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STRIKING IN PEALS.

Raising the standard of ringing, in peals and otherwise, should be the constant aim of all ringers, and anything which will help to eliminate slovenly striking, whether it arises from incompetency or carelessness, should be encouraged. Instances sometimes occur where serious blemishes in a peal, or general bad striking, ought to rule the performance out, so far as the records go, yet it is seldom an association takes this extreme step, as the Gloucester and Bristol Association did recently. More frequent action on this line would probably help to improve the standard of peal-ringing, but a difficulty arises from the fact that it is only in the small minority of cases that there are within hearing of the bells sufficient ringers qualified to express an opinion. Generally the only people competent to speak are the men engaged in the ringing, and it is hardly to be expected that these, after their long effort, should say that the ringing was not worth recording as a peal.

When the ringing is really bad it would be far better if the conductor were to stop the bells at a stage when it is obvious there can be no improvement, or that a trip has developed into such a muddle that, though the bells may eventually be 'sorted out,' the striking has been so sadly 'scarred' that to call it a peal would be a travesty of the name. But it needs a man with earnestness of purpose to take such an action, if he is the conductor; and one of particularly strong will if he is not the conductor. Better, however, a few peals lost than the encouragement of poor striking, which, if once admitted in a band, will increase and grow upon them like any other bad habit.

Few men will knowingly try to bolster up a 'cooked' peal for the sake of adding one more to their record. Why, therefore, should a band try to foist upon the Exercise a performance equally bad in another way? The remedy for bad striking in a peal is more practice, and there is a great deal in the argument put forward last week by the Hon. Sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that no man should be invited to take part in a peal until he has learned the art of striking a bell. If those who were responsible for organising peals were to act more upon this suggestion there would be fewer bad performances. To raise the standard of striking in peals, therefore, there seem to be two courses open—first, to exercise more care in selecting the bands; and, secondly, when ringing proves to be bad, for the conductor or someone else to have the courage to stop. The difficulty is, when does striking become sufficiently bad to make a peal unworthy of record.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 7
EDWARD EVANS 2	CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
EGBERT BORRETT 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 11
EDGAR PEMBERTON 6	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

E. and F. R. Borrett are from Pulham Market, E. Jenkins from Earl Soham and P. Laflin from Debenham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	ERNEST H. CLARKE 5
JOHN HAYNES 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM J. WILEMAN 3	SAMUEL MASKREY 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOHN C. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

This peal was rung as part of the borough celebrations of Peace. The ringers represent five towers in the town, viz., treble, St. Alkmund's; 2 and 4, St. Peter's; 3, St. Luke's; 5 and 7, St. Andrew's; 6 and 8, All Saints'.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*HENRY HARRISON Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
FRED W. HILL 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
FRED S. PRICE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal in a Surprise method. J. C. Dicken's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. C. Gobeys. The quickest peal of major on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS WINIFRED JONES Treble	JOHN EARP 5
HARRY A. FARLOW 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
DANIEL JONES 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
ANDREW JONES 4	*H. GEORGE DAWKES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a Peace peal—this being the first opportunity to make the attempt; also as a birthday compliment to H. G. Dawkes. First peal rung in Wolverhampton in which a lady ringer has taken part. Great credit is due to her for the manner in which she rang her bell. The ringers of the treble and fifth were proposed as members previous to starting for the peal. * First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH. — On July 27th, in 50 mins., 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Stubbs 1, W. Thorley 2, J. Grundy 3, W. Smith 4, E. W. Abbott 5, W. Pervin 6, J. Oldham 7, E. Reader 8, J. Hutchley (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10. Arranged for Ernest W. Abbott an old member of the band, on a visit to Loughborough.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HAROLD P. BURTON 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John (Deansgate).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
GEORGE TURNER 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	*AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate Peace.

* 50th peal on the tenor and rung in 6 counties and 24 towers.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIS' TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK COLE Treble	CAPT. BENNETT, C.A. 5
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	FRANCIS WAITE 7
ALFRED E. WAITE 4	THOMAS H. HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5792 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Contains the 5th and 6th the extent and the 3rd and 4th 18 times each way in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD Treble	NORMAN NORTH 5
FRANCIS GROVE 2	HERBERT HOLDEN 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
EDWARD J. ILOTT 4	*JAMES McLAREN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN.

Mr. F. Grove was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. It was his first peal for 18 years. * First peal.

DEPTFORD.—On Tuesday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: *R. Marshall 1, J. Law 2, T. Easterby 3, *G. Harris 4, *R. Riches 5, W. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, S. E. Daynes 8. * First quarter-peal.

MIDSOMER NORTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ISAAC B. HOLMYARD Treble	JOHN G. HAMBLETON 5
STANLEY CARTER 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
GILBERT HARDING 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT HARDING.

* First peal on an inside bell. This peal was rung specially as a welcome home to Mr. Joseph T. Dyke (one of the local band) and his bride, to whom the ringers heartily wished long life and every happiness.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH W. BELL Treble	HERBERT E. HOLDER 5
JOHN TAYLOR 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
FRED C. RICH 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
CHARLES DENSLEY 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. The ringers wish to offer their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby) for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS MACK Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	RICHARD HAYES 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3	THOMAS ATTWELL 7
WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. E. F. Cole was elected a member in the tower.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARNOLD BLOOD Treble	WILLIAM H. POYZER 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	JOHN HAYNES 6
†FREDK. WALDRON 3	JOSEPH LORD 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	*ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYNES.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal as conductor.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. H. L. JAMES (Caius) ... Treble	*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 5
REV. H. B. WOOLEY 2	REV. E. W. CARPENTER ... 6
(Fitzwilliam Hall) 2	(Caius) 6
R. O. STREET (Joh.) 3	A. E. WILKINS (Trin.) ... 7
J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 4	E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

* First peal.

SALDHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. EDWARDS Treble	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 5
TRAYTON BOOTH 2	JAMES A. HART 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	EDWARD MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

Messrs. Pannett and Crowder, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from St. John's, Deptford, and they were elected life members of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Causley and Hart hail from Uckfield, Tribe from Tenterden, and the rest belong to the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
FRANK STONELEY 2	*JOHN HARRISON 6
FRED PAGE 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST DUNPER Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
WALTER G. ROWE 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to O. H. Giles.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY T. RACKHAM Treble	SGT. A.-R. ELKINS, R.A.F. 4
*ROBERT STEPHENS 2	JOHN H. RACKHAM 5
ALEC A. RACKHAM 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On August 6th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Moulden (first 720) 1. R. W. Hyner 2, T. Moulden 3, J. Vincent 4, J. Tuckwell 5, C. J. Gardner (conductor) 6.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 24, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL I. EATON Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 4
WILLIAM PAGE 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury, College Single, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK HOLLANDS ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung as a Peace peal and was specially arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit to Kent from Oxford.

FOYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE 4
JOHN BEVAN 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JOHN GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 1—2	R. O. STREEY (Joh.) ... 5—6
E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... 3—4	J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: REV. H. B. WOOLEY.

* First peal in hand.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 size in D.

JOSEPH PIGOTT 1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7—8
JAMES E. GROVES 3—4	ALBERT WALKER 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: GEORGE YENDALL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3—4	JAMES HEMMING 7—8

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

The composition contains the forty-eight courses, with the 5th and 6th each their extent in 6ths, with the tenors together.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Market Deeping on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Grantham, Bourne, Edenham, Surfleet, Colsterworth, Maxey, Peterborough, Market and West Deeping. During the afternoon and evening full use was made of the bells, touches of Minor, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, being brought round. Several lady ringers from Peterborough took part, especially in the higher methods.

A short service was held, when the Rector of Market Deeping (Canon Ashby) appealed to the ringers present to do all they could to make up the leeway caused by the war, and to have patience to teach beginners to become proficient in the art, and, above all, to become true Churchmen.

At the business meeting, Canon Ashby presided, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Colsterworth, on Saturday November 8th. Three life members of the Guild and two performing members were elected.

Canon Ashby became an honorary member of the branch, and invited the visitors to view the Rectory gardens and a fine collection of war relics, which he had brought home from France and Italy. The ringers took advantage of the invitation, and wish to thank Canon and Mrs. Ashby for their kindness during the afternoon and evening.

MOTORING THROUGH SUSSEX.

On August 27th, the Ditching Branch of the Sussex Association, with a few friends and three ringers from each of Keymer and Burgess Hill towers, making up a total of 30, spent a most enjoyable day in a motor tour through part of Sussex, the route lying through some very pretty country. A start was made at 9.30 for Coleman's Hatch, where permission had been obtained for a pull. On arrival the party were met by the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Triples, several short touches being brought round. The 'go' of the bells was admired by all. Then, after lowering the bells in peal, a move was made for Rotherfield. On arrival, however, it was found that ringing was out of the question, as owing to a slight mishap on the previous evening at practice, one of the bells was out of order. The time was, therefore, spent in looking round the ancient church, which was greatly admired, as well as the old cottage in the churchyard, dated 1520. The journey was then resumed to Withyham, where a halt was called for luncheon. The ringers greatly regret that time would not permit them to keep their appointment at the tower, after the Rector had so kindly given them permission to ring there. Rotherfield was the next stop, and was reached over very hilly country. Several good touches were rung on this fine peal of bells while the rest of the party were enjoying the view from the top of the tower. After lowering the bells in peal a move was made for Salehurst, where tea was partaken of. Afterwards, at the tower, with the assistance of Mr. A. E. Edwards and members of the local band, an hour's good ringing was enjoyed. The return was made through Heathfield and Maresfield, and home was reached about 11 p.m., the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed. The band wish to thank the Rectors of all the churches, and those who were kind enough to make preparations, for the pleasure of the party.

BOLSOVER RINGERS' OUTING.

On a recent Saturday, the Bolsover ringers, their wives and friends, had their annual outing; all the ringers were able to go, this being the first time since the outbreak of the war in 1914, so a motor charabanc was chartered for the party of 29. The outward journey was through a part of the peak at Derbyshire, via Chesterfield and Baslow, Chatsworth Park and Matlock, and Matlock Bath, to Wirksworth, the place selected for the first stop. The bells were raised in the church at Wirksworth. Mr. Fox arrived, and gave one and a hearty welcome. Norfolk and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung. Dinner was served at the Red Lion Inn. After dinner, some of the party indulged in the good old historical game of bowls. On arrival at Derby, St. Alkmund's was visited, and we were met by our old friend, Charlie Draper. Bells raised, and Norfolk, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung. The party were joined by more of the Derby ringers; also Mr. J. Pagett, who took part in some of the ringing. Tea was provided for us at St. James' Hotel. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. Draper for making arrangements at the Derby end; also to Mr. Flint for the excellent arrangements for the outing. The return journey was made via Ripley and Alfreton, arriving at Bolsover at 9 p.m. One and all voted this was one of the best outings they have had.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, August 24th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): A. Boxall, junr., 1. A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2. R. Brough 3. W. Denyer 4. J. Trappitt 5. A. Clarke 6. R. Whittington 7. A. J. Trappitt 8. This is the longest length in the method by three of the band.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham on Saturday last. Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, supported by Miss E. Steel (vice-president), and members were present from Bedford, Sharnbrook, Elstow and Olney, Wellyingboro' and Roxton. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kempston, on Saturday, October 11th, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day included touches of Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise, and London and Cambridge Surprise.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUN DISTRICT'S GOOD START.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly-formed Clun district was held at Clun on Saturday week, when 22 ringers were present, including Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary Llandaff Association, and Mr. J. Perks, of Knighton, who, at the age of 89, rang the tenor to some six scores of Doubles. He has been a ringer for 76 years. Unfortunately the afternoon was an exceedingly wet one, which militated against a larger attendance.

Mr. Rowland Tench (Knighton) was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and read the circular letter sent out by the Guild explaining the alterations of the Guild rules, and the division of the Guild into districts with their own committee of management.

The Rev. H. J. Scott (Clun) was elected Ringing Master, Mr. W. Mead (Clun) hon. secretary, and Mr. C. Minton (Bishop's Castle) instructor. These will form the committee, with one representative elected by each tower in the district. Ten new members were elected, including one hon. member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Castle.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members sat down to a splendid tea in the Town Hall, and afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Machen) said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Clun, and to see such a good gathering. He was, unfortunately, not a ringer himself, but he was getting to know quite a lot about it, and that it was an art that required constant practice and attention. He was sure the division of the Guild into districts was a very wise step, and he hoped it would now go on and prosper, and that they would hold many more such meetings.

Afterwards, the members attended evensong, and then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, when several recently 'demobbed' men had their first touch of change ringing since their return from the war.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT VISIT SAWLEY.

The monthly meeting in connection with the Nottingham District of the M.C.A. was held at Sawley, and proved a particularly interesting fixture, for it was the first meeting held at this church since the old peal of six was augmented to eight. Visitors to Sawley on this occasion found another event in progress—an angling contest. Spaced by intervals of about 15 yards, disciples of the renowned Isaac stretched for upwards of a mile along the canal bank seriously intent upon their 'floats.' Some were fixed comfortably, others were less comfortable, being disposed on seats several inches too small for their redundant figures to give steadiness for the occasion. The patience of these anglers was interesting to watch, but sport did not seem very exciting, and despite humorous chaff, one nervous individual was quite unmoved at his neighbour's success in landing a tadpole. But the raising of the bells called the ringing visitors away, and the importance of the gathering was manifested by the number of ringers present. They came mainly from Nottingham, Leicester, Ilkeston, Daybrook, Beeston, Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Bulwell, Radcliffe, etc., and among them were Miss Hilda Wilson, Messrs. A. Wallace (Bristol), A. Coppock, W. C. Hunt, A. Barratt, S. Wesley, W. Flinders, F. Blood, W. J. Sevier, Wallace (Nottingham), Harrison, E. C. Gobey, F. George, G. Chasty, etc.

The birth of the new trebles at Sawley is of quite recent date, and they emerged from the melting-pot with perfect tone. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon the success of their work. The Vicar (the Rev. Arthur E. Clark, M.A.) gave the ringers a hearty welcome. He is an enthusiast for bells, and it was a pleasure to note his pride in the new acquisition. There was some capital ringing during the day, the methods including Double Norwich, Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire.

The Vicar greatly added to the entertainment of his visitors by the wealth of humorous stories that he told. When, however, he told them he was the greatest ringer in Sawley he gave the company a piece of information which made them look. Then they blushed, looked again, and gave each other significant kicks. For the moment they were silent, for here was one who could excel them at their own profession, and they had not known it. But at last he put them in their ease when he said, 'Gentlemen, I ring the bride at marriage.' Right was he and with a hearty handshake, and thanks to the Vicar for placing the bells at the disposal of the meeting, the ringers took their farewell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new Dean of Norwich, who, as Rector of Birmingham, has so greatly endeared himself to members of St. Martin's Guild, will be the preacher at the annual festival of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich on October 8th.

Canon Willink's removal from Birmingham will be a great loss to St. Martin's Guild, for he has been one of the greatest Rectors from a ringer's as well as other points of view, that the Midland metropolis has ever had.

We asked the other day who held the record for having rung in the greatest number of towers in one county. Mr. John Austin informs us that he thinks he can claim the honour for Gloucestershire. Except for a few remote towers, he has visited all in the county with six bells and upwards, and hopes to finish them all before he has done.

At the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association on the 27th inst., a proposal is to be put forward to hold the meeting of the association earlier in the year in future, Whit week being the time suggested.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, who has been acting as manager of Lloyd's Bank, Tewkesbury, throughout the war, while the manager was on active service, has been appointed as manager of the Bank's branch at Diss, Norfolk. His new address will be Haddon Lodge, Diss, and we do not think he will be 'Diss'-appointed in his anticipations of much ringing in the new county of his adoption.

Ringers will wish health and prosperity to Mr. Peter Lashin, of Debenham, who is sailing for Canada this week.

All ringers will be welcome at the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Stanmore on October 4th.

CHANGE OF METHOD IN A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On the subject of 'Length of a Peal,' has anyone ever suggested the application of the six-bell rule to peals on eight or more bells? It may be a sign of 'falling from grace' to venture to make a suggestion which will probably appear to our purists the rankest of heresies; but I confess I should like to be allowed to change from one method to another, e.g., from Treble Bob to Stedman, in the course of a 5,000. The shift could be effected without any repetition of changes (except, of course, the coming into rounds), and would relieve the monotony of ringing in one method only for three mortal hours.—Yours faithfully,

Canterbury.

FRED W. HELMORE.

'BOB MINIMUS AT BATOUM.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following extract from a letter lately received from our conductor, Mr. C. W. Cook, may prove a matter of interest (and possibly a warning!) to local bands commencing. He writes: 'No doubt you have rung a peal before this, to celebrate the signing of peace. We had four bells hanging in a turret over our billet where I was when we heard the news, so I amused myself by tapping the four-bell changes until I was stopped by someone who did not appreciate my efforts. These four bells (the largest about 4 cwt.) are at present hung with strong wire. I suppose they were tampered with by the Turk.'

Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, a very successful meeting of the Hinckley and Leicester districts was held at Whetstone. Members were present from Leicester (St. Margaret's), Hinckley, Stoney Stanton, Enderby, Anstey, South Wigston, Saddington, etc., as well as the local ringers. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung, and several of the local ringers got through their first 120.

Adjourning to the 'Wheatshaf,' handbell ringing and music followed. Three new members were enrolled. The handbell touches included Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, the latter by H. Webb 1-2, J. Morris 3-4, T. H. Hardy 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, Rev. R. P. Farrow 9-10. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung, with G. Stedman Morris (aged 11) ringing 1-2; and 120 Grandsire Doubles, by: E. Morris (conductor) 1-2, J. Morris 3-4, G. Stedman Morris 5-6.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOWER'S LOSSES.

Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, has lost its local secretary, Mr. J. Clements, whose death was the result of an accident. On the Sunday following the funeral, the bells were rung deeply muffled, and in the morning 720 Grandsire Doubles was brought rung by: 1. Brand 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, F. Bowtell 3, A. Lilley 4, J. Webb 5, L. Brooker 6. Mr. Clements had been secretary of the local company for 24 years, and his death is all the greater blow to the band from the fact that no fewer than four ringers from this tower were killed in the war.

'STRIKING' IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.**A ROAD TO REFORM.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The letter from the hon. secretary to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as published in your last issue, may be taken as a sign of the times, for it raises a question which is of vital importance to the Exercise if a true standard of peal ringing is to be maintained; and one which is closely allied to the subject of 'the length of a peal,' as discussed in your leading article of the same issue.

Every ringer knows that of all peals recorded, the percentage of those rung without a 'trip' is not high; notwithstanding the fact that a peal is supposed to consist of a given number of changes—all different—starting and ending with 'rounds,' and produced only in that order permitted by the method then being rung. Now, as a trip invariably produces a change which, otherwise, would not have turned up at that particular place, it is impossible for a peal in which a 'trip' has occurred to be recorded as a perfectly true performance.

If, after a 'peal' has been rung, it is 'discovered' to be false—even to the extent of one change only—it is ruled out—and this is an inflexible law; and yet how many performances are recorded as 'peals' in which there occurs—at least once—something like the following! A spell of bad striking crops up, and this is suddenly broken by a sharp call from the conductor of 'Lead, So-and-So,' when that particular ringer is, at the moment, striking somewhere half-way up the compass! In order to lead (or to jump into the correct position, wherever it is)—the unfortunate individual has to skip three or four places; this means that his bell had been striking in the wrong place; i.e., that several changes have been produced which never should have occurred at all; at any rate not in that position in the peal. How much less, then, can a performance, in which occurs even one trip such as just described, claim to be recorded as a true peal! So that there can be no question as to why Associations should refuse to acknowledge peals in which such conditions have arisen.

This leads to the question raised by Mr. Edgar Guise in reference to 'bad striking'; and in this connection the term is used rather in the generic sense of 'bad ringing,' which may be taken to include: (a) Merely the incorrect tempo of the striking of the bells within the proper compass; and (b) trips, resulting in the production of misplaced changes, as already described.

The application of the term 'bad striking' should be limited solely to the significance of (a); and while cases of (b) are tolerated in a 'touch'—(which, after all, is merely a length of changes rung for practice in any given method)—yet, immediately a case of (b) occurs during the ringing of a peal proper, the conductor should (as a duty to the Exercise generally) call 'stand.' Not only his honour, as ringer and conductor, but also that of the whole band would be at stake, if such a performance were permitted to be recorded as a peal.

Here then, lies one of the earliest roads to reform in the matter of peal ringing, and, indeed, of the ringing of any recorded 'touch'—(for, in either case, the performers claim to have produced the given number of changes, and no others).

In reference to the discrimination between 'bad striking' and 'bad ringing'—(i.e., production of misplaced changes)—already mentioned, it may be asked, how is a definite line for practical purposes to be drawn between the two? Let us take a practical example.

Suppose 'rounds' are being rung upon eight bells, and that the complete period of time from one treble handstroke to the next is six seconds. Now in this period of time there are 16 strokes, and also—where open hand-leads are practised—a short period of rest (equal to one stroke), which occurs between the back-stroke of the tenor and the hand-stroke of the treble. That is to say, the whole period of six seconds will be divided into 17 short spaces of time each equal to 6-17ths of a second; and, if the striking is good, each bell should sound in the middle of the short space of time allotted to it. Let us suppose further, that the ringer of the fourth is striking his bell a little 'wide'—he will be holding her up and encroaching upon the short space of time allotted to the striking of the fifth bell, so that 'four' and 'five' will be striking together. If, however, No. 4 holds his bell up to such an extent that he begins to encroach upon the short space of time allotted to No. 6 (and if he continues to strike 'true'), No. 4 will be now striking after No. 5, and will no longer be striking badly, but striking altogether out of place; and if change ringing were in progress, the result would be the production of a misplaced change.

Similarly, by checking his bell too much, he would be encroaching upon the period of time allotted to No. 3, and the same trouble would arise in a forward direction. It would appear, therefore, that some such ruling as the following is in need of establishment either by the Central Council or by common consent.

When a bell is rung so badly that she is made to strike on the far side of either of the bells adjacent to her, instead of in her own place, it is no longer a case of 'bad striking' merely, but of being altogether 'mis-struck'; and if a peal be in progress (or even a touch

which it is proposed to record) the ringing should be stopped immediately, and a fresh start made—if desired.

It is high time that we should recognise more generally throughout the Exercise that peal ringing does not consist merely of managing to keep the bells going until rounds eventually turn up at the conclusion of the calling.—Your very truly,

YORK BRAMBLE.

The Lodge, Gonville Road, Thornton Heath.
15th September, 1919.

PETERBOROUGH PRESENTATION.**INTERESTING GATHERING.**

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 2nd, between 30 and 40 ringers and friends from Peterborough and district met to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, who were leaving for Guildford the next day.

The proceedings commenced, as all ringers' festivities should do with an hour's ringing on the six bells in St. Mary's tower. The ladies had reversed the order of things by raising the bells in readiness. They then took part in touches of Bob Minor and course of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise, one course of Bob Minor being rung entirely by ladies. All the towers in Peterborough were represented, the company also including Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Ayre (Barton-on-Umber), and Mr. Cox, one of the churchwardens of St. Mary's. After lowering the bells in peal, all adjourned to the Church Hall, where the proceedings commenced with a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' Games were then indulged in, while the enthusiastic handbell ringers rang Bob Major, although the sound of the bells was obliterated by the sound of mirth proceeding from one portion of the room. After this, Bob Major was quoted as a 'dead cert' at all times. Refreshments were then handed round by the ladies.

The next item was the most important one of the evening, and the real reason for the festivities. In well-chosen words, Mr. J. Jutson speaking of the regret felt amongst all present in having to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, thanked the former for his assistance and geniality during his stay in Peterborough, and spoke with feeling of the presence there that evening of three or four ex-service men who had been spared to come back from the great conflict.—Miss E. Parkin, on behalf of the Peterborough ringers and friends, in a few fitting words then presented Mr. Pulling with a week-end attache case as a token of goodwill and appreciation.—Mr. Pulling, in acknowledging this pleasant surprise, thanked one and all for their kindness in according Mrs. Pulling and himself such a welcome to Peterborough. Speaking for himself, he was only too pleased to be of service to the ringers, and hoped they would forgive him for any hasty words. He advised them to work more in union with one another, and advocated the taking up of handbell ringing, for there was talent in Peterborough. He knew it was uphill work, but, as members of the company would bear him out, the successful accomplishment of a peal 'in hand' was a fitting reward to their patience and determination. In conclusion, he made it quite clear that whenever the opportunity offered itself, he would certainly visit Peterborough and district again.

Violin solos, songs, etc., were rendered by various members of the company, and Mr. R. Richardson gave a very humorous recitation, entitled 'The Saint and the Sinner,' which was received with applause. This was followed by Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob in hand, and more games until the hour of midnight drew near. The company then joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and to complete the evening's entertainment, a well-struck course of Stedman Triples was rung in hand by members from Surfleet, Guildford, Barton and Peterborough.

Farewells were then the order of the day (or night), and a very enjoyable evening came to a close, with thanks to all who had helped to make the whole such a success.

A 'SPLICED' 720.

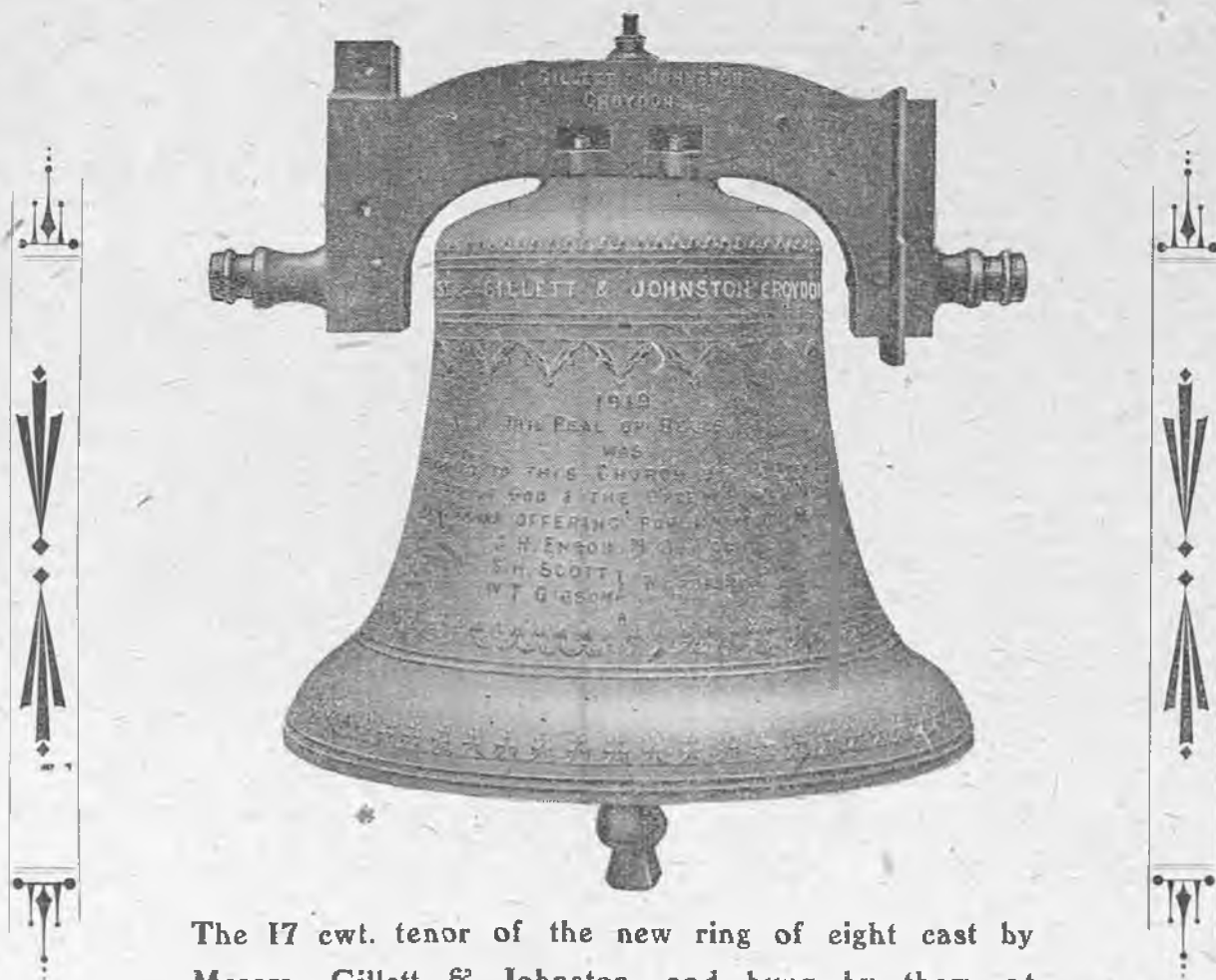
The interesting variation of Minor ringing, that of splicing two or more methods into one 720, is not often practised, but last Sunday evening, at Denton, near Manchester, the very progressive band at St. Ann's Church scored a 'spliced' 720 consisting of College Bob IV, Wragby and Neasden Treble Bob, for evening service: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. H. Walters 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom 6.

On September 3rd, 720 Rochester Treble Bob was rung by: C. Clayton 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, W. Wilde 5, E. Walters 6; and on Sept. 7th, for evening service, 720 Rochester, by: D. Wilde 1, H. Bardsley 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. H. Walters 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. These were the first touches in the method by all.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Armley Treble Bob, by: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom 6.

THE PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT ROYAL AT SURFLEET.

Mr. A. Roberts, of Stoke, Coventry, writes: 'May I call the Rev. H. Law James' attention to page 225 of Messrs. Jones, Rees and Blakemore's book, "A Key to the Art of Ringing." He will probably find something of interest re the above peal.'

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8), tenor 10½ cwt., available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the association will take place at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September. Ringing chamber open at 2.30; committee meeting 3 o'clock; tea 4.30. General meeting after tea. Meetings and tea will be in the Co-operative Hall, King's Road. —A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton, M.A.). The church is about 15 minutes' walk from Broom car terminus.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 3.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow at Flemington.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Knowle on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting at 7.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 20th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A.), who is also kindly providing tea. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the Schools. The election of elective officers takes place at this meeting, where a hearty welcome will be extended to all members.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m.; short Service at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Sec.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. Tomkins, Red Hill, Bredenbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing from 3. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 24th. The outing to Chelmsford is to take place on September 20th. Members intending to take part please give their names in to the Stewards by September 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service in Church at 4.30; tea in Church House 5.30. Will all members intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington, not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Stephen's will be available from 3 p.m.; tea at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, at 5 p.m.; a short Service in St. Stephen's Church will be arranged if possible. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; short Service at 5 p.m.; tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Idle (near Bradford) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 4.30. The new ring of bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at East Bridgeford on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Nicholas (12), St. Luke (8), St. John, Tuebrook (8) will be available. Service at St. Nicholas at 4 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute, 1/9 each to those who send in their names to Mr. W. Davies, 71, Wordsworth Street, Lodge Lane, Liverpool, not later than Sept. 24th. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and after business meeting in the evening at St. Peter's. Tea at 5.30 if arrangements can be made. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, September 27th. Bells from 2.30. Short service, 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., to those who advise me not later than Sept. 24th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Presteign on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea notify me by Sept. 24th? All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Helleston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Padbury (6) will also be available during afternoon and evening.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Pershore on Saturday, October 4th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all attending the meeting should be present. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should know the number likely to be present by the previous Tuesday. The Abbey bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. till service time, and St. Andrew's (6) after the business meeting.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (Vicar). Tea (1/- each) at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Silsden (near Keighley) on Saturday, October 4th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at the King's Arms at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Tea, 1/6 each, will be provided for those who notify the Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, not later than Sept. 29th.

NOTTINGHAM VISITING.—Visitors to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are informed that St. Peter's peal of 10 will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919. By kind permission of the authorities the following ring of bells will be open to the use of members (except during the time of Divine Service) throughout the day: St. Peter Mancroft (twelve bells), St. John de Sepulchre (eight bells), St. Michael at Coslany (eight bells), All Saints' (five bells), and St. Giles' (eight bells)—if ringable. Divine service will be conducted at 12.45 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft church, when the address will be given by the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich (Rev. J. W. Willink, D.D.). It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the service. Dinner will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2/6 per head company members, and 3/6 per head hon. members. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 7th. The business meeting will be held immediately after dinner.—Arthur L. Coleman, Hon. Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available for ringing at the Parish Church. Service will be taken by the Vicar and there will be a business meeting after tea. Further particulars next week.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobb, Hon. District Sec., Elsted Rectory, Ashford, Kent.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The bells at Cookham are now available for change ringing from 6 till 9 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month. All ringers are welcome. Six bells, tenor 14½ cwt.—T. J. Fowler, Nightingale, Cookham.

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A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of handing a cheque for the amount collected to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

The chair will be taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. A musical evening will be arranged, and refreshments will be provided for all those who advise the undersigned not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.

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