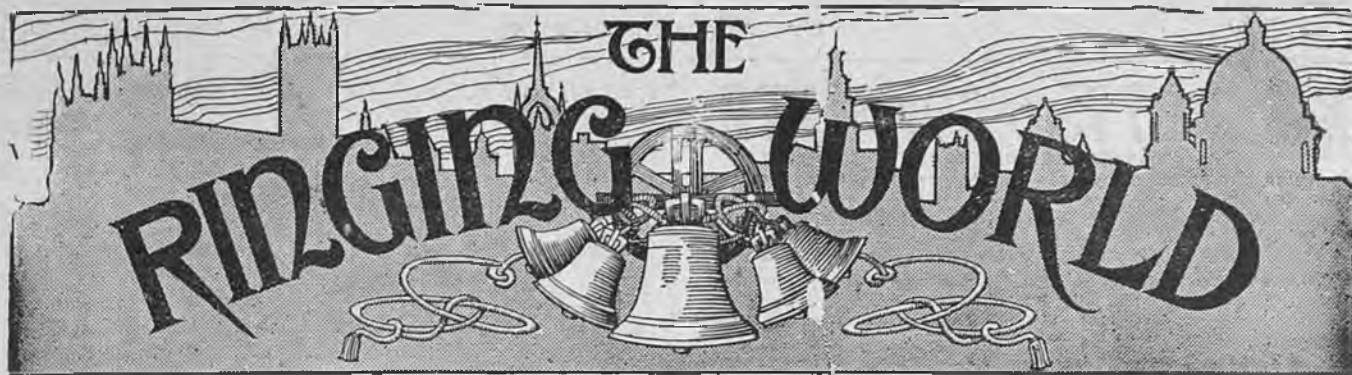




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THE RIGHT TO NAME A METHOD.

Have a band who ring the first peal in a method the right to change the name which the author has given it? This question arises by the claim of the company who rang a peal at Beddington and, it being the first peal in the method, which was previously known as Lincoln, decided to publish it as Beddington Surprise. In our opinion this is going somewhat beyond the recognised latitude given to ringers to name methods. In former days, when the production of new methods was a comparatively rare event, the composers attached their own title, and the names were fixed for all time. Later, however, when method production became more common, authors, in passing on their figures to some band to ring, occasionally extended to the ringers the privilege of applying whatever title they chose if they rang the first peal, and in that way quite a number of names have been given to methods. Then came the mass production of methods by mathematical formulæ, and the principle became generally accepted that the first to ring a method should name it. But there have been exceptions even to this. After the confusion and the discussions over the titles of the methods in the Minor 'Collection,' the Methods Committee named all the methods in the Major 'Collection' and in the enlarged new edition of Minor, which, at any rate as far as they were the authors, they had a perfect right to do. They did it with the double purpose of avoiding the risk of duplicate names being applied, and to secure suitable titles for the methods.

The Central Council have not, we think, any definite resolution on the subject, but they have always recognised as an unwritten law the right of an author to give a title to his work and the privilege of the ringers of the first peal to supply the name if the author has failed to do so. This, we believe, is the accepted view, and as the late Mr. Arthur Craven, the author of the method now rung as Beddington Surprise, gave it the name of Lincoln when he published it, with others, in 'The Ringing World' of August 22nd, 1924, we think the Beddington ringers will, on consideration, agree that the original title should remain. Unfortunately, Mr. Craven is no longer with us to uphold his claim to name the method, but we feel sure that if he were, he would make out a specially strong case for retaining the right to call it Lincoln, because of his own association years ago with that city. He produced the method Lincoln before the late Rev. H. Law James gave us Lincolnshire, a title which he adopted after he had first called it Lincoln and it had been pointed out to him that a method of that name was already in exist-

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ence. There are special circumstances, therefore, why the name applied by Mr. Craven should be retained, and we feel confident that the Beddington ringers will, on this ground alone, be content to let it remain. There are thousands of other Surprise methods to which the name of Beddington can be given.

There is, however, the question of principle, which goes beyond this particular case. Ringers, of course, can, if they insist, call a method what they like for their own purpose, but public opinion in the Exercise dictates a certain course of action, and for future guidance, therefore, the Central Council might well define by resolution the accepted practice in this matter. When matters like this crop up there is usually someone to remind us that ringers can do as they please; but, while that is fully admitted, there is also the reply that the Exercise can refuse to recognise the action of individuals, and it is becoming increasingly apparent that ringers as a whole are more and more ready to accept the considered opinion of the Council if they conflict with individual ideas.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	JOHN WALDEN 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 10
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 5	WALTER AYRE 11
JOHN A. FREEMAN 6	MRS. E. K. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

TEN BELL PEAL.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JAMES HUNT 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
*HARRY J. SANGRR 5	*THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY RIDGWAY Treble	LEONARD A. SMITH 5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
*JOHN A. GREEN 3	FREDERICK C. CASE 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major for the Towcester Branch of the Guild.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD BROWN Treble	SAMUEL YATES 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 6
MISS LANCASTER 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
THOMAS LANCASTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES-JAMES' ODD-BOB TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON ... 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 7
EDWARD ASHBY 4	GEORGE HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
* JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
* FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
* THOMAS SMITH 2	PERCY E. JONES 6
EDGAR HANCOX 3	FRANK CORKE 7
EDGAR G. SWIFT 4	CHARLES E. NICHOLLS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since being rehung in hall bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being very satisfactory.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* PERCY H. GRINDY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
EDWARD C. BIRKETT 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST STONE Treble	JOHN MORTON 5
ERNEST YORKE 2	JOHN THOMPSON 6
WALTER THOMAS 3	ALFRED KING 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	HAROLD ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by HAROLD ARGYLE

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Walter Martin, 33 years a ringer at this church.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHBRINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	FRANK ROWSELL 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ALFRED W. HEATH 7
PERCY JONES 4	FREDERICK NEVILLE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN 3	HARRY HOVED 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

Herbert E. Audsley's 100th peal on these bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST J. RUTLER Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	* ALBERT WIFFEN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	SIDNEY CARTER 5
GEORGE GRAY 2	JOHN WELCH 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
STANLEY CARTER 4	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	THOMAS E. LEE 7
NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

First peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST L. SHELTON... ..Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
JOHN J. MAWEY 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	JAMES T. WARD 7
†AMOS SMART 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLERTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 144). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method and first attempt.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEYTreble	PERCY NEWTON 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	FRANK WEST... .. 6
HENRY C. ALFORD 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM... .. 7
PERCY E. CLARKE 4	ROLAND BIGGSTenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. C. Darnell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...Treble	DOCTOR SPENCER PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
REGINALD C. THRIFT 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
PERCY GREEN 4	FRANK PAYNETenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was specially arranged for Miss Snowden, of Halstead.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, in nine different callings.

W. COLLENTreble	R. RAYFIELD 4
R. PALMER 2	H. OLIVER 5
C. USHER 3	J. CLARKTenor

Conducted by R. RAYFIELD.

First peal for all the band.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Grandsire and 960 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*RAYMOND OCKWELL ...Treble	*THEO PORTLOCK... .. 4
JACK VINCENT 2	ALBERT TRUEMAN 5
WALTER TRUEMAN 3	*ALBERT AUBREY... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. TRUEMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Rev. L. L. and Mrs. Jeeves, and to commemorate the fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries respectively of a surpliced choir and a band of ringers being formed at this church.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Wednesday, July 13th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Dadds (first attempt at a quarter) 1, W. Trussler 2, J. Hylton 3, F. Reeves 4, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 5, E. W. Brinklow (Oxhey) (conductor) 6, A. A. Saxby 7, F. Gadsden 8.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. .

Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. W. C. WESTTreble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung on the twelfth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. West's wedding.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD G. COWARD... ..Treble	*NORMAN KNEE 4
*HARRY MOODY 2	EDWARD F. MARLOW... .. 5
ERNEST F. WHITE 3	*THOMAS BUTTON... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. MARLOW.

* First peal. First as conductor, and first peal of Doubles. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Marquis of Bath, patron, on the eve of his 70th birthday.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY AMOS... ..Treble	GEORGE SLAUGHTER 4
JOHN R. NICHOLS... .. 2	JAMES BLUFF 5
RONALD RUSSELL... .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFFTenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor on the bells, restored and augmented to six in 1906.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 1-2	*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON 3-4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 7-8
†JOSEPH THACKRAY 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters in the method.

A NORTH COUNTRY TRIP.

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, accompanied by the Rev. P. N. W. Strong (Vicar), the Rev. F. E. Marples (curate) and a few other friends, had a most enjoyable trip for their annual outing. Starting from Sunderland by motor charabanc at 9 o'clock, Hexham was reached shortly after 11, and Mr. Robson having made all ready for them, the beautiful bells of the Abbey were soon set going to touches of Stedman and Double Norwich. At noon the journey was continued, via Haydon Bridge, and through lovely scenery, to Allendale, and after an excellent lunch at the Dale Hotel, the six light bells of St. Cuthbert's Church were tried. The next objective was the old-world village of Blanchland, with its Priory Church, and the whole district which is made famous by Sir Walter Besant's 'Dorothy Forster.' A very pleasant hour was spent here before going on to Shotley Bridge, where an excellent tea awaited the party at the Crown and Cross Swords. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, hearty thanks were given to the churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, the health of the visitors was drunk, and thanks expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the outing. Blackhill was next visited, and the light eight of St. Aidan's were tried, while the visitors also admired the beautiful park near the church, the view being rather of a lovely 'green' hill than a Blackhill. Chester-le-Street, about eight mile across country, should have been reached in about half an hour, but, owing to the driver mistaking the road, a detour had to be made to Gateshead, and it was after 8.30 before the bells of SS. Mary and Cuthbert were set going to touches of Double Norwich, etc. The tone and 'go' of these bells is all that can be desired, and half an hour's ringing formed a very happy conclusion to one of the best of the many outings St. Ignatius' ringers have had.

ACROSS ENGLAND FOR A WEEK-END.**CHESHIRE RINGERS AT LINCOLN.**

Eight members of the Chester Diocesan Guild recently spent a ringing week-end in the Lincoln district. The advance party, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, R. Sperring, J. Morgan, J. Swindley and W. Thomas, left the ancient city of Chester early on a Friday afternoon, and, passing through the countryside with all speed, they soon espied the famous Cat and Fiddle Inn, where they deemed it necessary to stop and inquire the way from the landlord. Eventually they learned that, when visibility was good, the towers of Lincoln could be seen from the door of the inn, but as the day was yet young, the travellers could see nothing of so distant a place! After pausing at Chesterfield to inspect the crooked spire, they at last reached Southwell, where they were joined by the remainder of the party, Messrs. A. E. Richards, W. Bibby and J. W. Clarke, who had made a cross-country dash unhindered by landlords or crooked spires. By very kind permission of the Minster authorities, the old-fashioned ring in this beautiful Norman building, with its quaint ringing chamber, were available for ringing during the evening. At Lincoln, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Cathedral company, met the visitors and saw them safely installed at the Queen Hotel, where plans for the morrow were eagerly talked over.

In glorious weather an early start was made on Saturday morning for Gainsborough. With a tenor just under the ton, this ring is reputed to be the finest eight in the county. Their pleasing tone and smooth running certainly made the touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge a real pleasure, and gave the feeling that the day had begun well. A short run brought the party to the pretty little Church of St. Helen, Willingham, with its equally pretty ring of six rung from the ground floor. Touches of Cambridge, London and Oxford were much enjoyed, and it was with reluctance that the bells were finally lowered.

Mine host at the Queen provided that kind of lunch which produces the 'forty winks' feeling, but Mr. Freeman had everybody at Washington, and quite wide awake, shortly after two. Here another party of ringers—from Sutton-on-Trent—were already well established, and the only shortage was one of ropes! However, Bob Major, Cambridge, Oxford and Grandsire were rung in turn, until the swift passing of time and an appointment at Blankney made it imperative to depart.

St. Oswald's Church, Blankney, undoubtedly has an ideal setting, typical of the English countryside at its best. Built of the local grey stone, the church is surrounded by a beautifully kept churchyard, with an approach bordered by well-trimmed lawns and a background of stately trees to complete the picture. The interior is equally pleasing and well worthy of a pause, even though ringing has keenly anticipated. The bells are a fairly light six, easy going and pleasant in tone, and responded nicely to Kent, London, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and Stedman. It is interesting to note that the frame is built to complete the octave with space for a new treble and tenor.

The charms of Lincoln and its glorious Cathedral claimed the attention of the visitors during the early part of the evening until, after viewing that part of the Cathedral of peculiar interest—the Ringers' Chapel—they ascended the south-west tower to the bright and airy ringing chamber. The Cathedral company had very kindly transferred their practice from Thursday, so that there was a good gathering. The evening passed pleasantly enough, with touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and London Major, and 9 o'clock came all too soon. On descending it was found that Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, had arrived, and a pleasant half-hour's conversation ensued. A cordial invitation to visit Surfleet on Sunday morning had, unfortunately, to be refused on account of the distance. So ended a really excellent day among the bells.

Sunday morning's programme included a visit to St. Botolph's and St. Peter's in the city itself. Both towers contain useful rings of six, and, as service time was not the same at each church, it was possible to enjoy touches of Cambridge, Kent and London at St. Botolph's, before proceeding to St. Peter's for Double Oxford and Stedman Doubles, the local ringers being good enough to hand over the ropes to the visitors. Mr. Freeman came along shortly afterwards, and the remainder of the morning passed quickly enough, with the usual topics of bells, peals and compositions.

And now the time of departure drew near. Bags were packed and strapped on the cars, and, after an early lunch, the return journey was begun. A halt was made at Macclesfield, where the travellers were able to join in the ringing of a course of Grandsire Cinques and three leads of Treble Bob Royal. Chester was reached shortly before nine after a most successful and enjoyable week-end.

An examination of the details produced the following list of methods rung: Stedman Cinques, Caters, Triples and Doubles; Grandsire Cinques, Caters, Triples, Minor and Doubles; Treble Bob Royal, Major and Minor; Cambridge Royal, Major and Minor; London Major and Minor; Plain Bob Major and Minor; Double Norwich Major; Oxford Treble Bob Minor; Oxford Bob Minor; and Duffield Major.

This account would not be complete without a word of appreciation and thanks to all those who so willingly came forward and helped to make the occasion the success it was; and especially to Mr. J. A. Freeman, who so earnestly entered into the task of making arrangements and doing so much for the welfare of the visitors. J. W. C.

DEATH OF AN OLD MANCHESTER RINGER.**'FATHER' OF THE CATHEDRAL BAND.**

With the passing of Mr. Ralph Ravenscroft, Manchester has lost another link with the past. Mr. Ravenscroft was 75 years of age, and was a member of the Lancashire Association for the greater part of his ringing career. He was a member of the Manchester Cathedral company for 58 years, and was the 'father' of the band after the death of his old friend, Jack Eachus. Although not a prolific peal ringer—he had rung in ten, all on ten bells—he will be remembered for his voluntary work as tutor. For 25 years he guided the beginners at the Cathedral, and was never happier than when he had a boy at a rope. Owing to failing health he retired from business some five or six years ago, and suffered a trying illness for some months before his death. Among the floral tributes at the funeral was a beautiful cross from the Manchester Cathedral ringers, who were represented by Mr. Chas. Bridgford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, July 2nd. There was a fair attendance, ringers being present from Newcastle, Blaydon, Sunderland, Durham, Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Houghton-le-Spring, Tanfield, West Hartlepool, and the local ringers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, after which the ringers found a substantial tea awaiting them in the Anchorage adjoining the church.

A short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said that the ringers were delighted to have both the Rector (Canon Stephenson) and his curate, Rev. Parry Evans, at tea.

Mr. H. Tyson proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a bountiful tea, and this was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Parker proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th, and this was agreed to.

Ringings were again indulged in until 8 p.m., the methods rung being Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and thus another happy meeting came to a close.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stone. There was a very fair attendance. Several touches were rung on the six bells during the afternoon. Special service for the occasion was held in the church, the Rev. T. Veal officiating. After service, the Vicar very kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the schoolroom. A short business meeting followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Thornbury, provided the secretary could make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. H. W. Fussell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of his bells and for his kindness in providing tea. The Vicar, in responding, said he was pleased to do all he could to help on such a useful branch of church work.

The ringers afterwards returned to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung during the evening: M. Malpass 1, F. Roberts 2, F. Oakhill 3, F. Handoll 4, O. Hill 5, H. V. Robinson (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF A NUNEATON RINGER.

With deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Walter Martin, of Nuneaton, who passed away on Saturday, July 9th, at the age of 64 years. He learned to ring at South Wigston, and came to Nuneaton 35 years ago, when he joined the Nuneaton Society, of which he had been a member ever since. He was not a great peal ringer, but was very regular in attendance both for ringing and services of the church. Of a quiet, unassuming disposition, he will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 12th. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon White). The organist and choir were in attendance. Among the floral tributes was one from the Parish Church ringers and another from the ringers of Chilver's Coton. During the evening a muffled peal of Bob Major was rung. T. W. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third annual visit to Withernsea of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was made on Saturday, July 9th. The weather was glorious, blazing sunshine greeting the visitors, some of whom took advantage of a visit to the seaside to bring with them their wives and families. Although the meeting was not so well attended as in previous years, the following towers were represented: Selby Abbey, Hull, Holy Trinity, Sutton, Patrington and Withernsea, the local company also being delighted to welcome a visitor from Bishop's Stortford in Essex, who was staying in the district. The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, various Doubles and Minor methods being rung. Tea was served as usual in the Select Cafe.

BY BUS TO THE PICTURES. HOW I DISCOVERED A NEW LINCOLNSHIRE INDUSTRY.

[By Our Special Investigator.]

'Pictures' have grown from a novelty to a craze, and from a craze to an indispensable part of existence—with some people. Fortunes have been made by the few out of the pocket-money of the many; Hollywood has been built upon it, and the stars in their courses have thrilled millions, and sometimes bored them. 'Pictures' are one of the new industries of the modern world, and are fast becoming one of the new industries of Lincolnshire, hitherto devoted mostly, I believe, to potatoes and flowers. A new 'producer' has arisen; new stars are appearing above the horizon; a new super-cinema is in the making.

Last week-end I penetrated the wilds of England's second largest county to obtain first-hand information of this new development which threatens even to disturb the equanimity of the ringing Exercise. I found it at Surfleet, and, I may as well tell my readers the worst, there is a horrible fate in store for some of them, if they do not watch their step. Unless they are careful they will learn, when it is too late, that they are 'on the films,' not in all the glory of a Constance Bennett or a Douglas Fairbanks, but looking just their foolish selves. The reason is that this new producer has a way of his own. He doesn't stage his subjects—he pops round the corner and takes a quick one before they know it's happened, and when the victims see themselves on the screen they realise Bobby Burns need not, after all, have written:—

'Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!'

Those who visit Surfleet can see themselves as others see them all right, and I can promise that, for not a few, it may prove a rude awakening. And it is at that moment they will realise the full significance of the producer's smile when he has finished his 'shot.'

Sometimes, of course, there are set pieces. While I was at the studio a budding Helen Wills and never-will-be 'Bunny' Austin were filmed trying to get a ball through a net with tennis racquets. By means of the 'pictures' they will go down to posterity, but in the matter of skill they are more likely to achieve immortality at the end of a bell rope. Indeed, both of them later in the day did very well in this respect, as I discovered, after a frantic chase across the Lincolnshire wolds. Scouting something of a mystery when the Producer set off with his Director, his Misdirector and most of his stars, I followed warily as far as Gosberton, where they stopped at the church, but it was only to pull the bell ropes in practice, as I was to learn later, for something much more pretentious. And then the great Buick roared away again, pulling up eventually outside the Cathedral at Lincoln. Here, at last, I thought, is the stage for a top-line picture. What was the subject to be? Some great historical play? Or a tragedy, perhaps? Producer, Directors, Stars (irreverently described as 'brass hats') and supers gathered from various places for the occasion, climbed the tall tower of St. Hugh and locked the door behind them. Then in the fastness of that wonderful old building they rang the bells. I waited with patience for nearly four hours for the scenes to be 'shot,' but not once did the camera click. The Producer explained afterwards that you can't ring a bell and operate a 'movie' camera at the same time. He was engaged all the while in ringing the tenth. It was a pity, however, that he could not have got a few feet of the would-be Helen ringing the tenor behind to Stedman Cinques, and of the never-will-be Austin sorting out the trouble when one of the supers was a bit slow when he should have been quick. A 'talkie' would have been even more interesting.

But all were quick enough when the ringing was over; quick at getting out of the tower; quicker still at parking quite a lot of bottled refreshment, and quick on the road back to Surfleet. They were nearly too quick for me. The Buick with the Directors and the brass hats, and the Rolls with the supers, roared away through the night; I in full chase. From Lincoln to Surfleet is 38 miles, and, as one of the supers said, it went in a flash. My ancient bus nearly busted her cylinders to keep the rear lights of the stars in view. She cornered on two wheels, took hump-back bridges with a jump, and pulled up on the bridge at Surfleet hot and bothered, but, happily, whole, or nearly so (the number of missing nuts, bolts and odds and ends has not yet been counted).

I then learned the reason for all this haste. A nearly-midnight picture show was to take place, and in the new super-cinema, where the audience recline on settees and lounge chairs, and the operator can sleep while the electric dynamo does the work, we saw some of the fruits of the Directors' labours. 'Shots' at the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild meeting at Christchurch, with semi-slow motion handbell ringing; the Master's first introduction to the movie camera; a hungry Fidler at tea; and the Misdirector teaching her father how to paddle. Then we saw well-known Sheffield men trying to ring handbells; a brass band engaged on such a humble task as a snail-hunt; Walthamstow ringers enjoying themselves at Ramsgate, and (let us say it with bated breath) the bachelors among the ladies at Isleworth. They were all good (the pictures, I mean), and some day generations yet unborn will be able to look at them and say, 'What a funny old lot the bellringers of 1932 were.'

It is understood that some of the 'stars' are hoping to negotiate contracts to appear at Hollywood.

GOOSNARGH VETERAN HONOURED.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM CLARKSON.

What was undoubtedly the largest gathering of ringers at a meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held under ideal conditions in beautiful country, at the old Church of Goosnargh, on Saturday week. Goosnargh is fairly widely known for its Goosnargh cakes.

The meeting was the result of a special invitation to the branch by Mr. Wm. Clarkson, of Goosnargh, in connection with the celebration of his eightieth birthday, which occurred on July 3rd, when a birthday peal was rung by members of the branch.

There was an attendance of nearly seventy ringers and friends, who partook of an excellent tea provided by Mr. Clarkson. The Rev. Bingley Boss presided over the gathering, at which no less than fourteen towers were represented.

Amongst the business items was a report of the general committee meeting held at Churchkirk recently, in which the arrangements for the annual meeting were announced.

The Secretary read the circular issued through the association appealing for increased support for 'The Ringing World,' copies of which were distributed to the towers.

Various speakers spoke on the matter of trying to increase the sale of the paper, and it is hoped it will have beneficial effect.

Other items discussed were the nominations for president, general secretary, and Central Council representatives.—The Rev. Canon Elsee and Mr. W. H. Shukor were nominated for their present positions, and Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Penwortham, for the Central Council.

The business having been disposed of, a 'social' was enjoyed. Mr. J. H. Gartside opened the programme with a pianoforte solo played in his usual efficient manner, and he also accompanied the various artistes who sang.

Songs were rendered by Mr. F. G. Bradley ('Young Tom of Devon') and for an encore 'Come to the Fair', Mr. W. H. Hutchinson (a Lancashire song, entitled 'A Lift on the Way' and 'The Crocodile'), Mr. A. T. Parker ('Annie Laurie'), and Mr. Wm. Holmes (the humorous song, 'On Monday I met Mary Ann'). Another item which caused much hilarity was a recitation by Mr. Billington, entitled 'The Carrot Cutter,' given in a very droll manner. A course of Bob Minor was rung by three of the members.

FATHER AND SON BRIDGE NEARLY 100 YEARS.

During an interval, in the unavoidable absence of Canon Elsee, Mr. J. R. Taylor, a past vice-president of the association, made a brief speech. They were gathered together that day, he said, in honour of Mr. Wm. Clarkson, who was eighty years old, and was well known to most of the members, as he still attended the meetings. Mr. Clarkson and his father between them had been connected with ringing in that area since 1840, which was nearly one hundred years, and he hoped that the family connection would continue. Mr. Taylor added that as far back as 1860 there was a band of ringers at Goosnargh who could ring Treble Bob, which was no mean achievement in those days. Mr. Taylor went on to say that, after Mr. Clarkson had invited the branch to Goosnargh, it was thought that it would be nice if the members could make Mr. Clarkson a present to mark the occasion of his eightieth birthday (as he remembered them doing the same thing to Mr. Clarkson's father 32 years ago on the occasion of his eightieth birthday). Subscriptions were invited from the various towers, and they could see the result in the beautiful timepiece before them. It was an eight-day chiming clock, which could be regulated to play either the Westminster or Whittington chimes, or, if desired, could be made silent. Amid applause, Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Clarkson to accept the clock with the best wishes of all the members of the branch.

Musical honours were accorded for Mr. Clarkson, followed by 'three cheers,' and one each for his wife and grandson.

Mr. Clarkson, who was overcome by emotion, thanked the members for their gift. He added that he had always tried as far as lay in his power to keep a band together, and he hoped to continue to do so as long as he was able.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Madely said it was very encouraging to have a clergyman present at the meeting, and especially when they didn't get a lecture about going to church every time. His experience was that ringers as a body went fairly often.

Mr. Bradley, in seconding the vote, said how pleased he was to see the Rev. Bingley Boss present, and he was sure it was appreciated by all present.—The Chairman, in reply, said he was only too pleased to welcome the ringers to Goosnargh, and would always be delighted to do all he could for them.

The secretary desires to extend the best thanks of the branch to the artistes for their services.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: W. E. Wiseman 1, E. Stith 2, G. Chappell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, W. J. Norton 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. First attempt for the treble ringer, who hails from Biddisham, Somerset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. SUCCESS OF THE HAIGH MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The midsummer meeting was held at Everton on Saturday last, when glorious weather and the splendid peal of bells seemed to co-operate in drawing a good attendance at this somewhat outlying village, which is on the extreme boundary of the county, and involves long journeys for some ringers. Members were present from Bolsover, Ranskill, Thorne, Edwinstowe, Misson, Treeton, Sutton-on-Trent, West Retford, Ordsall, Gamston, Sheffield and Misterton, together with a full band of local ringers.

The tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall, when everyone was most generously provided for. Mr. G. Swindin must be thanked for the arrangements for this meal, and the lady workers for providing it.

The Rev. F. B. Wardle, Vicar of Everton, presided over the business meeting, and gave the association a hearty welcome to Everton. He said that in his youth he did a little ringing.—The Vicar was elected a vice-president of the association, and Ernest Rogers, of Everton, and John Laister, of Misson, were elected ringing members.

The Secretary stated that the next meeting should have been held at Ordsall on August 27th, the day of the annual cup contest, but in the meantime he had obtained permission to ring Newark parish bells on August Bank Holiday, and he thought all members ought to support this. He explained that the Vicar of Newark was willing for the meeting to be held on a Saturday, but the tradesmen of Newark complained so much about ringing on that day that he was forced to refuse ringing on Saturdays.—It was then agreed that Newark be visited on August Bank Holiday.

The Secretary referred to the Haigh Memorial, which had been so liberally subscribed to by honorary and ringing members. This fund had now £6 4s. 6d. in hand. He stated that all arrangements had been made to place this memorial in Ordsall tower, and that the library would be better furnished than at first thought, for since the appeal was made gifts of books, as well as money, had been received from ringers.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the meeting, and to Mr. G. Swindin for his excellent arrangements for the ringing and tea.

The ringers again visited the tower, and methods were rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor. All present admired the way in which a certain gentleman rang two bells at once to 120 of Stedman Doubles, this being perhaps the first time this feat has been done within the association's bounds.

A NOVICE ON A RINGERS' OUTING. BY THE VICAR OF MOULTON.

On Saturday, July 9th, I was inveigled into joining a ringers' outing. I went. The party was got up by Mr. J. Taylor, foreman of St. Giles', Northampton, and the 'Safety' coach was well filled. By the glint in their eyes I saw they meant having a good time. There were several ringers' wives present to give the party a tone and to keep them in order. We made for Lichfield, getting on to Watling Street, after passing close by the Rugby aerials. After a peep in the Cathedral, the party divided, some making for St. Mary's and others for St. Michael's. The treble bell of the former seemed unusually noisy. Then on to Walsall. What a climb up that hill, which required time before commencing to ring those lovely 12 bells, for we were out of breath. The local band were there to meet and welcome us. To those of us who were more used to six and eight bells, it seemed a tremendous long time before the 11 bells came round for our turn. I heard fierce cries, 'Keep that tenor up.' It is wonderful how fierce ringers can be when at the ropes. But it kept us wandering among the treble bells. On arriving at Wolverhampton we were ready for that glorious lunch prepared for us. Then on to the church, where the local band gave us a kind reception. Here we had 12 bells again, and the same old game of bell control. There was, however, some good ringing. On leaving Wolverhampton we made for Brewwood with eight bells, and were again under normal conditions. It was here I heard the prettiest music on the bells.

I believe it was a touch of Stedman Triples or Superlative, I forget which, but I longed to hear it again. Leaving Brewwood we drove to Penkridge, where we found another ring of eight, very fine indeed, but a tremendous long draught of rope, quite awe-inspiring. I do not like long ropes myself; it makes one feel as if it is going to loop round one's neck. From Penkridge we went to Stafford, where the kind-hearted Rector (the Rev. L. Lambert) met us, and we found a most excellent tea provided for us in the schoolroom. Then up to the spacious belfry with its ten bells, on which we had some good ringing. What struck me most was the large table in the centre with its five-octave set of handbells, 61 altogether, a set such as I had never seen in my life before. Half a dozen youths performed exploits on these handbells, which were delightful to listen to. Then home by way of Cannock Chase, a most picturesque route. We were all glad to get to bed, and we slept well after that most delightful day. Such is the experience of a novice of a ringers' outing.

FRETTENDEN, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Croucher 1, F. Leason 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, W. Wenban 5, H. Baker 6, B. Baker 7, W. Rofe 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of six of Rochester Church, Staffs, is to be entirely recast and enlarged to a ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.). The present peal is a very poor one, tenor only about 7 or 8 cwt. The new peal will thus be an enormous improvement. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

On August Bank Holiday, eight members of the Hertford County Association hope to attempt a peal of Bob Major (18,144 changes) at Bennington, Herts, starting at 7.30 a.m.

The longest peal on eight bells rung up to the present by eight men only is 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, accomplished at Hoptonstall on April 18th, 1927. That peal took 10 hours 51 mins.

The previous 'best' of Bob Major was rung as long ago as 1793 at Aston. This was 15,360, which occupied 9 hours 31 mins.

The hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild put up a fine performance on Saturday, when she rang the 24 cwt. tenor at Lincoln Cathedral to a peal of Stedman Cinques. Already more men had few strongholds left to him in the ringing world. Another has now gone. A lady on the tenor in a twelve-bell peal! It's enough to make some of the martinets of the past turn in their graves, and the martinets of the present shrink into their shells.

The restored ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Alsager, Cheshire, were reopened on Saturday at a special service. There was a large attendance of ringers from many towers.

Several eligible bachelors were present at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It is said that they visited Isleworth in the hope of meeting Kate.

'TOM' METCALFE.

AN ACHIEVEMENT AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

All friends of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, the ever-popular secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, will be delighted to learn from our peal columns that he has at last achieved his ambition of conducting a peal of Superlative rung by his own Middlesbrough band. This is the first peal of Superlative he has conducted for 33 years.

It is no small achievement to bring a band up to this high standard, and, as practically all the ringers have been taught by Mr. Metcalfe, ringers will unite in congratulating 'Tom' on his success.

Many instances of lengthy service in the art of bellringing have been instanced of late, but that of 'Tom' takes some beating. He started ringing when he was 12 years old at Sharow, near Ripon, and for three years got nothing other than the first 12 changes and 'Queen's.' He is now 67 years old, but he is a young 67, in spite of 55 years' arduous service as a bellringer.

He has been secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for 23 years—a record unbeaten in the history of the association.

Long may he live to give the younger members of the art the benefit of his many years' experience!

J. C. P.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH KILWORTH. LEICS.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME BY PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE.

In his enthusiastic endeavour to ring complete peals of 5,000 and over at all churches in Leicestershire, Mr. Ernest Morris has had many adventures—thrilling and otherwise! He has now completed no less than 117 towers in the diocese, and the latest—South Kilworth—was not achieved easily. On the first attempt a year or two ago, the peal was stopped after two hours through a gentleman being thrown from a horse and receiving concussion very badly, and the Rector came and requested the cessation of the bells.

The next endeavour was a fiasco, first through illness and death nearby not being notified to the band until too late to stop them trying to gather for the attempt. The day chosen was the one on which the thickest 'pea souper' fog of the season chose to come, and, after hours of delay by trains, etc., two of the party turned up at Kilworth for nothing!

The conductor and peal arranger found their way to Lilbourne nearby, where they had a very inglorious wait in the muck, fog and gloom for half a day, eventually each returning home in the evening, hours late.

On Saturday week—the hottest day for years—the conductor chose to walk 4½ miles from Lutterworth Station, arriving first, minus coat and vest, and dripping with sweat. E. Whitehead cycled from Leicester and arrived in a similar condition. The peal, however, was completed successfully, although the sun poured down on the last-named for two hours. Thus another notch is made in the record of Leicestershire towers to be conquered—the 117th, a record for any one county.

BIRTHDAYS.

On Monday, June 13th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council): P. Turley 1, R. Baker 2, H. J. Ford 3, W. Turley 4, E. L. Taylor 5, H. D. Ford 6, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 7, F. Paige 8.

On Thursday, June 16th, at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. Bennett 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, E. Waters 4, C. Forfitt 5, F. E. Pitman 6, A. V. Dent (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Dear 8. A compliment to the treble ringer on his 22nd birthday anniversary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

ANNUAL MEETING AT OXFORD.

The 51st festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Oxford. About 100 members and friends gathered in the Mother Church of the Diocese for the rededication of 'Hearts and minds and hands and voices' to their work for the glory of God. The service was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and an able sermon preached by the Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, chairman of the North Bucks Branch.

The preacher took for his text 1 Cor. x. 41, 'Whosoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' applying the words to the ringers' work in the House of God, and to the ringers' life amongst the people of God. As the clear call of the bells draws people to church, so should the ringer's life and example draw others to the Lord he serves. The Te Deum and the Blessing pronounced by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw brought the service to a close. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 15s. 6d. Such a service in such surroundings brings home with renewed force from year to year the privilege that attaches to membership of such a society.

The business meeting, attended by an unusually large number of young people and representing all 15 branches, was held in the Chapter House and conducted by the Master with his usual expedition and address.

In moving the adoption of his report, the Master referred to the proposed record of attempted peals. The response to the proposal had been poor, only 37 being sent in. If lost peals were not sent in to Mr. Caudwell, 49, Coudale Road, Oxford, as faithfully as completed peals were to 'The Ringing World,' the experiment would be discontinued. The Master again impressed on the meeting the vital importance of 'The Ringing World' to the Exercise, and urged that every tower should have its copy, and, wherever possible, every ringer have his own.

The General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke of the peals achieved, embracing 'Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus,' with a special commendation for the 'budding conductors.'

The Treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) reported a smaller balance, £112 2s. 8d., as against £160 odd the previous year. The extra expenditure had been caused by the jubilee festival, and had proved well worth it. Though the Restoration Fund was low at present, there was no doubt that calls upon it could be met, and that fresh funds would be forthcoming in due course from the branches, all of which had good balances.

The reports and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master proposed, and Mr. A. D. Cullum seconded, the conversion of the Guild's holding of War Loan stock, and this was carried.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master, the general secretary and the hon. treasurer were all re-elected, amid applause.—In response, the Master reassured the Guild 'that, as long as it was the wish of the Guild, he would serve it to the best of his ability.' The secretary acknowledged the applause of all present, with an appreciative, 'That's right. The old dog likes a pat better than a kick.'—The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

In connection with the election of four members to the Central Council, the Master reminded the Guild of the rules brought before the Exercise for consideration. First, that all associations should become members by affiliation; this step was taken by the Oxford Guild last year. Second, that non-resident life members should not count in the numbers used for representation. Third, that the four possible members should be paid for whether they go or not.

The Master expressed his thanks to the two retiring members, Mr. F. Hopgood and Mr. John Evans.

Mr. A. D. Cullum proposed that the Master, Canon Coleridge, the general secretary, and Mr. H. Sear should be elected. As both Mr. H. Sear and Mr. W. Sear felt it impossible to undertake the position, the Master proposed Mr. A. E. Locke.—The motions were seconded by Mr. J. Evans and Mr. R. White respectively, and carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, responding, expressed his appreciation at being re-elected to the proud position he had held for 40 years—that is, since the first formation of the Council.

The general secretary asked for the confirmation of 197 new members, a number only exceeded once before, and urged foremen of towers 'not to let the little fish slip off the hook'; 150 or so new members were admitted annually, but the Guild only grew by a steady 10 or 12.

The recommendation of the committee, that the 1933 festival be held in Oxford, was proposed by Mr. W. Sear, seconded by Mr. A. E. Locke, and carried, there being no other nomination.

The committee also recommended that grants of £2 2s. each be made to Cumnor and Cropredy for restoration. This was approved.

GRANT TO DAVIES MEMORIAL.

In connection with grants, the Master called on Canon Coleridge to speak on the Davies Memorial Fund. Canon Coleridge gladly responded, as, he said, he could claim to have been one of Mr. Davies' oldest friends—fellow-student at Oxford in 1876, best man at his wedding, married three of his daughters, baptised several grandchildren, and buried him in Cloister Garth, under the shadow of that great Abbey he had loved and served so well, and where now, in recognition of his work, a worthy memorial was to be erected. Though not entirely in sympathy with the memorial as at present planned, the Canon proposed that £5 5s. be granted.—This was seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum and carried.

The Rev. J. C. Cohen reported that Harwell bells were now being rehung, and invited all ringers to the dedication service on Saturday, August 6th. A thanksgiving service and the re-admission of the ringers would take place on Sunday, August 7th, when Canon Girling would preach. The tower would be open for ringing after evensong on Sunday.

Canon Coleridge gave a short and interesting précis of the events at the meeting of the Central Council at Plymouth, dwelling on the excellence of the arrangements made by the secretary, and the beauty of the place of meeting. He reported that the largest number of books and pamphlets had been sold last year, thus rejoicing the librarian's heart, the Minor methods proving particularly popular, and that a new pamphlet on the handling of a bell and good striking was now in course of preparation.

In closing the meeting, the Master gave a warm welcome to Bishop Shaw, and expressed his thanks to the Dean and Chapter for granting the Guild the privilege of meeting in such glorious surroundings, to the Rev. L. Moxon for his inspiring sermon, and to the organist. He gave notice that luncheon would be served in the College Hall, and thanked the steward for making the arrangements.

Bishop Shaw, replying, said the Dean and Chapter were very glad to welcome the Guild. The Cathedral was a real Cathedral, for the use of the diocese in such functions as these, and was not a college chapel alone. Continuing, the Bishop spoke of the Oxford University Society, of which he was president, and its work. Many a young man got an insight into ringing for the first time at the University, and in giving an opportunity to future clergy to learn something of ringing, bells, ropes and towers, the society was fulfilling a useful purpose. For instance, Canon Coleridge himself had been a member 'some hundred years ago' (laughter).

One of the most beautiful halls in England was then sought, where lunch was admirably served to 135 members by the college staff. But who, unaccustomed to salt cellars of such dimensions, salted his fruit salad? The customary toast of 'Church and King' was honoured in the usual way, and the happy party dispersed to the various towers.

A river trip cannot always be enjoyed on a ringing outing, but the party going down to Ifley managed to look pleasant, even in the absence of the steward. And was it the beauty of the tulip tree in flower that caused certain ladies to 'shirk' in its shade?

Who was it who could not pull off the tenor at Magdalen owing to the extent of his 'slimming'?

The heavy thunderstorm that broke over the city was not all sorrow, for many ringers were making merry over a cup of tea—or was it wine of a headier kind?

Amongst the sweetest memories of the 51st festival will be the mingled scent of flowering limes and meadowsweet, together with the music of the bells, which, to one walking in Christ Church meadows, seemed to form a fitting crown to the city of towers and spires.

PROGRESS IN THE BANBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Great Tew, one of the prettiest villages in Oxfordshire, on Saturday, July 29th, in glorious weather. The one peal of eight were set going at three o'clock, and ringing continued until the service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Macfarlane, who is vice-chairman of the branch. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, preached, and took as his theme, 'Workmen that need not be ashamed.'

After service, ample justice was done to the tea kindly provided by the Vicar; the business meeting followed, with the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley in the chair. It was particularly gratifying to note the branch secretary's report and balance sheet, which showed what good progress had been made, both financially and (if we may be allowed the word) campanalogically. Seven new hon. members and twenty-one new ringing members had been obtained during the year, and more towers had joined the branch.

The officials were re-elected en bloc, and the usual votes of thanks were passed to them. Mr. Pearson, the branch secretary, was congratulated on the good work he had done during his first year of office.

Deddington was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer of the Guild) were present, also the incumbents of several churches in the district.

After the meeting, more good ringing was obtained at Great Tew, while other members went on to Enstone and Sandford-St-Martin, the towers of which had been kindly placed at their disposal.

ARCHBISHOP DEDICATES HOWDEN BELLS: RESTORATION AFTER GREAT FIRE.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, October 9th, 1929, a destructive fire occurred at Howden Church, Yorkshire, the parts most affected being the tower and the transepts. The fire began at the old ringing chamber level, and destroyed the various floors and the roof of the tower, besides causing irreparable damage to the organ in the transept below, and to the sanctuary and the side screens of the altar. So thorough was the work of devastation that, in spite of the fact that the restoration was taken in hand at once, nearly three years have been required to carry out the reconstruction and renewals, involving a sum of £32,000, and even now all is not done.

The fire caused the peal of eight bells to crash to the ground, and these were irretrievably damaged. It was to dedicate the new peal and other parts of the work of reconstruction that His Grace the Archbishop of York visited Howden on Thursday, June 30th, and performed the ceremony before a crowd of worshippers estimated to number 1,000, a goodly number of ringers being amongst those present.

During the course of his address Dr. Temple said that in all ages men had sought to make beautiful places of worship, because worship would make beautiful the character and life of all who took



HOWDEN CHURCH AND ITS IMPOSING TOWER.

part in it. So the beauty of such a church as that bore silent witness from generation to generation, far more potent than any living voice, to the majesty of God, and the aspiration of men's hearts towards Him. We do right to set great store by it and love it, provided always that the love of it quickens our perception of its meaning instead of dulling our eyes to the glory of God which should be filling it. All through the life of the Church, the Archbishop said, we set apart one day in the week to keep holy, not because other days should not be holy, but to represent and remind us of the sanctity of all time. There had come from what seemed a disaster the opportunity for the expression of love towards the House of God, and also the opportunity for rendering it secure in its beauty, as they trusted, for many generations yet to come. That opportunity had been wisely and energetically seized on and utilised, and they gathered that day to give thanks for the accomplishment of a great task, Dr. Temple continued. It was true that it was not necessary to come to church to worship God. They could worship anywhere. But the trouble was they would not. There were those who told them they preferred to worship God under the blue dome of heaven, as they expressed it. They might prefer it of the two, but they did not seem to like it. At any rate, they did not seem to do it when they got under the said blue dome.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, and all ringers present had the opportunity of having a pull.

Inside the tower the sound of the bells is heard with just that clarity which is the joy of all ringers who love good striking, while outside their tones announce to all that the glorious tower stands once more secure, restored to the beauty the men gave it, of whose spirit the Archbishop spoke.

The new bells have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have installed a noble peal, the grandeur of which will be appreciated by first-hand contact.

The bells, hung some 40ft. lower in the tower than the former peal, is at the level of the sills of the very lofty decorated windows which are one of the outstanding features of the tower, and the ringers are accommodated on a floor about 20ft. below. This ringing room is excellent in every respect.

The old metal of the bells, which was salvaged from the fire, has been utilised in the making of the new peal, the tenor of which weighs a little over 22 cwt., and sounds a rich E flat. The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the seven smallest bells, whilst the tenor has been made a 'bell of record.' The inscriptions read:—

Treble.—Although I am both light and small,
I will be heard above you all.

Recast in 1869 and 1931 by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

2nd.—If you have a judicious ear you'll own
My voice both sweet and clear.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

3rd.—Such wondrous pow'r to musick's given,
It elevates the soul to heaven.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

4th.—Ye people all who hear me ring,
Be faithful to your God and King.

Recast in 1869 and 1931 by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

5th.—Peace and good neighbourhood.

Recast 1909. G. T. W. Purchas, Vicar; C. Bland, C. Wilkinson, Churchwardens. Recast 1931.

6th.—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

7th.—In wedlock hands all ye who join with hands your hearts
unite,

So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775. Recast 1931.

Tenor.—This bell replaces one of a peal of eight which hung in the tower of the Church of St. Peter, Howden, and were damaged and in part destroyed by fire on October 9th, 1929. The previous bell was cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1775, James Godmond being then Vicar, and Isaac Brabbs and Edward Day Churchwardens. It was recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1869, William Hutchinson being then Vicar, and Francis John Maw and John Saville Churchwardens. It was recast in 1931 after the fire from the old metal by the aforesaid J. Taylor and Co.

Arthur Waring, Vicar and Rural Dean.

John Cuttill Hall, Herbert Matthews, Churchwardens.

Howden was formerly noted for its secular college, founded in 1266 by Bishop Robert, of Durham, and it is interesting to note that the present Bishop of Durham, Dr. Hensley Henson, took part in the thanksgiving services for the restoration of the church. Dedicated to St. Peter, the building is a cruciform structure with a central tower rising 135ft. above ground level, the base being now the sanctuary. The east side of the church is entirely in ruins, having been destroyed by the army of Oliver Cromwell when on the way to Wressall Castle; the south side is the Chapter House, an octagonal building, erected by Bishop Skirrow, and is inferior only in dimensions to the Chapter House at York.

Ringers parties touring Yorkshire should not forget to include Howden in their itinerary, which is another of those places in the county of broad acres which has a peal of bells worthy of the name and of the church in which they are installed.

The founders of the peal were represented at the dedication by Mr. John Oldham and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

VISIT TO THE MINSTER OF THE MOOR.

The ringers of St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield, accompanied by a few ringing friends from the Cathedral, wives and lady friends, had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 16th. The journey was made via Dore Moor Inn, Froggatt Edge, Carver Sough, and through the beautiful ravine known as Stoney Ridge and Stoney Middleton to the noble church (the Minster of the Moor) of Tideswell. Owing to the mist, the distant view was but dimly seen, but such glimpses as could be obtained gave great pleasure. The party were met at Tideswell Church by Mr. G. Chapman, who conducted the ringers to the tower, where several touches in standard methods were brought round, the ladies and some ringers meanwhile inspecting the church and surrounding district.

After tea a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Chapman and friends who had joined in making the outing a success, was heartily accorded.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, replying for the visitors, expressed their appreciation at being invited to the first outing of the company, and hoped, as it had been such a success, the excursion would become an annual event.

A few more touches on the bells, and the return journey was made by way of Eyam and Foolow to see more of the beautiful Derbyshire moors. The excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, July 9th. The attendance was not up to the usual standard, only 14 members being present, but it was gratifying to note that all districts were represented. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and was much enjoyed in spite of the heat. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Isleworth.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with the president (Miss E. Steel) in the chair.

Three new members were elected—two from Isleworth and one from Winchester. Miss Steel was re-elected president and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. The two Central Council representatives were re-elected, viz., Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

The Secretary reported that during the year the central district had been revived, and other districts had held regular meetings, most of which had been fairly well attended. There was, however, still room for improvement.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of 13s. It was decided that reports should be printed this year, and that during the year the service forms be revised by the general committee, and a new stock printed next year.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted toward the memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and a further £1 1s. toward the Stedman Fund. The Secretary reported on the Central Council proceedings at Plymouth, and urged the members to do their part towards increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The next annual meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hampshire.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of Isleworth bells and for conducting the service, to the organist, and to Mr. Lidbetter, the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness for the visitors.

BRASTED BELLS REHUNG.**SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION IN A KENT TOWER.**

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Martin, Brasted, Kent, have not been properly rung for some years, owing to the bad state of the bearings. There did not appear to be much chance of putting them in order until recently Mrs. Brightling, of Brasted, offered to meet the cost of rehanging in memory of her husband. The Parochial Church Council gladly accepted the offer, and decided to have them tuned at the same time. The present six bells were cast in 1881 from six which were cast in 1730. These former six were probably cast from four larger bells, judging from the evidence of the old timber frame. There is a 'post' frame to hold four bells of larger diameter than the present back four, with two pits for the trebles obviously added in the 18th century.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, the old clapper staples have been drilled out and the clappers adjusted, and the bells very much improved by tuning by Messrs. Mearns and Stainbank.

The bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Rochester before a large congregation during choral evensong on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th. Immediately after the rededication and before the sermon by the Bishop, 120 Stedman Doubles were rung, 360 Bob Minor was rung as the congregation came out, and, later, a date touch of Minor. This consisted of 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 492 Bob Minor, rung by: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher 3, Stafford H. Green 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. W. Fletcher 6.

Brasted has not in living memory been a change ringing tower. It was, therefore, desirable to avoid anything in the nature of a 'practice,' and to take care that the change ringing was struck at least as well as the best call change ringing to which the village had been accustomed in the past. It is hoped later to have an open day on which visitors may sample this very handy six with a tenor just under 10½ cwt.

A cast bronze tablet, recording the gift of Mrs. Brightling, has been placed at the base of the tower.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting held of the Western Division at Redbourn, on Saturday, was well attended. The old church, which dates back to the 12th century, has a roomy tower and a peal of six bells. Ringers came from Apsley, Dunstable, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Willesden, Gaddesden, Tring and the local company. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Berry), and tea was partaken of in the Girls' School. The meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar. One new member was elected, and Berkhamsted was proposed for the next meeting in September, but if the bells at Tring were in ringing order by that time, the latter should have preference. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. D. Totton, the Vicar's warden, for his generosity in providing tea, was heartily accorded. Further ringing took place in the evening.

BARNSELY ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**SHELLEY'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.**

The annual shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Eight bands competed, which were drawn as follows: No. 1, Felkirk; No. 2, Darfield; No. 3, Bolsterstone; No. 4, Shelley; No. 5, Hoylandswaine; No. 6, Sandal; No. 7, Wath; No. 8, Cawthorne. Mr. W. Idle of Dewsbury, was the judge.

The day being fine, the attendance was good, and some excellent ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served in the schoolroom, about 80 sitting down. About 8.30 p.m. the last of the bands completed the test piece, which was 500 true changes of any method on six bells.

The Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton) presided at the business meeting, when Cawthorne was selected for next place of meeting. The judge then read his report, the result of the competition being as follows:—

	Faults.	Penalties.	Total.
Shelley	...	75	10 85
Sandal	...	137	— 137
Bolsterstone	...	132	20 152
Wath	...	159	— 159
Felkirk	...	212	5 217
Hoylandswaine	...	256	10 266
Cawthorne	...	284	15 299
Darfield	...	225	20 Rung out

Shelley's performance was a particularly good one. Mrs. Carleton presented the prizes, the winners receiving the shield, which they hold for one year, and six trays; 2nd, six cruets; and the 3rd six jam dishes and spoons, and a special prize by Mrs. Ricketts, of Wath-on-Dearne.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all the generous workers and helpers towards the success of the occasion, and this brought to an end one of the most enjoyable contests which the association has held.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**TWO BRANCHES SHARE IN COMBINED PRACTICE.**

An excellent practice, arranged by the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches, was held at Wyke Regis on Saturday week, some 33 members taking part. The bells were first raised in peal at 2.30 by the ringers from Bath Abbey, who were visiting Weymouth for their outing. The Wimborne Branch members arrived by motor coach, having started from Bournemouth and picking up en route. Touches were rung until 6.30, and while evensong was held in the church the members adjourned for tea. This over, they again visited the tower, and continued their practice until 9.15, when the bells were lowered in peal. Welcome visitors came from Salisbury and Yeovil, and included the North Dorset 'fans,' who go all over their own and adjoining counties to assist in the art. Several members rang their first touch of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, also Major up to Cambridge, and were highly pleased. Everyone was willing to assist, and all agreed it was one of the best practices ever held in Dorset. It was a glorious day, and the ringing quite appropriate, as Weymouth was gay in preparation for the visit of His Majesty the King. The genial and popular hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch was greatly missed—he happened to be taking his holidays, but sent his good wishes. The Rector, who welcomed the members, and at the finish wished them all 'Good-night' and a safe return home, was thanked for his kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells.

BROOKFIELD RINGERS' OUTING

The ringers of Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, Manchester, held their 12th post-war picnic on Saturday, June 18th, the venue being Southport. Arrangements had been made to ring at Ormskirk on the outward journey, where the visitors were pleasantly surprised to meet Mr. 'Dick' Deal, of London, who was in the district on business. He was duly pressed into service and cordially invited to accompany the party to Southport. After a slight 'catastrophe' at tea time, another's hour's ringing was indulged in at Emmanuel Church, Southport, and the writer would like to thank the Vicars and ringers of the two churches for permission to ring and for having everything in readiness. Thanks again to being blessed with fine weather, everybody had an enjoyable time, and it was decided (as last year) to send a donation to the Stedman fund.

MARRIAGE OF MISS K. JACKSON.

Miss Kathleen Jackson, who was well known in Northern and Midland ringing circles, was married to Mr. Isherwood at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, on Wednesday, June 8th. The ceremony was a quiet one. The bride was given away by her brother. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Harrogate, and they will carry with them to their distant home in North Africa the good wishes of many friends.

In honour of the wedding a touch of Double Norwich, containing the Whittington's and Queen's changes, was rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Putney, conducted by W. Malins.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

The annual outing of the Cambridge Youths took place under ideal weather conditions on Saturday, July 9th. The journey to Northamptonshire was made all the more enjoyable, as the three members who each own a car conveyed their less fortunate brethren in comfort, each car carrying three.

The secretary, with his 'perambulator,' safely packed in the two 'infants,' and made sure before starting that the 'Singer Junior,' which was to bring along the Ringing Master and a member from Sawston, had safely arrived from Fulbourn. The 'Singer' was sent on, having its load, and when at last the 'mighty Fiat' rolled up, this was also sent ahead to pick up the two 'heavy weights' at the Dry Drayton cross-roads.

This was soon out of sight, and the 'perambulator' then hopped along in hot pursuit, and overtook the 'mighty Fiat' at the cross-roads.

The route was a most picturesque one through Huntingdon to Thrapston, where a handy ring of eight bells were soon set going to the tune of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc. Having arrived about 15 minutes before scheduled time, a move was made about 10.50 for Kettering, where the fine ring of ten were soon heard rolling out Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal. At 12.45 there was a 'Plain Hunt' to find some 'Cross Keys,' which turned out to be a restaurant, where lunch was to be served, and, as appetites were good, the 'course ends' rolled up well, and 'Go' was called for Rothwell at 2.15. Having heard a good report concerning the bells of Rothwell from a member who, unfortunately, was unable to join in the outing owing to business, the company were not disappointed, as they are certainly a splendid peal, and were kept going for the greater part of an hour to Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Bob Major, etc.

Burton Latimer was next visited, and here some good touches were brought round. The next on the list was Higham Ferrers, but before ringing there, pangs of hunger had to be satisfied, so the 'mighty Fiat' was relieved of a little of its weight of sandwiches. Then to the ropes, and after a few short touches a move was made for Raunds. Ringing continued here for the rest of the time, as this was the last call before making for home. The 'mighty Fiat' and the 'Singer Junior' came home via Kimbolton, but the 'perambulator' refused to be 'pushed,' and went its own way home via Thrapston and Huntingdon.

H. J. H.

A DAY AT HUYTON.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the ringers of Beattie and West Derby, with a few other friends, journeyed to Huyton and spent a pleasant day there, ringing on the newly cast ring of six at St. Michael's Church. The steeplekeeper, Mr. Tickell, met the company at the church and left them to make what use they could of the bells. Afterwards the Vicar (Rev. Mercier) came into the belfry and stayed with the ringers some time. He also took those who were not ringing round the church and explained to them all the interesting features of this old building. The ladies were delighted with a trip through the Rectory gardens, which were really beautiful, and, during this time, a 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung, and, strange to tell, it proved to be the first in the method for all the band, and incidentally included such old stalwarts as Messrs. E. Caunce and James Martin, and also Mr. Hargreaves, who is nearly eighty years old, the touch being conducted by J. Brown. The young ones also had a say in the matter, and immediately afterwards Miss Gladys Davies, daughter of the local association secretary, took part in double-handed handbell ringing along with her mother, and brought home successfully a course of Grandsire Doubles. In the evening, the same little girl rang double-handed a course of Triples. After tea, the party were again met by the Vicar, who very kindly offered to give a short service, which was much appreciated by all. It is not always that visiting ringers are treated with so much hospitality and made to feel so much at home by the incumbents, when the gathering is not an association meeting, and such thought and welcome should not pass unnoticed. The day was brought to a fitting conclusion by ringing a 720 Cambridge Surprise, and at half past eight the bells were dropped in peal and all returned home well pleased with the time spent at Huyton and with a fine peal of six bells.

J. B.

WIDECOMBE FAIR—NEW VERSION.

The monthly practice for June of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Burnham, and amongst those present were:—

'Bill Fletcher, Bill Henley, Arthur Hoing, Frank West, Henry VIII., Old Uncle Tom Fowler and all, the party from Cookham and all.'

'His Majesty' was in an instructive mood, but even kings have to bend the knee on occasions. An excellent tea was enjoyed, and it was noticed that the thirsty member was unwilling to leave even when the others had gone.

The methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. Superlative was tried, but was not successful. An invitation to Amersham for July has been accepted, and another cheerful meeting is expected.

FRESSINGFIELD BELLS RENOVATED.

The bells of Fressingfield Church, Suffolk, have recently been overhauled. It is many years ago since they received attention, and they are now in perfect working order. The Bishop of the diocese paid a visit to the parish on Friday evening, July 8th, when quite a number of parishioners attended church to hear his address. After the service a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung by William Riches 1, Robert Barber 2, Ernest Plummer 3, Robert Rayner 4, Albert Riches 5, James Riches 6, Walter Riches 7, Robert Riches (conductor) 8.

The ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. They visited and rang at Lowestoft (St. Margaret's), Southwold, Yoxford, Leiston, Aldeburgh, Framlingham and Dennington.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED PALMER.

On Wednesday, July 13th, another good old Kent ringer passed away in the person of Mr. Alfred Palmer, of Sittingbourne, Kent. Owing to ill-health and his business ties, he had not done much ringing of late years, but in his time he was an excellent striker and conductor, and equally at home on either a light or heavy bell. He had rung many peals for the Kent County Association, several times turning in the Maidstone tenor to a peal. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 16th, at Sittingbourne, and after the committal service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: A. Burley 1, J. Bottle 2, S. Taylor 3, H. E. Simpson 4, W. Spice, sen., 5, E. J. Dobbie 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, L. Dobbie 8.

Mr. Palmer was 65 years of age, and leaves in bereavement a widow, one daughter and three sons.

ACCIDENT DELAYS OUTING.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Braintree, took place on Saturday, July 2nd. The party left Braintree at 7 a.m., but Baldock, the first tower on the route, was not reached until 10 a.m., a slight accident at Bishop's Stortford putting the coach out of commission. Fortunately no personal injuries were sustained, but a delay of an hour occurred before another coach was obtained. Hitchin and Luton were later visited, and at Dunstable the party was met by Mr. A. E. Sharman, hon. secretary of the Beds Association.

After lunch and ringing at Dunstable, the company went on to Woburn, and, after tea, Hushorne Crawley and Biggleswade. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for having the bells ready. The company finally reached Braintree again about 11.15 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 28th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.—The ring of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twynning, nr. Tewkesbury.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45.—W. H. R. Trehwella, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Iichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huish Episcopi on Saturday, July 23rd. Langport bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Rogers' Café, The Borough, 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Poslingford, nr. Clare, on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing on the bells (5) from 3.30. Meeting at 5.15. Tea 6 at the Shepherd and Dog. All welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., Sudbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of St. Brandon (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available after 3. Tea in the Village Hall at 5.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in the George Hotel. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS, MIDDLESEX AND BEDS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting between districts of the above associations will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, July 23rd. Cathedral bells available from 2 until 4 p.m. and

after tea. St. Peter's also, but ringing until 5 p.m., when a service will be held at this church. Tea at the Clarendon Hotel. Cheap tickets from all stations on L.M.S. to St. Albans, also Green Line and numerous bus services from all parts. Everyone welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; A. E. Sharman, 199, Hitchin Road North, Dunstable; Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Wednesday, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—Geo. Siddle, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me without fail by Tuesday, July 26th?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District).—Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Farmer, 17, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, not later than first post Tuesday, July 26th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6), Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. It is most essential that applications for tea,

or by any band wanting to ring at a certain time, be sent to Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, 27th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth (8 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, at a small charge, at 5.30. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me on or before Thursday, July 28th. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, 27th inst. Frequent bus service from Tramway Centre (Colston Street). Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, July 30th. Usual arrangements. Please look up Ely Delight. I will send diagram to anyone who applies to me for same.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lichborough (6), near Towcester, on Saturday, July 30th. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. The Bolton police again invite ringers and friends to their Bowling Green, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 6th. Usual arrangements for food. Names, please, not later than August 3rd, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Titchmarsh (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, August 1st. For tea please notify Mr. Johnson at meeting. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the day. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HINTON WALDRIST, FARINGDON.—Grand fete on August Bank Holiday for Church Funds. Tower (6 bells) open all day to ringers. Bells recently rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at Newark-on-Trent on Monday, August 1st. The bells (10) will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark. It is hoped that a nearby 6-bell peal will be obtained for ringing on the day. Good attendance requested.—F. Blood and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Hythe. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 3rd? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet will take place on August 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Those intending to be present please notify me. All ringers welcome. — H. C. Jones, The Gardens, Chequers, Ellesborough, Bucks.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the augmented ring of 8 on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Roscow Shedden, D.D. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Rev. J. C. Cohen, Harwell, near Didcot, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. Tower open for ringing after tea. Thanksgiving services, Sunday, August 7th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.

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ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Holder 1, S. Russell 2, A. Lewery 3, E. Bishop, jun., 4, E. Bishop 5, W. A. Kitchenside 6, C. Brasier (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Hammond 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble, third, fifth and sixth.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): H. Comber 1, E. L. Taylor 2, P. Turley 3, W. Turley 4, S. Comber 5, H. J. Ford 6, E. H. Lewis (cond.) 7, F. Paige 8. First quarter of Little Bob by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Sevenoaks School.

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