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VARIETY IN RINGING.

In some reflections upon the recent successful tour in Essex, our correspondent, a well-known ringer, makes a suggestion which should not only commend itself to those who contemplate future peal ringing tours of this kind, but should add to the interests of their expedition. Briefly, it is that at least one attempt should be made for a new method. For the majority of the men who took part in the Essex trip, peals in any of the four Surprise methods, which were included in the programme, are, what one may almost term, everyday occurrences. They are unquestionably the most intricate of the eight-bell methods that are now practised, but long and continual exercise in them makes them more or less an easy task, and although there is a keen desire in tours of this kind to score as often as possible, it would undoubtedly add a further spice of interest if something little less difficult, but much less familiar, were attempted. Nothing on eight bells more complicated than London Surprise has been evolved; but it does not follow, because peals in this method can be rung almost at will, that there are no fresh worlds to conquer. Our correspondent is a ringer who speaks with a wide experience, for he has explored, as far as most people, the field of six-bell ringing, and the eight-bell methods available are certainly not fewer or less interesting than those of Minor.

There is, too, a wider application of the suggestion which may be made. Hitherto the majority of bands who have reached the Surprise stage have been content to stop when they have put the three or four popular methods to their credit—indeed, it has been noteworthy that several good companies seem to have broken up once they have reached what has been the height of their ambition. We do not suggest that this has been always through failing interest, but there can be no doubt that nothing inspires a band to stick together like a united ambition to achieve peals in new methods. Just at present, of course, bands have got all they can do to recover themselves after the depletion of the war, and no one looks for more at the moment than a determined effort to re-establish ringing in the position it held in 1914. When that has been done, we shall hope to see enterprise characterising the work of the belfry; enterprise among those who have still the ladder to climb, by aspiring to methods of higher quality; enterprise among those who may be said to have reached the top of the tree by adding more variety to their repertoire. There have been some splendid instances of progress within the last year, which are indications of the revival which ringing is making, and there is every reason to be satisfied with the rate of 'reconstruction.' It is not, however, out of place to remind ringers that there should never be an end to their ambition, for the art is unlimited.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
ARTHUR DEAN Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ARTHUR MASON 7
WILLIAM J. NODDS 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ALFRED H. WINCH 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Charge.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
JOHN CAPP 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by KEITH HART.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
WILLIAM PAGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	*ERNEST GIBBS 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 8
SYDNEY M. FOXTON 4	CHARLES CAM 9
WILLIAM C. JONES 5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Caters.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.	
EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	*GEORGE HADEN 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	*GEORGE CARTER 8
WILLIAM MILLER 4	JOHN MOULE 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE POTTER Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN P. BRADLEY.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

This peal was rung after the dedication and unveiling of a memorial window and roll of honour in the above church by the Bishop of Chelmsford. * First peal of Stedman Caters. This was the first time this composition had been rung.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
CHARLES T. COLES Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
WILLIAM J. NODDS 2	ALBERT W. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ARTHUR MASON 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SEELY OAK WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

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

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE RADLEY 6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM SABAN 7
GEORGE MAXIM 4	HENRY CARTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first of Oxford Treble Bob by all except ringers of treble and 5th.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN AVIS Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
WILLIAM HARPER 3	*WILLIAM WARE 7
FREDERICK HAYES 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by F. M. MITCHELL.

* First peal. First peal on these bells, which have recently been restored and augmented to eight by A. Bowell, the 'go' being excellent. The ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and tenor, came from Milton-next-Gravesend, 3 from Swanscombe and 5 and 7 are members of the Northfleet band.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSMPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

WALTER LAGO Treble	JOSEPH HANLEY 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	†JAMES HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. * First peal with an inside bell. † First peal on eight bells. Mr. Hughes very kindly made the band up and was proposed a member of the Salop Guild previous to starting the peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
JOHN RICE 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*SIDNEY HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM PAGE 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
SAMUEL GROVE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOHN WITHERS 4	GEORGE PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. * First peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, Oct. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
CHARLES BEECH 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
EDWARD REEVES 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
BERT HORTON 4	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE STOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*TONY PRICE Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
ALFRED BACON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*TOM GREENACRE 3	JOE E. SYKES 7
OLIVER STAINES 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. The composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 6th 18 times each W. and R., with all the 6-5's and 5-6's alternately.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM BURDEN 2	JOHN H. PRESTON 6
WILLIAM E. BUTLER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER 4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, after a special service for the dedication and unveiling of a memorial tablet to the Staines men who gave their lives for their country in the war.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
*REGINALD BROWN 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
*JOHN W. FAITHFUL 3	WILLIAM T. TOCKER 7
OWEN H. GILES 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rector (the Rev. T. and Mrs. Salmon). It was also the eve of the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day (Oct. 15th, 1881).

BIDDENDEN.—Kent County Association.—On August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Castle 1, C. W. Player 2, W. H. Lambert 3, P. Sage 4, L. Honess (first attempt for quarter ins-c) 5, G. Billenness (conductor) 6, F. A. Fairbeard 7, E. Moore (first attempt for quarter) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN T. HENSMAN	Treble	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE	5
FRED HOPPER	2	WILLIAM FAHEY	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	7
*BERTIE O. SODEN	4	FRED WILFORD	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal in the method and rung at the first attempt.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Stratford at Bow,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARKE	Treble	ARTHUR MASON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The above is the conductor's 100th peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HERBERT PADGHAM	Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH	4
WALTER MARSHALL	2	HARRY PRICE	5
ANDREW MARSHALL	3	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. S. Le Mesurier), who was instituted by the Bishop of Rochester earlier in the day.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SIDNEY A. SMITH	Treble	EDWARD WHITE	4
HERBERT J. HARLOW	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	3	† RICHARD KENDALL	Tenor

Conducted by Wm. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal inside.

CLAYHIDON, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN WYATT	Treble	FRED POLE	4
GILBERT JONES	2	ALBERT TOUT	5
WILLIAM CLAPP	3	GEORGE SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUR.

First peal on the bells.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WICKS	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*ISAAC EMMERSON	2	*FREDERICK ROSE	5
WILLIAM J. ELDRIDGE	3	JOE E. SYKES	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells which were made six in 1745. The conductor hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5083 CHANGES;

*JOHN AMBLER	1-2	JAMES L. KEMP	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	WILLIAM BARTON	7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Contains the 4th, 5th, 6th, 15 courses each in 6th's, with 2nd or 3rd never above 5th's at a course end. * First handbell peal away from the tenor. First handbell peal as conductor.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5029 CHANGES;

R. ALDER GOFTON	1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON	5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON	7-8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10			

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Referee: MR. STEPHEN W. STRATFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.			
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	1-2	MAURICE SMITHER	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and JESSIE MELVILLE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Oct. 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

This composition has no fixed bell in 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th's places at the course ends, and contains all the 5-6-7-8's and 6-5-7-8's in the tittums and 5-6-8-7's and 6-5-8-7's in the handstroke home position. Rung as a welcome home to John Carter.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 size in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY	1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7-8

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witness: A. F. BAILEY.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, Oct. 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Umpires: GEORGE TAYLOR and GEORGE THOMPSON.

Witnesses: AINSLEY ALDERTON and WILLIAM PRATCHETT
First performance of the kind for the Society.

SALISBURY GUILD.**SPADE WORK IN ISOLATED TOWERS.**

In pursuance of the policy outlined by the Master at the annual meeting, members of the Salisbury Guild have visited a number of six-bell towers during the summer season. Besides branch meetings held at Bere Regis, Litchett Minster (the tower that had twenty men serving in the war) and elsewhere, special practices have been held at Sturminster Marshall, Bryanston (in Lord Portman's grounds on the bank of the Stour), Canford Magna (in Lord Wimborne's estate), and Wimborne St. Giles. St. Giles' church stands just outside the country residence of Lord Shaftesbury, the President of the Guild, the bells being a tuneful ring cast by Taylor to replace those destroyed by fire a few years ago. Among the touches rung here on Saturday, 11th September, was a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor by T. Bennett, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, H. Burling, A. Flowers, A. F. Martin Stewart, C. Goodenough (conductor). Also 360 Kent Treble Bob by A. Flowers, Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, C. Forfitt, C. Goodenough (conductor), F. W. Townsend. In each of the towers visited local ringers and others were put through their first plain course of Grandsire on the treble, and very good practice was obtained in the standard methods.

Difficulties of travelling constitute one of the greatest hindrances to the work of the Guild, especially in Dorset (Wimborne St. Giles is some seven miles from the nearest railway station), and the fact that members taking part in these gatherings came by road from places so far distant as Bournemouth, Bridgwater and Midsomer Norton, gives some idea of the enthusiasm shown in the cause of change ringing.

On the last Saturday in September some twenty ringers met at Mere, Wilts (4½ miles from a station), where the fine ring of eight was kept going, on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving, for three or four hours, some very musical touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully brought round, while beginners were again initiated and young hands obtained useful experience.

A FIRST SUCCESS.

The band at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon Glam., rang for harvest festival on September 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Rev. D. A. Jones 1, A. Sluman 2, H. Willis (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, Wat. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Coleman 7, W. Webb 8. This was the longest complete touch by all.

DEVON'S NEW GREAT PEAL.**THE BELLS OF BUCKFAST ABBEY.**

The magnificent peal of 14 bells presented by Sir Robert Harvey in memory of his wife Alida, are now (says 'The Universe') being hung in the new tower of the church in the course of building at St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast. This generous gift ran into four figures, and it is believed the peal is unequalled in the West Country. Exeter Cathedral has a peal of ten bells, and many peals of eight could be mentioned, but Buckfast, with its peal of 14, may be said to lead. The monks will be enabled to make the air melodious by ringing them in three peals of eight in different keys.

Each bell has a name, and carries an interesting inscription:—

1st.—Mary. Come, let us adore the King for whom all things live.

On the bell is also recorded the fact of Sir Robert Harvey's gift.

2nd.—Robert. The faithful man shall be much praised.

3rd.—Michael. Who is like unto God.

4th.—Gabriel. Hail Mary.

5th.—Raphael. Ye heavens, bless the Lord.

6th.—Benedict. Let nothing be preferred to the work of God.

7th.—Bernard. O, sweet Virgin Mary.

8th.—Boniface. Ye nations, bless the Lord.

9th.—Veronica. I will seek the face of the Lord.

10th.—Gregory. Ye angels, bless the Lord.

11th.—Peter. Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.

12th.—Paul. You were bought with a great price.

13th.—George. The dragon is cast out.

14th.—Thomas. Vindicate our blood, O God.

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BELLS OF BELGIUM. PROPOSED ERECTION OF A BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — May I call attention to the newly-formed 'Ypres League,' of which the King has become patron-in-chief? Among the several objects of the League, one aim is to secure the erection of a worthy memorial to the 'glorious dead of the Ypres salient,' and at a recent meeting, it is reported that Lord Rawlinson supported a plan for 'the erection of a belfry-tower on the battlefield with a peal of bells for special occasions.' It was suggested that a party of bell-ringers could go out from England on some special annual day and ring a peal in honour of the dead. If this proposal is carried out—and it looks as if the scheme has been definitely launched—a matter of considerable interest to ringers is involved.

There has been for some years a committee of the Central Council to deal with the bells of Belgium. The enthusiasm of the prime movers of this committee always seemed to me to exceed the practicability of their ideas as to affording assistance in the restoration of the ruined bells of Belgium. It has never been explained how this help could be given, nor where it could be applied; and, above all, how a sufficient sum of money would be collected for such a purpose.

If the committee could be content with something much less ambitious, and if the Central Council could arrange to participate officially in some way in this belfry scheme of the Ypres League, here would be at least a practical object ready to hand. It is reported in the Press that the Church Army, which has collected a considerable sum for a battlefield memorial, has already approached the League with a proposal to defray the cost of the bells, and in this connection a sum of several thousand pounds is mentioned.—Yours very truly,

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

15th October, 1920.

G. P. BURTON.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL MEETING RAISES ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

A special general meeting of the Central Northants Association was held on Saturday last at Finedon. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. I. Greaves). Tea was served in the Schools, presided over by the Vicar, and about 50 members sat down.

The business meeting followed, the President of the Association (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, of Uham, being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Finedon; Mr. G. Raudell (vice-president), Mr. W. Wilson (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary), and the general secretary, Mr. D. J. Nichols. The business before the meeting was the advisability of the alteration of rule 3, fixing the amount of the annual subscriptions. After the matter had been fully discussed, it was finally moved by Mr. E. M. Atkins, and seconded by Mr. W. Rogers, that performing members shall contribute the sum of two shillings annually, and also pay an entrance fee of sixpence. This was carried by a large majority.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Finedon for the use of the bells and conducting the service; also to the ladies who catered for the very excellent tea.—During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise Major were rung by members from the following bellries: Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Bigham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Burton Latimer, Isham, Weekley, Cranford, Geddington, Woolaston, Woldington, Woodford, Islip, Irchester, Earls Barton, and the local company.

WEDGING OF WOODEN FRAMES.

Is it wise to have a wood bell frame wedged tight to the walls of a tower? This is the inquiry which is made by Mr. W. Bibby, of Frodsham, who would like to have an expert's view. We would refer him to the late Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' in which it is stated: 'The driving of wedges between tower walls and frames is strictly forbidden, and properly so, by architects. . . . By far the most prolific cause of injury to towers is this wedging, which authorities cannot or at all events do not, stop.'

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at Mitcham on Saturday last, when the bells of SS. Peter and Paul and Christ Church were placed at the disposal of the visitors. A short service was conducted by the Vicar at the Parish Church. At the tea and meeting, which was held at the Queen's Head, the Vicar (the Rev. C. Ambrey Finch) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett) and the Rev. — Miller.—Four new members were elected, and one election ratified.—It was resolved to hold the next district meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, early in January.—A vote of thanks to the Vicars of both churches and to the respective steepplekeepers was responded to by the Vicar. Ringing was resumed at both churches after the meeting.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held in Ipswich, on Wednesday, October 6th, and was attended by 70 members from the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. A special service was held in the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, conducted by the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich). The address was given by the Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett (Vicar of Stowmarket), and the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich gave the Blessing at the conclusion of the service. Luncheon took place at the Ipswich Co-operative Society's Hall, the Dean of Norwich presiding. He was supported by the Rev. Canon Douglas-Hamilton, the Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. H. A. Fleetwood, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Messrs. G. P. Burton, Edward Evans (branch secretary for Suffolk), Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), and R. J. Goate, F. E. Grimes, Fred Day, F. C. Lambert, G. H. Cross, F. R. Borrett, E. E. Diaper, T. FitzJohn and E. R. Copeman (district secretary), Mr. Frederick Knights, Capt. A. E. Reeves, and representatives from 18 districts, out of the 22 comprised in the association. The toast of 'The King and Royal Family' was proposed by the President in eloquent terms, and cordially honoured.

Mr. C. E. Borrett, proposing the toast of the Bishops and clergy paid tribute to the assistance such an association as that received from the church. He thought their special thanks should be expressed to the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for attending their annual service that morning. The speaker added that they had to be extremely grateful to the clergy, and he referred to the mutual association between them and ringers which could not be too fully recognised. He coupled with the toast the name of the eloquent preacher they had listened to earlier in the day (applause).—The Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett, who replied, said the clergy and church were indebted to the ringers, with their fine arms and splendid shoulders. Such an association as theirs was accomplishing splendid work for the church. He hoped their association would go on for ever. He had very great pleasure in proposing the toast of 'Success to the Association,' with which he coupled the name of the President, the Dean of Norwich.

The President, in responding, said he was pleased to announce that the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich had kindly accepted the position of joint patron with the Bishop of Norwich (applause). The speaker also made a sympathetic reference to the death of the late president, Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes.

The business of the association was then transacted.

The Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read the annual report, which opened with an expression of deep regret at the loss of the late president. The progress made during the last 12 months under the reorganisation was of a very gratifying nature. Three general meetings and four district meetings had been held by the Norfolk branch, and three general meetings and five district meetings had also been held by the Suffolk branch, making a total of fifteen meetings which was a record in the annals of the association. Their thanks were due to Mr. Edward Evans, branch secretary for Suffolk, for the excellent work done in organising the Suffolk branch. The past performances were satisfactory, and the progress made was both interesting and encouraging both in the quality and quantity, the peals ranging from Doubles to Maximus. A total of 156 peals had been rung in 22 methods. Over 100 new members had been elected during the year, the total membership being 1,027. They had a small balance in hand of £8, this reduced balance being due to the heavy cost in printing the annual reports, and it was strongly recommended by the committee that an increase be made in the annual subscription. The thanks of the association were due to the president for the great interest he took in the welfare of the association, and for the valuable time so generously given in presiding at their general meetings, also to all the officers and committee.—Mr. A. J. Goate proposed, and Mr. H. J. Day seconded, the adoption of the report, with a vote of thanks to the secretary.

The Secretary moved, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, that the Dean of Norwich be re-elected president, and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was passed with acclamation. — The Dean responded with many thanks for the honour again conferred upon him.

The vice-president, the secretary, hon. auditor and committee were re-elected en bloc, and the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. Arthur L. Coleman, G. P. Burton and James Motts were re-elected representatives on the Central Council.

The following were elected hon. members of the association: The Rev. the Hon. A. R. Buckland, Archdeacon of Norfolk, the Rev. H. Aubrey Aitken, Vicar-designate of Great Yarmouth; Major R. Bagge, D.S.O., J.P., Miss Gladys M. A. George, and twenty performing members.

The secretary and treasurer reviewed the present financial condition of the association, and reported that the committee had that morning carefully considered the position. They strongly recommended that the annual subscription should be increased to 2s. 6d., with the annual report free.—The Chairman moved that the annual subscription should be 2s. 6d., as recommended, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. P. Burton reviewed the proceedings of the meeting of the Central Council held at Northampton on May 25th, specially bringing before the notice of the members the establishment of a central library, and the threatened destruction of some 19 churches in the City of London. He would like, he said, to move a resolution against such an act of gross vandalism of a heritage handed down to our posterity.—The Chairman deprecated any action by the association, and the matter dropped.

The Secretary, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, reported the resignation of Mr. Thompson as district secretary for Saxmundham, and moved a vote of thanks to him for the services he had rendered for the past eighteen years.

The Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. P. Burton and A. L. Coleman were appointed a sub-committee to revise the rules of the association, and to bring up the alterations at the next general meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for presiding, and thus concluded the business. The members were then soon at work again in the various towers of Ipswich.

The day being gloriously fine, added much to the enjoyment of all present, and the festival was an exceedingly successful one.

TWO NEW TREBLES AT GOSFORTH.

THE LATE LIEUT. FALCONER'S BEQUEST.

On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, the two new bells bequeathed to augment the old peal of eight at All Saints', Gosforth, to one of ten, by the late Lieut. R. W. Falconer, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, and very impressive was the ceremony. Previous to this, his lordship unveiled a handsome marble tablet placed in the porch near the belfry door to the memory of the late donor, recording his gift to the belfry. This and the bells themselves will ever remind us of a modest, clean, vigorous life spent in the service of his God and of his fellow-men, reminding us, too, of how we ought to live and what we have lost.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory prayer, the two trebles were raised in peal by two of Lieut. Falconer's oldest ringing friends, and then the full peal of ten struck off to a course of Caters as the Bishop and clergy and wardens slowly returned to the chancel from the west end. This was rung in Lieut. Falconer's favourite method, Erin, and demonstrated the beauty of the two bells to perfection, everyone acknowledging that Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had made an excellent 'splice.' The ringers were all old friends of the late donor, drawn from the Cathedral, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Whitley Bay, and All Saints' bellries.

On the following Saturday the Vicar and wardens kindly threw the bells open to the Durham and Newcastle Association for a ringing day, and members turned up from Whitley Bay, North Shields, Newcastle, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, Tanfield, Houghton-le-Spring, St. George's, Jesmond, etc. The ringing of Stedman, Grandfire and Erin Caters, Forward and Treble Bob Royal was kept up from 2.30 till 9 p.m., with a break for tea. This latter was of the 'high' order, and was generously provided by Mr. J. W. Falconer, the father of the late donor, at the Masonic Hall, West Avenue, for all, and a goodly company of 50 to 60 sat down to a thoroughly enjoyable meal.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, who was supported by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. S. Kennedy (the brother, by the way interesting to many old campaigners—of the famous padre 'Woodbine Willie'), Mr. J. W. Falconer, Messrs. Taylor and Larmer (churchwardens), the Rev. Professor Potter, of St. George's, the two curates of the parish, Messrs. John Bird, W. Story, A. Dias, E. Ferry, J. W. Parker, W. H. Barber, etc.

The Vicar said a short prayer, and asked those present to stand in silence as a tribute to the late donor of the bells.

After tea, several courses of Caters were rung on handbells by Whitley and Cathedral ringers, and votes of thanks heartily tendered to Mr. Falconer, the Vicar and wardens, and the ringers of All Saints'.—The Vicar, in replying, gave a message of thanks from Dr. Wilde, the Bishop, who had told him how deeply he appreciated the accurate and impressive way the ringing part of the ceremony was carried out on Sunday, the 3rd inst.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above was held at Crofton on Saturday last. The weather was fine, and consequently the attendance was very good, representatives being present from Sandal, Pontefract, Horbury, Roystone, Wrangley, Barnsley, Darfield and Wath, with the local band. The bells were kept merrily going from about 4.30 throughout the evening. Owing to illness, the secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) was unable to attend, Mr. J. W. Champion officiating for him at the meeting, with Mr. W. Jackson, of Wrangley, as chairman.—A vote of sympathy was sent to Mr. C. D. Potter, with hopes for a speedy recovery. About a dozen new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Brownrigg) for the use of the bells, also to the local band for having everything in readiness, was unanimously accorded.—The next meeting will be held at Darfield. Particulars will appear later.

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THE TOUR IN ESSEX.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

'Train leaves Liverpool Street at 2.34.' Such was the first direction on the programme sent to each member of the party, and in response the majority gathered at the barrier and shared in the pleasure of an exchange of greetings. Braintree was to be the headquarters for the week. Here we were joined by the remainder of the band, and by Mr. Howard, the Master of the Essex Association. Under his guidance we were soon settled at our 'diggings' and ready to commence our efforts. The start was very encouraging, and, as it proved, gave the note to what was to follow, viz., a series of successes only sufficiently interrupted to revive wakefulness and determination to put the best into every attempt.

As the peals rung have been already published it will not be necessary to say more about them. But a few general remarks may be made. And first about our conductor, Mr. William Pye. He already has a great reputation, such, perhaps, as makes it very difficult to be enhanced. But that is not our aim. It was a very interesting sight repeatedly to notice in action all that has made his name so well known. Nothing was left undone to ensure success; bells, ropes, bearings, and everything which usually needs attention, received it and at his hands. His grasp of a peal at all its stages was always in evidence when trips or 'bends' happened. During all the peals he conducted he was only once at fault, as far as the writer is aware, and then, noticing it, he was able to save the situation. Forceful, inspiring and always in earnest, he is a great ringer.

Much of the pleasure of the tour was due to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Howard, and to his attention to our wants at every opportunity. We were able to see and enjoy much of the results of his long and hearty efforts on behalf of his association. He has been actively interested in the augmentation to eight of many of the rings we were permitted to use; and it has long been his wish for a band to have a week's ringing within the sphere of his labours. So much we gathered from a short speech he made in reply to a vote of thanks for his generous hospitality in providing dinner for us after the peals on Monday.

Well is it for everyone when failure only acts as a stimulus. Our first failure was at Bocking on Sunday afternoon, where Superlative was attempted. Nine consecutive successes followed this, and then the needed stimulant was again administered at Great Bentley, much to the regret of all, and especially to our host whilst there, Mr. Nevard. He was keen to have 'Bristol' added to the list of methods on the bells of his Parish Church in which he has such practical interest. The last attempt also proved a failure, Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford. After two hours' first-class tapping, indisposition in one of the band reached a point at which he was compelled to surrender. It is interesting to note that at the places of the first two failures, hospitality had been kindly provided for us, by Mr. L. Crow at Bocking, and by Mr. Nevard at Great Bentley. This did not fail in either case.

In the list of peals it will be noticed that each of the well-known Surprise Methods received due attention. Wholly disclaiming any intention to be self-congratulatory it can be said that the results are great, imposing from some points of view, and indicate a recovery of skill somewhat lessened by compulsory inactivity through the war. All the same, if the writer may express with diffidence his private opinion, a repertoire of only four Surprise Methods where eight-bell towers alone are available, and for such a band, seems, under the conditions into which the Exercise is now coming, too small. Peals in any and all of the methods are now common events as compared with the number rung twenty years ago, and surely this frequency is a symptom of a demand, scarcely articulate as yet, for additional outlets for existing skill. Great as is the interest and pleasure of a week's fellowship with brother ringers in the successful pursuit of their common hobby, they would be considerably increased by the inclusion in the programme of even one attempt in a new method. It is not in the writer's mind that such an inclusion should have been made on the present occasion. It was enough to attempt to regain technique in the methods rung by a mixed band from different parts of the country. This was quite successful and invests the tour with real value.

Our personnel included several old friends; Mr. Shade as fresh and keen as ever, though occasionally showing signs of increasing years; Mr. James George, another evergreen, who joined us in mid-week, and was at once the centre of much interest; Mr. Nevard as enthusiastic as ever, and being an Essex man, entertaining in local matters of interest. Messrs. Coles, Fletcher, Lucas and Sanders, new in touring experience, yet proved themselves hardened practitioners. The youngest member was Richard Gofton, one of the family of that name in the North, well known for his proficiency in the art. Though only seventeen years of age he showed himself quite a master of method-ringing, and in every way brought credit to his training.

Our tour this year leaves many very pleasant recollections. Not the least, perhaps the most valuable, is that of the brotherly goodwill which prevailed throughout. The great fellowship of mankind is essentially of the same nature as the lesser fellowships found within itself. Does it need more than brotherly goodwill to make it pleasant and satisfying to every member? But every member must contribute.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice at 7.30 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, Oct. 25th, and every four weeks. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Tollesbury on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells also available. Service, followed by tea (provided for those who give notice by Tuesday, Oct. 19th). All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Hon. District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, provided by the Association, at 5.30, followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The 3-bell contest will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Draw to take place at 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Schoolroom.—W. Frith, Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Nickerson, District Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.15, to be followed by business meeting.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available 4 p.m. (not 3 p.m. as per circular). Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, by kind permission of the Rev. T. W. Pitman (vicar). Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow. The Vicar is kindly providing the tea, and it is particularly requested that those intending to be present will notify me not later than first post, Tuesday, Oct. 25th. By kind permission of the Rev. F. J. Tackley, the bells of St. Alfege, Greenwich, will be

available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The meeting at Sutton Coldfield is postponed owing to the coal strike and will be held at headquarters on November 2nd.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells at 2.45. Guild service at 4.30. A peal board will be unveiled at 4.15 by Lady Chadwyck Healy. Tea will be at the Rectory by the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Cunningham. Business meeting after, to elect Secretary and Committee. Please note: Tea can only be arranged for those who notify me by Oct. 26th. All ringers welcome.—Mrs. C. Hazelden, St. Michael's, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

OPENING of Sutton-in-Ashfield new bells (6). Special meeting Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tea provided at 4.15. Bells available from 2.30. Any ringer desirous of being present for tea please inform me not later than Monday, Oct. 25th.—W. Allin, 36, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Oct. 30th, when most of the belfries will be open for ringing after 2 p.m. Particulars will be sent out by circular to the belfries and the members shortly.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 1, Sydenham Terrace, Whitley Bay, S.O.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Exeter on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available after 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1/- each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea should notify me before the 26th inst.—Frank Davey, Hon. Sec., 52, Queen Street, Exeter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their half-year's meeting on Saturday, Oct. 30th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 4 prompt, business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Radcliff-on-Trent on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea Co-operative Stores, 5 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, at 2/- per head, for all those who advise W. Kennan, Park Street, Barlborough, Chesterfield, not later than Oct. 25th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—There will be a meeting for practice, by kind permission, at Portishead, on Saturday evening, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 5.30.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hinton on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 27th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the local ringers, for all those who notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 27th.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Working Men's Club. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 2nd? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. St. Mary's bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Deanery Class Room at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting. All those who intend to be present at tea must advise me not later than Nov. 2nd.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newtown Road, Eastleigh.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston (by kind permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be served at the Church Room at a reasonable charge. Business meeting to follow.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—The ringers' opening of the ring of eight bells at St. George's Church will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Meat tea (2/6) for all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Tea 4.30.—T. Wilde, 3, Gower Road, Hyde.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The November meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 13th. Bells (12) open at 3 o'clock. Short service in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea will be served in the Wostenholm Hall at 5.45, to those who notify me not later than the 10th, at a charge of 1/3 per head. As this meeting will give us an introduction to Archdeacon Lisle Carr and Bishop Hedley Burrows, a full attendance is very desirable.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Tickets, 8/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, A. R. Macdonald, A. S. Miller, H. R. Newton, A. E. Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, R. Sanders, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing will be St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 5.30 p.m.

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.

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