held at North Cadbury in the afternoon, and Castle Cary in the evening, on Saturday, July 21st.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LONDON, E.11.—At Christ Church, Wanstead, the Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st, the new ring of 6 bells, installed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—The ring of 6 (tenor 11 cwts.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—The new peal of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after the service will be limited. Will ringers intending to be present please advise at once, so that bands can be made up. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. Those requiring tea, at moderate charge, must advise by July 26th, as catering arrangements are awkward. All ringers welcome. Please advise early.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A summer meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, on Saturday, July 28th, when the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 4.30 p.m. in the National Schools, for all who notify Mr. E. Lawson, 5, North Royd, Hipperholme, near Halifax, by Thursday, July 26th. No business meeting. The church is three minutes' walk from Lightcliffe L.M.S. Station, and is passed by the Yorkshire buses from Leeds, Cleckheaton and Halifax. The Cliffe Hill Nurseries of Mr. H. White will be open for all who care to look round, and the Memorial Stray is a picture at this time of the year. Therefore make an effort to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (12) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the President (Dr. J. B. Williamson), will be served at 5 p.m. in The Clarendon Hotel to those ringers who notify me before the 25th inst. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION, North-Western District, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Leatherhead District.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Rannmore Common on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. H. Smith, Tudor Cottage, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey, by Wednesday, July 25th.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.—Ringers' rally at the Minster on Saturday, August 11th. Book date. Full particulars later.

ST. THOMAS', PENDLETON.—Owing to repairs to the tower ringing is stopped until further notice.—W. H. Shuker.

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ELTHAM, KENT.—For evening service, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. J. Hurrell 1, C. A. Bines 2, J. J. Lamb 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, E. Brett 5, J. E. Davis 6, J. Hurrell 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.



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