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M.C.A. CRITICISM OF THE COUNCIL.

Another important Association—the Midland Counties'—has discussed the question submitted by the Central Council, as to whether or not the Council shall be given power to enforce its decisions. The result was not very complimentary to the central body. Most of the speeches made seem to have been a criticism of the Council and its methods, and in the end it was decided to take no action; from which we conclude the Midland Counties' men are not prepared to give the Council plenary powers. This decision may be followed by similar conclusions on the part of other Associations, and if it is only followed by one or two we believe it will be fatal to the suggestion that powers of enforcement should be given. Even if the Midland Counties alone stand out we can scarcely see how the proposal can be put into operation, for the M.C.A. covers an extensive and important area, and has one of the largest memberships among all the ringing organisations.

But apart from this aspect of the question, the attitude of the members of the Midland Counties' Association only goes to bear out what we have often said, that the general body of ringers have no high opinion of the Council, either as a legislative or an advisory assembly. We have sometimes been taken severely to task for expressing this view, but whenever an association has seriously debated the merits of the Council and its methods there has almost invariably been revealed a feeling that the Council is not fulfilling the functions that it ought to fulfil. As we have so often said, we do not agree with those who would end the Council, we should much prefer to see it 'mended,' for there can be no question that such a central body is essential to the needs of the Exercise. It is for the Associations to see that the Council is put to the best use, and that can be done by sending men as representatives who have experience and initiative. In this the Associations have it in their own hands, and further, they could if they chose provide work for the Council to do, by sending up subjects for consideration.

The Midland Counties' decision will show those who think otherwise that the general body of ringers are not satisfied with the Council; on the other hand it is for the Associations to show the Council the way they would wish it to go. We would like to see a far greater interest displayed by ringers in matters concerning the welfare of ringing, which might well be debated first in the Associations and then sent up to the Council for general approval or otherwise. If Association's own proposals were debated in the Council it would add greatly to the interest and value of the proceedings.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	HORACE ADAMS ... 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4	EMANUEL HALL ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 6 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*JOHN AVIS Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 5
GUY R. AMBROSE ... 2	*GEORGE MORRAD ... 6
CHARLES WINSER ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see Kent County Handbook, 1904, Peal No. 918. The band wish to thank the Rev. Sir Saville Shaw for the use of the bells and Mr. George Barham for having the bells in readiness.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*EDWARD PUGH Treble	CHARLES DYSON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... 2	WALTER PUGH ... 6
JESSE GILLET ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 4	CHARLES H. AUSTEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples, Mr. W. Pugh kindly filling up the vacancy. W. Farley hails from Wells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM PALMER Treble	JOHN JAY ... 5
ALBERT D. STONE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 4	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	R. LATHBURY ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	A. C. DARNELL ... 6
JESSE BEAMS ... 3	CHAS. E. READ ... 7
A. LEE ... 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal. Miss Shorter is the first lady to take part in a peal under the auspices of the Surrey Association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	HARRY HEAD 5
ALFRED TARBUN, SEN. 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM 6
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3	*JOSEPH ROOTE 7
PERCY TIMSON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This was the 60th peal by A. Tarbun and the 100th by H. W. Kirton.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LANCASHIRES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON 5
H. J. BALCOMBE 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4	*WILLIAM CLEMENT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PERVIN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd bell.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	PERCY PRICE 5
W. R. DRAGE 2	N. H. WIDDOWSON 6
R. ALAN HICKTON 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	EDMUND C. CHARTY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

First peal on the bells since their recent augmentation of two bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

ARTHUR E. WILKINS Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a Peace peal, also as a welcome home to C. N. Burdock and the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, September 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	JOHN NEAL 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
ALBERT WALKER 4	OLIVER G. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

The peal was arranged for Mr. W. Farley, who hails from Wells, Albert Walker's 200th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	ANDERSON T. TYLER 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	FRED WILFORD 5
GEORGE BASFORD 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a Peace peal for Earls Barton.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BABER Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 4
GORDON W. CHECKETTS 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar and as a farewell peal to Cpl. Joseph D. Johnson who is sailing for India. This is the first peal of Minor yet rung containing the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was G. W. Checketts' 100th peal for the Worcestershire Association. It was also the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. It was intended to ring Major, but owing to a defection at the last minute the peal had to result in the above.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER KERRISON Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 4
*GEORGE GREENACRE 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in five methods. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Kemp, steepkeeper, for having the bells ready, and Mr. W. Kerrison for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7th, on the occasion of a drumhead memorial service a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) B. Fleet (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Baldock 2, G. E. King 3, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 4, H. H. Smith 5, A. King 6, G. Heley 7, W. Horne (1st quarter-peal) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5658 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHAY ... 1-2	REV. E. BANKS JAMES ... 5 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major in hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington of Croydon, and the conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5840 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with 3 different callings,

*W. H. J. HOOTON ... 1-2	†J. B. WOOLLEY ... 3-4
†C. W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire: Rev. H. B. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor and first as conductor. † First peal in hand
† First peal, aged 12 years 9 months.

The following peals were rung during a week's tour in Cheshire:—

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5840 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 8
JOHN FLINT ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 9
ARTHUR G. MASON ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5164 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	†EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
*ARTHUR G. MASON ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol in the county. * First peal in the method.
† First Surprise peal.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 3
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 2	ARTHUR G. MASON ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
HENRY W. WILDE ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ARTHUR G. MASON ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... 5
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	ARTHUR G. MASON ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
ARTHUR G. MASON ... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON. — London County Association.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Harman, senr., 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. G. Shade 3, A. King 4, A. Smeathers (conductor) 5, C. Raddon 6, W. Berry 7, H. J. Harman, junr., 8.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., for special evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Harman, senr., 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. J. Shimmans 3, T. King 4, H. Belsher 5, C. Raddon 6, W. Berry 7, A. H. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 8.

WELSH RINGERS' COMBINED OUTING.

A somewhat new feature in ringing outings has taken place in South Wales, where the Llandaff Cathedral, St. John's, Cardiff, and St. Mary's, Whitchurch, bands held a combined outing, which it is hoped to make an annual affair. Starting by steamer from Cardiff, the journey to Weston-super-Mare by charabanc conveyed the party to the Parish Church at Yatton. Here the ringers enjoyed an hour's ringing in the four standard methods, and a tour round the church with the Vicar as guide.

The next move was to Congresbury, where a fine peal of eight, with a melodious tenor, were kept going for another hour, the bells receiving the praises of all the party. An adjournment was then made to dinner at the Ship and Castle.

A further motor journey landed this 'perpetual motion crowd' at Wrington Church. The peal of ten was raised, but before they had started off into methods, visitors from St. Mary's, Taunton, who, like the men from South Wales, were having their annual in the same neighbourhood, put in an appearance.

An invitation to have the first touch was courteously accepted, after which the Llandaff party obtained another hour's enjoyment, although they found the ringing chamber rather noisy.

The return journey was then commenced to Weston-super-Mare, where tea was followed by an adjournment to the useful peal of eight at Weston Church.

The steamer was duly reached, after an hour and a half in the queue, owing to holiday pressure, and the passengers were landed in Cardiff at 10 p.m. The success of the outing goes far towards cementing the close relations of the three towers concerned.

The Secretary of the Association (Mr. J. W. Jones), and Mr. H. Page, of Pentre, were members of the party, and the weather was all that could be desired. The ringers cordially thank the Vicars of the towers visited for the use of the bells and the local ringers for their kindness in having all ready for the visit.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A successful monthly meeting was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Knowle, the following places being represented: Allesley, Solihull, Stoke-in-Coventry and Knowle. The bells, a handy ring of six, were raised about 3.30, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung until 5 o'clock, when the members adjourned to the White Swan for tea. The tower was afterwards visited, and touches in various methods were rung.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday week, the Reigate Parish Church ringers had an afternoon outing to Streatham, where some good touches were rung on the bells of St. Leonard's Church. After tea, kindly provided by one of the members, the company went on to Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, where further good ringing took place. The party left for home at 8 p.m., after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The ringers and learners at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Leaving Berkhamsted at 7.45 a.m. by brake, they had a very cold journey to Tring. Although Tring possesses such a beautiful peal of bells (it is said the best in Herts), the party did not stop to ring there, but continued their journey to the small but pretty village of Aston Clinton. Very soon they had the bells going and some good touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. They then proceeded to the picturesque village of Wendover. This tower can boast of a good peal of six cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung and appreciated by the Vicar of Wendover, who was present. After light refreshments, the ringers proceeded to Great Missenden, where a magnificent luncheon awaited them. A few touches were afterwards rung on the heavy ring of six in the Parish Church tower, and later the journey was resumed to Amersham, where, after tea, the party found their way to the church, where several of the Amersham ringers met them, and some very good touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were brought round.

Leaving Amersham about 8 o'clock the party, after a cheerful ride through the darkness and pleasant country roads, arrived home at 10 p.m. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and the visitors wish to thank the ringers at the various towers for having everything ready, also Mr. Owen Bayes for the excellent arrangements he made.

The Selby Abbey bell ringers had their annual outing to Pickering and Malton on Saturday week. The weather was very cold in the morning, with snow and rain, but when they arrived at Pickering it had somewhat changed, and was fine for the remainder of the day. The party had a pleasant surprise when they reached the church to find the Scarborough ringers there, and the bands joined in touches of Stedman and Grandsire. Leaving Pickering at 5 o'clock for Malton they were again met by Scarborough ringers. It was a most enjoyable outing, and the party wish to express their best thanks to the Rev. E. Drage Pickering, and the Rev. H. Ogle, Malton, for their kindness in giving permission to use the bells.

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Musical Handbells in sets, Bell Ropes, &c.

At the Handbell Contest held annually in Manchester the First Prize for the last 16 years has been awarded to bands using our bells, and on fourteen of those occasions they have gained the Second Prize also

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who know the magnificent belfry of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, will be interested to learn that it has been thoroughly cleaned, by some of the ringers, from 'truck to keelson,' i.e., from the bell cage to the foot of the stairs, and now looks finer than ever. The casts of ancient bells which it contains have been repaired, and a memorial tablet will shortly be erected to the members of the Belfry Guild who fell in the great war.

Two trebles are to be added to the peal at Bengoe, Herts, to complete the octave. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The new peal of eight bells at Birstall Parish Church, Yorkshire which have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.

The Lord Mayor-elect of London is an honorary churchwarden of St. Michael's, Cornhill.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Whistow on Saturday week. Over forty ringers attended from Anston, Bolsterstone, Bolsover, Conisbro', Ecclesfield, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and Rammoor, Treton, Wath, Wortley, and Workson. The bells were kept going for about four hours, to touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford and Double Norwich.

A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allon, M.A.) extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and offered words of wise counsel from the text, 'Set up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations,' Jeremiah xxvii. 51.

Tea was provided in the Institute, ample provision being made by the ladies, amongst whom were Mrs. Glenn, wife of the general secretary, and Mrs. Hague and daughters. At the subsequent business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the Vice-President (Mr F. Willey) and committeemen. Eight new members were elected, and Ecclesfield proposed for the next quarterly meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, local ringers and the ladies for helping to make the meeting a great success.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week the Manchester branch held its usual monthly meeting at St. James' Church, Birch. There was a fair attendance of ringers, and touches of Bob Minor and Major. Grandsire and Stedman were rung. The Rector presided over the business meeting, and gave a very cordial welcome to the ringers.

In discussing the lack of interest that seemed to be prevalent amongst young people in taking to ringing, he suggested that the Boy Scouts, and Church Lads' Brigade should be appealed to to fill the ranks of ringers, and that something in the way of a medal be given upon qualification.

Mr. Burroughs proposed the Rector as a honorary member of the Association, which was approved very heartily.

An invitation was given to hold the next monthly meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday October 25th and this was accepted.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having things ready.—Sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. Ryder, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

'EXCHANGE' OF BELFRIES.

Writing on the subject of fraternising among ringers, Mr. Arthur Lorkin, of Reigate, writes: 'It would be much better for all if ringers were more united, and, by changing belfries, every now and then, we should get to know one another much better than we do. As soon as a stranger enters the belfry the compliment should be passed of asking him, if he is a ringer, to take a rope. I have visited belfries where I have hardly been spoken to and not even been asked if I could ring. Happily to say, these are few and far between. Within a radius of eight miles from our church there are nine peals of bells, yet it's very rare that we see any ringers. That should not be so. Facilities for getting from one place to another are much easier than they used to be. I trust this little appeal will not fall on deaf ears.'

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

We anticipate that the 'Ringing World' will be much delayed in reaching many of our readers, this week, owing to the railway strike. While we regret it, our friends will, we are sure, recognise that this is a matter beyond our control.

Another result of the strike is to hold up on rails somewhere a consignment of paper with the result that part of our edition this week has had to be printed on paper of inferior quality.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

TRENCHANT CRITICISM OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, the rendezvous being Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. The popular hunting centre is famous for another production, ye old 'Ye Melton Pork Pie.' This toothsome tit-bit can safely hold its own, and has positively no connection with any of its green-eyed rivals. In these days of meat rations it fills a long-felt want, and when washed down with the liquid nourishment easily obtainable from houses 'within the meaning of the Act,' one realises that life is still worth the living, notwithstanding the threatened invasion of pussyfoot.

The tower of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, is a landmark for miles around. The interior is almost a counter-part of Gloucester Cathedral. Well endowed by dead-and-gone patrons, its upkeep leaves nothing to be desired—unless it be that at some future time an iron frame replaces the present one of wood. From about 2.30 p.m. the ten bells were going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters Treble Ten was rung, as was also Double Norwich and Superlative. Considering the limited railway facilities, there was quite a good muster of ringers, who came from Nottingham, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Birmingham, Mansfield and Duffield.

The tea was held in the Co-operative Hall, when 45 members sat down. The business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. Wilkinson (a ringer), of Mansfield, in the absence of Ald. R. B. Chambers, vice-president, of Derby, who was away at Southport. He was supported by the Rev. A. Mowbrige (curate of St. Mary's); Mr. A. E. Wright, hon. secretary; and Mr. Wm. Willson, hon. treasurer.

After disposing of the usual routine business, interest centred round an item on the agenda, regarding the support to the Central Council in its decisions.—The Chairman, in introducing it, speedily showed his intimate knowledge of the Council's deliberations and his appreciation of the 'Ringing World's' criticisms thereon. In his opinion the Central Council was asleep and required severely awakening.

Mr. Bart Mitchell moved 'That we ignore the Central Council, and decline to send any more representatives.'—Mr. R. H. Bartram pointed out that in order to watch our own interests this would not do, or legislation passed might be hurtful to the M.C.A.—After further discussion on the matter, Mr. W. Willson gave a resume of the career of the Council from its inception, saying it was founded thirty years back to unify the various societies in the country, and to be a tribunal to which all might have access. Proceeding, he said: 'I understand quite well the feeling that now exists towards the Council. It has done good work in the past. The publications of its first ten years are proof of that, but dry rot set in and many thought that I was too bitter in my criticisms of twenty years ago, and I was attacked in turn for my writings, but now those who differed, rediscover the fact that the Central Council is weighed and found wanting! We are asked to support the Council in its decisions. Has any decision been flouted? What decision is there awaiting your verdict? The Council has neither policy nor programme. It makes one smile to read its request for more work, and 'How can it be made more useful'? It is merely an apology for its existence, and any Government in similar circumstances would be told to get out.' According to the reports he considered it almost a waste of time. In his opinion the whole procedure was wrong. One half of the time should be for practical purposes, the other for theoretical, but to-day delegates represented nobody but themselves. The agenda was never published until it was too late to discuss any item. The 'high-browed' critics decried Grandsire Major and uplifted 'Little Bobs,' a mongrel 'Minimus Major,' attempted to wash out Stedman as he is rung to-day; and, after showing the common or garden variety of ringers that no decision could be arrived at in the Council Chamber, desired the rank and file to support them! Mr. Willson contended that members occupied their places too long, and became like a brick in a wall, honorary members, some of whom have no qualification except peal-piling, are elected and re-elected as though there were no other men in the country worth the name. What was wanted was a lot more new blood and in this connection he had no axe to grind, as he would not stand as a candidate, but whoever was sent, let him be original and assert his object, and then that man would have justified his election. When the Council had any decision—not autocratic—to make, of course the Associations would support it. Let them get a move on or many would consider as he did, that having done without the Council during the war, they could possibly do without it altogether.

Mr. W. E. White, a delegate, said it was true no subject could be discussed in advance, therefore, the delegates had to vote as they thought fit, but it was not the fault of the delegates.

It was eventually decided unanimously not to proceed further with the matter at present, but to leave the vacancy (caused by the death of the late Mr. John Taylor, president) open.

Concerning the reconstruction proposed for the Association, Mr. A. E. Wright, hon. secretary, intimated that a special committee

would be called to discuss matters of importance, among which were: The issue of a report for the war period; the question of President—or Ringing Master—and Vice-President; local government of branches and finance.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, to the local branch for their catering, and to the chairman, brought a most interesting meeting to a close, after which the bells were again requisitioned until train time separated all.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

Those members who were fortunate enough to attend the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, at Chiddingly, received a most cordial welcome from the Vicar and the local band. The following towers were represented: Brighton, Seaford, Heathfield, Mayfield, Waldron, Uckfield, Eastbourne, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. W. D. Smith, both of London, being also present. Mr. W. Franks (Battle), who had met with an accident, wrote saying he was too unwell to come, and a letter was also received from Salehurst, regretting that none of their band would be present. Excellent practice was had in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Methods.

The bells go very well, considering the years they have been rung without the attention of the bell-hanger, and it is pleasing to note that the Vicar has a scheme on hand to recast and rehang the whole real, with the addition of two trebles and a new frame. Contributions to the restoration fund should be sent to the Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A., The Vicarage, Chiddingly, who will be pleased to acknowledge receipt with thanks.

The usual ringers' service was held in the church, the Vicar officiating, and giving a typical ringers' address. The singing, which was quite a feature of the service, had the assistance of Mrs. Clarke, who presided at the organ.

After service, the company adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they partook of the good things kindly provided by the Vicar and his charming wife, Mrs. Clarke also assisting in waiting upon those present.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Clarke (on the proposition of Mr. W. D. Smith) for their kindness to the members, and expressed the wish that other Vicars and Rectors would take up ringing as Mr. Clarke had done, and treat ringers in the same way as they had been treated that day.

Mr. Clarke, in replying, wished to include Mr. Ellis, of the local band, in the vote, as he had been busy all the morning in getting the bells and also the lawn ready for the meeting.

After routine business had been disposed of, the company returned to the tower.

YOUNG RINGERS' PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' this week there is a reference to young ringers and their first peal. At the time I rang my first peal I believe I was the youngest that had ever rung one. I was 13 on the 14th of April, and I rang the 3rd at Crayford to a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 20th of May. Several years afterwards I believe one of Mr. Washbrook's sons rang a peal at Arklow when he was 11 years old.

By the way, are there any ringers who have rung peals on every date in the year from January 1st to December 31st (including Feb. 29th). The only one that I have come across to do this was the late Bertram Prewett.—Yours truly, E. BARNETT, Junr.

[Among the youngest to ring a peal have been the son and daughters of Mr. F. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham.—Ed.]

THE PEAL AT SURFLEET.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Roberts will look at pages 222, 223 and 224 in the work he mentions, in addition to page 225, and also at chapter four in Snowden's 'Double Norwich,' he will see that the peal referred to was Double Norwich Royal; which at that time was commonly called Court Ten In. Double Court Royal was produced by Shipway, and has never previously been rung.—Yours,

H. LAW JAMES.

THE PEAL AT LONG ASHTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The asterisks in the first column of the peal of Double Norwich at Long Ashton should have been as follows: The one against the 3rd should have been opposite the fourth, and there should be one against the ringer of the treble.—Yours truly, W. A. CAVE.

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The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, 29th September, several members turning up from unexpected quarters. The bells were kept busy from about 4.15 p.m. until 5 p.m., touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge being brought round, after which a good number of ringers attended the short service. Following this the Vicar interested those who attended the service by giving a short history of this historic old church, which was very much appreciated.

The tower was again visited, numerous touches in the usual Standard Methods being rung, eight o'clock coming round all too soon.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and in the absence of the Master who happened to be holiday-making, the chair was taken by Mr. A. A. Hughes. Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Benstead, Burton-on-Trent; Mr. C. Raddon, Hendon; and Mr. O. L. Twist, Walthamstow.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. H. Kilby, for having everything in readiness. Touches on the handbells concluded a very pleasant meeting.

A WINCHESTER RESTORATION.**ST. MAURICE'S ANCIENT BELLS.**

On Thursday, October 2nd, the bells of St. Maurice, Winchester, were dedicated, together with an oak tablet containing the names of those fallen in the war, by the Archdeacon of Winchester. The bells were old. The treble by I.H., 1632; 2nd a Wokingham bell, 1580; 3rd by John Wallis, 1603; 4th a Wokingham bell, 1420; 5th by R.B., 1610.

A new treble has been added in memory of Douglas Alexander, the eldest son of Mr. R. Alexander, who was killed in Egypt.

The old treble was found to be badly cast, and was too light for the peal, and has been recast, the old inscription being exactly reproduced. The other four bells have been tuned, and the whole six hung in steel frames, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rector, of St. Maurice, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, is gathering materials for publishing a book on the Bells of Hampshire. He will be glad of any information which may be helpful.

BRAINTREE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, had their first outing since the outbreak of war recently. Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. D. B. Barclay) they visited towers on the border of Essex and Herts. Travelling via Dunmow and Takely they arrived at their first stopping place at 9.30, viz., Hatfield Regis, where they rang two excellent touches of Grandsire and Bob Major upon the bells of this fine old priory church. After a short look round this interesting edifice, tracks were made for the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, where hangs a very musical ring of eight by Taylor. The Vicar (the Rev. Elwell) gave the party a very hearty welcome. In the short space of time allotted, touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round. Proceeding via Nazeing the party made Broxbourne their next halting place. Here, Mr. W. Radley, of the local company, met the visitors, and called a touch of Stedman Triples. Bob Major and Grandsire were also indulged in on this excellent peal.

A short ride then brought the company to Hoddesdon, where the good Vicar of Braintree had arranged for an excellent meal (which was much needed and enjoyed), at the residence of his father, Mr. R. Barclay, of High Lea, the tables being laid in the beautiful conservatory. A stroll around the picturesque and well-kept grounds was much appreciated, as were also games of billiards by the younger members. Leaving here at 4.30 p.m., the party next found themselves at Hunsdon. The Rector and his local band, including two ladies, were ready to receive them. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were brought round, the Rector and his local band taking part. The last tower on the list, Sawbridgeworth, was reached at 6.15 p.m. The melodious and heavy ring were soon proclaiming their message to the tune of Stedman, in which Mr. W. Turling took part. A short touch of Treble Bob completed the ringing for the day. Departing at 7.15 the excursionists arrived safely home at 8.30, thus concluding one of the most enjoyable outings in the annals of the society. The Guild wish to tender to the incumbents and local band of each tower visited their sincere thanks for the use of the bells, and the hearty receptions received.

CUBITT TOWN.—On Saturday, July 19th, at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. Clarke 1, R. Marshall (lowest length with a bob bell) 2, T. H. Hawkins 3, G. Harris 4, R. Riches 5, G. H. Daynes 6, H. Clarke 7, J. Menzies 8. Rung in connection with peace celebrations, with several other touches at St. Nicholas', Deptford.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th, 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.), and 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all 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.

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.

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. 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.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The October meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Eight bells open for ringing at 2.45. Service in Church 4 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

NOTTINGHAM.—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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at Llangorse on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Beccles District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bungay, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Tower open at 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Hon. District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow at Headquarters, The 'Edinburgh,' adjacent.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn 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. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.—This fund will be closed definitely on Oct. 3rd, 1919. Notice of unveiling the tablet will appear in due course.—F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

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.—Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be ringing for Divine Service, 10 to 11 a.m., Sunday, October 5th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, and on the 1st and 3rd Sundays thereafter monthly.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,' 6d. each (non-members 1/6) to all giving me notice not later than first post Oct. 8th.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar. A conveyance will meet train due Epping 3.10 for those proceeding by train who advise me not later than first post Tuesday, October 7th, for both tea and conveyance.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, October 11th. Bells at the Parish Church available for ringing during the afternoon. Service taken by the Vicar at 4.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting after. Half fares up to 2/- allowed to members. If enough names are received, tea will be provided at a reasonable cost; names of those desiring to have tea provided for them should be sent to reach me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobble, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short Service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after. The Secretary hopes all ringers intending to be present will let him know not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Divine Service at 6 o'clock.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar; will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than October 14th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—After October 9th, the address of Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn will be "Bemerton," Cedar Road, Sutton, Surrey.

EASTBOURNE.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Pye, Robinson, Gower, Stokes, Pye, Hobbs, Daynes (conductor), Dedman. Rung for evening service on Thanksgiving Sunday, on July 6th, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles: R. Harvey 1, H. Beavis 2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3, T. Finch 4, F. Nunn 5, A. Truelove 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: *J. Harris 1, E. T. Green 2, A. W. H. *Flowers 3, E. Waters 4, H. Harris (Guild-ford) 5, A. E. Macdonald 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Gerrard 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

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