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A WAR MEMORIAL.

There must be among the majority of the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association a sense of regret at the announcement, emanating last week from the Swindon Branch, that the Association's proposed form of memorial to fallen ringers of the diocese will not meet with any great support from that district. The scheme is much on the lines of memorials in other societies, viz., the augmentation of one of the principal rings of bells and the provision of a memorial tablet, and it is unfortunate, in view of the impression that might be created, that the report of the meeting, at which the Swindon Branch arrived at their decision, did not state the ground for the anticipated lack of support. Whatever may be the reason for the attitude taken up, the fact that an important branch is likely to withhold its assistance in a project where unity of purpose and effort is required, is one which gives the Association's executive cause for real regret.

When the scheme was launched it was thought that the proposal would have the wholehearted support of every member, and while it is impossible to meet objections which remain unstated, there are many reasons which can be advanced why all should help in such a project, even if the particular form of it was not the one which everybody would have preferred. If there is more than one scheme submitted, everyone cannot have that which is his individual choice, but, a selection having been made, the majority, in a matter of this kind, have, we think, a right to look for the help of the minority. Here is a proposal which is not a scheme for a benefit of this or that part of the diocese, or this or that section of the association, but a movement to perpetuate the memory of comrades from the belfry who have proffered and given all for the sake of those who are left, and of generations yet to come. Division of opinion upon the form of the memorial there may well be when the scheme is under consideration, but, when finally a decision has been arrived at, division of support robs the project of much of its sentimental value as well as jeopardising its chances of success.

It is difficult to believe that the Swindon Branch of the Association desires to do either of these things. The provision of additional bells, with a suitable permanent record, at some leading church or cathedral, is an eminently suitable form for a ringers' memorial to take, and is being adopted by many associations. We hope that it is only a misapprehension which leads the Swindon Branch to adopt the attitude reported last week, and that other counsels will prevail. In the meantime, the North Forest Branch has expressed a very warm determination to help, and, perhaps after further explanations, the Swindon Branch will enter as cordially into the scheme.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. Treble	*JOHN McKEAG 6
*JAMES A. SCOTT 2	*WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 8
*HENRY FERGUSON 4	†BENJAMIN C. DIXON 9
ERNEST E. FERRY 5	*JOHN STUART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First in the method on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Stuart.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
J. T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN JAY 7
CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8
ALBERT HARMAN 4	WILLIAM C. HART 9
WILLIAM WATTS 5	JOHN GOLDING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 6
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 8
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the 9th who hails from Newent, Glos.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED Treble	HARRY ALLRED 5
HENRY SMITH 2	JOHN STUBBS... .. 6
HERBERT ALLRED 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
FRED RIGBY 4	GEORGE PINCOIT... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th belong to Tyldesley, 2nd to Leigh, 4th to Chorley, 6th to Horwich, 7th and tenor to Bolton. The band thanks the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and the conductor for having the bells in readiness.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.

The peal rang at Hasketon, on Oct. 25th, occupied two hours and 46 minutes, and not two hours and 56 minutes as published.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Cranford, on Sept. 18th, was Walter T. Wilson.

In the report of the peal rung at Horanonden, Kent, on October 22nd, 720 Colloge Single should have been included in the methods rung.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE ARLITT 5
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	THOMAS W. LAST... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.
Conducted by GEORGE FLEMING.

BRIDLINGTON.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

GEORGE T. MILLER Treble	HARRY RODMELL... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL 6
CHARLES P. BRADLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR E. WEST 7
TOM S. MORTON 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. West, who kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ♪

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
*THOMAS M. KITCHEN 2	†JAMES R. KEMP... .. 6
JOHN AMBLER 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.
Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	HARRY ARGYLE 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ABRAHAM WILKIESON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

WALTER S. WISE... .. Treble	SYDNEY ROPER 5
MISS E. K. PARKER 2	DAVID WRIGHT 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7
CHARLES DEAN 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

The ringers are all employed at the Croydon Foundry, Mr. Johnston being the principal, and the bells were first cast by the firm on the Five-tone Simpson principle. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and tenor were elected members of the Association previous to starting. The band desire to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Steady for kindly making the necessary arrangements.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE TAYLOR Treble	*HERBERT KERSHAW 5
MALLINSON TAYLOR 2	ERNEST LAWSON 6
*WALTER BOTTOMLEY 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
EDWARD KERSHAW 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTONSTALL.
Conducted by A. JAGGER.Rung on the 6th anniversary of opening of the bells. The treble and 3rd ringers were made members of the Association previous to starting.
* First peal.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

WILLIAM PARKER Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	TOM TEBBITT 7
†WILLIAM J. ALLEN 4	†ALFRED CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBITT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
† First peal. First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the 6th anniversary of the rehanging of the peal.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 7
*CECIL RAEDON 4	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate All Saints' Day and as a compliment to Mr. A. G. Crane on his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Force, after 28 years' service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

†JOHN E. EATON Treble	†JOHN SMITH 5
JOHN BASS 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
*THOMAS J. SALTER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Bristol. † First peal in any Surprise method.

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STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT S. STOW Treble	JOHN R. BROOKS... .. 5
† LEWIS G. PALMER 2	FREDERICK E. PARSONS 6
† ALFRED E. PARSONS 3	† WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 7
* HARRY DAFFIN 4	WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Composed by LEWIS HEAD.

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method by a local band. Rung to commemorate the 77th birthday of the Rector (Canon Molineux) also his 32nd anniversary at Staveley. H. Daffin and W. Jacques were elected members of the Association previous to starting the peal. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor are demobilised soldiers.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
GEORGE TURNER 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
FREDERICK PAGE 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barnes on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BEVAN Treble	FRANK VOYCE 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOHN CLARK 5
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES W. HAYNES Treble	ALBERT RATCLIFFE 4
R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. 2	J. WILLIAM UNWIN 5
THOMAS BUTLER 3	FRED WESTON Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

Rung for the festival of All Saints, and also as a welcome home to R. A. Hornsby, organist of the church, after serving five years with H.M. Forces. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. and Mrs. Hoskins for their kind hospitality after the peal.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

G. SINGLETON Treble	H. HARPER 4
P. ALBRIGHTON 2	W. J. TIGWELL 5
E. TIGWELL, JUN. 3	E. TIGWELL, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, SEN.

The above ringers hail from Grendon, and wish to thank the Vicar or the use of the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* FRED GARDNER Treble	† HUBERT SUMMERS 4
† HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival of the church.

TANKERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

HARRISON SMITH Treble	JABEZ WALTER 4
FRANK JONES 2	ERNEST SLINGSBY 5
* CLARENCE HADLOW 3	STANLEY G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by S. G. WHITE.

* First peal on six bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Hopkins for having everything in readiness. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,
On Tuesday, November 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ALBERT SYMONDS Treble	LEONARD LAST 4
WILLIAM ROSE 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
ALPHAEUS BERRY 3	GEORGE CATTERMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMORE.

* First peal. All the band (with the exception of the ringer of the tenor) have recently been demobilised from the Army.

CALVEYTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES H. TOMKINS Treble	HOWARD TOMKINS 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 2	REDBEN UNDERWOOD 5
HERBERT TOMKINS 3	WILLIAM CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

All are members of the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford on Saturday, October 25th. Members attended in good numbers, and the bells were kept going to various methods. Nearly 50 ringers were present at the service, at which the Association Form was used. A good muster of the choir helped to brighten the service considerably.

The curate read the prayers, Mr. E. Barnett, Junr., the lesson, and a very nice address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector), who took for his text 4th Zechariah, 20-21 verses.

The members then adjourned to the Rodney (Y.M.C.A.) Hut for tea, 51 sitting down, including the Rector.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—Five new members were elected. Chislehurst, Woolwich and Greenwich, were proposed as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the last named being selected by a good majority, for Saturday, 31st January, 1920.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, and, no questions arising, it was adopted and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. F. W. Richardson then proposed that Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., be asked to reconsider his decision, and to again accept the post of hon. district secretary, as he thought that the necessary help could be obtained for him to carry on the duties.—This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Thornton, in a very complimentary way.—Mr. T. Groombridge stated his reasons for wishing to retire, but if the help could be obtained he was willing to carry on.—He was then re-elected unanimously.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries was re-elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding, and to the organist and choir for their services.—The Rector said it had been a great pleasure to welcome them to Crayford, and he would convey their thanks to those concerned. The rest of the evening was spent with touches on the tower bells and handbells.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of this district was held at Shipbourne, by invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schreiber) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and in spite of the wet weather was attended by 26 members from East Peckham, Penshurst, Seal, Chart, Horsman-

den, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local company. The usual special service, arranged and conducted by the Vicar, was held. Miss Saunders presided at the organ, and the service was very hearty throughout.—The Vicar, in his address, extended a cordial welcome to the members, remarking that it was just nine years ago that the district held its last meeting at Shipbourne. The reverend gentleman also made a feeling reference to the members who had gone forth to fight in the great war, of whom nearly 60 (including Mr. E. May, captain of the Shipbourne band) had given their lives.

After service, the members were entertained to tea in the club room of the New Inn by the Rev. and Miss Schreiber.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Several members having expressed a desire to hold the annual district meeting at Tunbridge Wells in January instead of Edenbridge, as was arranged at the last annual meeting, so as to provide an opportunity of trying the new peal of bells there, the district secretary was asked to write to Edenbridge and several other bands who were not represented that day, asking if they had any objection to the change.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Miss Schreiber and to Miss Saunders, for arranging and assisting at the service, for entertaining the members, and for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar replied.

The members adjourned to the tower, and ringing by mixed bands in various methods on the handy ring of six bells was indulged in.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE COUNTY'S LIGHTEST RING.**

A most successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Members were present from Bedford, Willington, Elstow, Biddenham, Roston, and the local company. Tea was served in the Reading Room, and the Vicar, who presided, welcomed the ringers to Clapham, and hoped it would not be long before they went there again. He said he asked the churchwarden to come to the meeting, but he had sent a note instead, in which he said he would bear half the expense of the tea. The Vicar added that he would like to become an honorary member, and he was duly elected, with applause. One new lady member was elected. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Elstow.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells, was passed, and the tower again visited, when the methods rung ranged from Doubles to London Surprise, several of the local band ringing their first 120. The bells are the lightest peal of six in the county, the tenor being only 5½ cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,

THE LEADING BELLFOUNDERS

LOUGHBOROUGH.

A PRAYER UNION FOR RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — Tennyson has wisely said, 'That more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of,' so I want to suggest the practicability of starting a Prayer Union for the change ringers of Great Britain and overseas men. During a somewhat lengthy career as a ringer I have intimately known many God-fearing men, whose presence in the belfry has been, and still is, conducive of much good. I delight in the happy link of brotherhood that is associated with ringers wherever they go, and would rejoice to see that link forged still stronger by a brotherhood of prayer, knowing that it would ultimately benefit the whole ringing community. In the ringing of bells for Sunday services we receive the recognition of church workers, and it is up to all of us to show by our life and conduct that we are worthy of our calling. There is room for improvement in all of us, and that is the reason which prompts my suggestion. The beginning may be small, but I am firmly convinced that if we could get even one ringer in a tower to feel the obligation to pray at least every Saturday or Sunday for his own associates, or ringers in general, the result would benefit the cause. The union could be run by the district secretaries of the Associations, who would simply keep a list of enrolments, and meetings could be fixed, to discuss plans and receive suggestions, at any annual or district gatherings. There need be no initial expense in starting, but if the Prayer Union grew it might be necessary to issue a membership card and general prayer.

If the above commends itself to any of your readers, I trust they will not fail to express their views through 'The Ringing World,' which exists for our mutual benefit.—Yours faithfully,

Duffield, St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

RINGING IN DEVON.

OVERTAKING THE HANDICAP OF CENTURIES.

Sir,—When 'Stedman's Tintinnalogia' was published, change ringing had been in existence about 50 years, and the longest length so far recorded was 1,680. No doubt at that time you could have entered belfries within ten miles of Cambridge, where change ringing was quite unknown. The first six-score ever rung in Devon was at Kelly (within half a dozen miles of Breamore), little more than 50 years ago. In that interval peals on eight and ten bells in the four standard methods have been rung by resident bands in Exeter, Plymouth, Hantsam, Ottery St. Mary, Tiverton, Ilfracombe, Withycombe, Halseigh, etc., to say nothing of various peals on six bells, including Minor in seven methods.

Of course, we are backward in Devon, but it is, perhaps, hardly gracious on the part of ringers coming from districts with 250 or 300 years' tradition of change ringing behind them to belittle the whole-hearted efforts of many of the younger school (to which I can personally testify). Not only has Devon conservatism to be broken down—a large undertaking in itself—but difficulties of communication approximate to those in the home counties 200 years ago.

The week after Mr. Bennett's letter appeared, he had the opportunity of sharing in a peal attempt at Plympton. Unfortunately, after 1 hour and 20 minutes' ringing, in which the striking would not have disgraced any band in England, his wheel cast the rope.

Had Mr. Buckingham mentioned "Grandsire" at Breamore instead of inquiring about half-pull or change ringing, he would certainly have had a different answer. Had he visited Kelly he would have found a strong half-pull band ready to ring with him. Moreover, half-pull bands have visited both Breamore and Buckfastleigh within the last few years.

A Guild meeting is to be held at Peter Tovy (almost adjoining Breamore) to-morrow, and without question there will be heard some excellent Grandsire, Stedman and Minor rung by country ringers, as well as by the Plymouth men.

Within a few weeks there will appear in the 'Ringing World' (with your permission) a list of the local branches being formed throughout the country. If ringers generally will make a note of the addresses of the local secretaries and write to them when about to visit their district, they will learn what opportunities they will get of joining in half-pull, and at the same time will do much to encourage the local efforts being made to overtake the handicap of centuries.—Yours, etc., Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Buckingham for his remarks. No doubt much can be done in Devon to promote change ringing. But if Mr. Marsh says I am wrong, as I have been informed since publishing my letter, then I need say no more. I have been told by Mr. Marsh and the Rev. E. S. Powell what ringing has been practised in Devon, and I am glad to see that the Devonshire Guild are so far advanced. I was also told what work was being done to form branches, and I wish the Guild every success in its efforts. I may say I am now settled down to business in the Midlands, so, unfortunately, I shall not be able to have the pleasure of doing what I otherwise could have done for the Guild.—Yours truly,

Dudley, Worcester.

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 42nd annual festival was held at West Hartlepool, on Saturday, the 25th October. Members were present from Newcastle, Whitley Bay, Cramlington, Saldon, Darlington, Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, and West Hartlepool. A meeting of the committee was held in the Vestry of Christ Church, when the treasurer's accounts were presented, showing a balance in hand of £5 12s. 7d.

The annual service was held at Christ Church, when a most interesting address, not based on any particular text, was given by the Rev. Canon J. R. McDonald, Rural Dean. He made reference particularly to the Collects in the service arranged for the association's annual meetings, and also to the notice on the circular convening the annual meeting. On receiving the circular which mentioned 'by kind permission of the Vicars, the bells would be available,' he said he wondered where the churchwardens came in, and looked up the law on the matter. He read out the decision of Mr. Justice Phillimore, which sets forth that the Vicars alone had power to grant the use of the bells, and, therefore, the circular was quite in order. He also mentioned that the service was specially meant to be on that occasion a memorial service to the late Rev. Harry Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, who passed away after a short illness in the early part of the year, and made special reference to his goodness and to the work he had done to help the ringers in every possible way.

The offertory, amounting to £2 2s., was given to the fund which is being raised to provide a memorial to perpetuate his memory.

The general meeting afterwards was held at the Grand Hotel, the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, being in the chair. The Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Vicar of St. Aidan's, Stranton, and the Rev. A. W. Chute (the late Rev. H. Robinson's successor at St. Oswald's) were present. —A vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and the Rev. Canon McDonald, was passed with acclamation, and the Rev. A. W. Chute replied. The officers were appointed as follows:—President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; auditor, Mr. W. Story; vice-presidents, for the Northern District, the Rev. Professor M. C. Potter; Western District, Mr. J. G. Green. The vice-presidents for the other districts remain in office according to rule for another twelve months.

The district secretaries were elected as follows: Northern District, Mr. Whitfield, Whitley Bay; Eastern District, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; Southern District, Mr. G. W. Park, Darlington; Western District, Mr. Summers, Hexham.—The sub-committee and peal referees were re-elected.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, stated that during the four years that the war lasted the operations of the Association were practically at a standstill, but it was with great hope that they could look forward to the future, and no doubt the Association would regain its former prestige. During the year 21 peals had been rung on tower bells, and in addition there were two peals rung on handbells. The list was as follows: Stedman Cinques, 4; Caters, 3; Triples, 7. Double Norwich Major, 5; Superlative Surprise, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1. Included in this list there were four peals rung by members of the Newcastle Cathedral band in the Midlands in August. It was with deep regret that he had to report the death of the Rev. H. Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, who died after a short illness. Mr. Robinson was a great friend of the Association, and always took a keen interest in the visiting ringers and those who had the privilege to have the pleasure of his acquaintance would remember his kindness and hospitality. They had also suffered a grievous loss in their old friend and life member, Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough. On April 12th, a memorial service to their fallen members was held at St. John's Church, Newcastle. This was largely attended, and those present would not soon forget it. In connection with this it should be mentioned that 37 of their members made the great sacrifice.

Meetings during the year had been fairly successful, and new members had been elected at each.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

In the 8, 10 and 12 tower sections, seven reports were received, and the points scored were: Cathedral, Newcastle, 810.7; St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, 604.0; St. John's, Newcastle, 276.7; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 255.7; Christ Church, North Shields, 203.0; St. George's, Newcastle, 165.9; St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, 105.1. In the six-bell tower three returns had come in, viz.: St. Cuthbert's, Bensfieldside, 214.3; Holy Trinity, Darlington, 90.7; Wylam, nil.

The belfry reports were on the whole, much more satisfactory, and the local secretaries expect that by another year they will have got into full swing again. The report concluded with an appeal to the members to pull together in joy and cheerfulness, so that they might soon forget their trials and troubles, and look forward to better days.

It was agreed that the subscriptions be increased as regards ordinary members from 1s. to 2s., and honorary and active members from a minimum of 5s. to a minimum of 7s. 6d.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

The question of erecting memorial tablets to those members of the Association who have lost their lives in the war was left in the hands of the president and hon. secretary, to endeavour to make arrangements with the authorities. Suggestions were made that there might be two memorial brasses, one erected in Durham Cathedral and the other in Newcastle Cathedral, giving the names of the members from each diocese.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter) tendered his resignation, but agreed to hold office until the annual reports (which would embody the years 1914-1919) were printed and distributed to the members, after which a new appointment will be made.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirtou Lindsey on Saturday last, and proved very successful. A large number of ringers were present from Gainsborough, Stow, Corringham, Brigg, Scotter, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber (including five lady members), and Barrow-on-Humber.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. Tea was provided in the Vicarage 'long room,' to which between 30 and 40 sat down.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. R. Garvey, Vicar of Kirtou Lindsey, presided, supported by the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow). Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Atkinson, F. Day and F. Garbutt (Kirtou Lindsey), and W. Ellerker Stow.—The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the business, after which the tower was again visited, and further ringing brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held on November 1st at Shipton-under-Wychwood, when the following towers were represented: Shipton, Ascott, Churchill, Chasleton, Todenham, Charlbury, Eustone and Chipping Norton. Several ladies took part in the ringing, and service was conducted by the Rev. J. Palmer, Eustone. The Rev. E. J. Johnson, Sarsden, gave a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Town Hall, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The Rev. J. Palmer (chairman) presided at the business meeting. An apology was read from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), whose unavoidable absence was much regretted, as it is always such a pleasure to see him at these gatherings.

The officers were all re-elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and secretary for their services in the past year, and also to the Rector of Sarsden for his address.

Churchill was chosen for the spring meeting.

THE PEAL AT NEWPORT, SALOP.

To the Editor.

After submitting the figures of the 'Peal rung at Newport, Salop, to Mr. John Carter, I find that all peals composed on the lines of the Newport peal are his. I much regret the error. I would like to mention that the whole of the band who rang in the peal will be very pleased to know that Mr. Carter's name will be associated with it. I should also like to add that Mr. Carter did not ask for the figures. They were sent to him, knowing he was the only man that could decide. Will all ringers and friends who take in 'The Ringing World' kindly strike out my name as the composer and put that of Mr. Carter?

Coalbrookdale.

W. SAUNDERS.

'STONY' SUPERSEDED.

At St. Margaret's Church, Lee, Kent, for practice, on October 23rd 1919, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 43 mins., by: G. Simmonds 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Crowder 3, *W. Pinniger 4, T. A. Easterby 5, *N. H. Williams 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, *C. Payne 8. * First quarter-peal and members of St. Margaret's tower. The other ringers are members of St. John's Society, Dentford, Lee tower for many years had a 'stony' band, but rapid strides are now being made, with the assistance of the St. John's band.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On July 23rd, in the belfry, on handbells, in 39 mins., 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Fenton 1-2, J. A. Fenton 3-4, A. J. Hessian 5-6, W. Malins (conductor) 7-8.—On Sept. 1st, on tower bells, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Grant 1, J. B. Fenton 2, E. Hunt 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, W. Taylor 6, A. Bramall 7, F. Bramall 8. Longest length by the ringers of treble and tenor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Nov. 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, 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.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 15th.—Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Restaurant at 6 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 15th, when the bells of the Parish Church will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5.30, 1/- each. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday next, Nov. 15th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a service in the church at 5 o'clock, and tea will take place at 5.30 in the large room adjoining the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Rev. G. A. Ensor.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (Monmouth Archdeaconry) will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—The tower of St. James the Less, Prebend Square (6 bells), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Chequers Hotel, 6d. per head to all members who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 20th.—Business immediately after tea.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Etab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. All tickets sold. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Service at S. Nicolas Church at 4.30 p.m.; Preacher, Sir John Herschel, Bart. (General Secretary). The Offertory will be for the War Memorial of the Guild. Tea at S. Nicolas Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a Business Meeting and Social. The bells of Holy Trinity (8) and S. Nicolas (10) will be available from 3 to 4.15.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton, on Saturday Nov. 22nd. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Bellringers' service at 5. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, November 29th, instead of Nov. 22nd, as previously advertised. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the Church Institute, 1/3 each. All members wishing tea please notify Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Church House, Mansfield. Mansfield Woodhouse (6, tenor 19 $\frac{1}{4}$) will also be available.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3 to 9. A short service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head, if those wishing to partake will send their names not later than first post, Wednesday, November 26th, to Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A Special Meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, 29th Nov. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting at King of Denmark, in the evening.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Old Hill (Staffs), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 2.30, service in church at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Canon Brewer, M.A. (Vicar), who will also give an address. The Ringing Master (Harry Mason, Esq.), 'StourdeLL,' Old Hill, wishes to entertain the members and visitors to tea. Will all those able to be present kindly advise the Master by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, latest? Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 6th. Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

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UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of tablet recording peal rung in memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert will take place at St. James' Church, Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4 p.m. I shall be pleased if all subscribers and ringing friends will attend. Tea will be provided free in the Institute.—Frederick Edwards, hon. sec.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Aug. 31st, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 51 mins.: J. W. Driver 1, A. W. Darlington 2, W. H. Howitt 3, E. R. Mackrill (first quarter) 4, C. Charge 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, G. C. Iles 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington 9, G. S. Edwards 10.

TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.

Dear Sir,—Kindly grant me a small space in your next issue in which to make a further comment on the above subject. Before doing so, I would like to state that my previous remarks (which were written with a general and not a personal application) had no reference to any special incident, and that the question of lack of welcome to strangers most certainly had no reference to the particular belfry mentioned in your issue of October 31st. As, however, the subject has been made personal by the remark that my 24 years' experience in change ringing had not been made good use of, or I should be able to ring Stedman Caters, I would like to say in passing that for the greater part I was attached to six-bell towers, and later to an eight-bell tower, where Stedman was not rung, and that only during the war had I occasional opportunities of practising it. Previous to my coming here, I had not made more than four or five attempts to ring Stedman Caters, so that my recent performances of seven well-struck courses is to me a very encouraging sign of progress, and not a sign of having failed to make good use of past experience.

But to get right away from personal matters, which cannot possibly be of any interest to your readers, the very important question of home study has been touched upon, and I am sure all will agree that it would be impossible to emphasise too strongly the importance of thoroughly acquainting oneself with the method before attempting to ring it, but how many beginners, even after they have committed the whole of the plain course to memory, can straightway go and ring it? They invariably find that whereas at home they were able to concentrate the whole mind on committing certain phrases to memory, a good part of their attention has now to be centred on picking out their places and working in conjunction with other bells. This is what is known as 'ropesight,' and I maintain that no matter how hard a beginner may study at home, or how expert he may become in theory, it is the practice and plenty of it that makes the ringer. So in maintaining my plea for toleration, never mind occasional trips, start again, and still again, if necessary. I know it is very annoying sometimes to the experienced ringer, but never mind patience and plenty of good humour will win through until proficiency is attained.—Yours faithfully,

Gloucester.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

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