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WINTER'S WORK.

Some of the most valuable work done in the interests of change ringing is the spade work in towers in the country districts, and the associations have a great deal of scope in this direction. Many of them realise the importance of this phase of activity, and through the summer the Salisbury Guild has carried out a systematic campaign. In such a scattered area, where communications are comparatively poor, the task is no light one, but the efforts which have been made promise to bear good fruit. The coming months will not be suitable, perhaps, for similarly organised undertakings, but the winter is a period which can certainly be utilised with great advantage. With the coming of the long evenings we have the season when combined practices among neighbouring towers can be instituted, if they have not previously been established. These practices have, in some directions, a real value over ordinary meetings. In many respects the ringing at district meetings is of an uncertain kind, touches being 'put on' in haphazard fashion, but at properly organised combined practices the ringing can be regulated upon a systematic basis, and not only can one method be adhered to until it is mastered, but the individual ringers get more consistent practice.

We have constantly urged this method of seeking to advance change ringing, and in those districts where the suggestion has been adopted, the results have always been of a most gratifying kind. It is not necessary that any considerable number of towers should group themselves for the purpose; indeed, the uniting of three or four bands is probably the most advantageous, for larger numbers tend to make the practice 'crowded.' Ringers who find they are able to get only one or two touches in an evening would not be encouraged to make a habit of attending; and it is only by regularity that a ringer can get the full benefit of these combined meetings. We should like to see these practices set up all over the country. At present they are to be found only here and there; what is needed is that the officials of the various associations should take the matter up. Once a scheme was set up the association secretaries need be but little further troubled; but it is the first move that is always the most difficult, and which local secretaries are often loath to take. If the officials were to make the first move to bring the towers together in small groups, we believe that a great step towards success would have been taken. We do not like to suggest putting more work on to secretaries—it is not always popular—but here is a direction in which there is really scope for useful service, which would soon show itself in the records of any association that takes the trouble to organise.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES H. HORTON 2	MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN 3	ROBERT S. GRIMWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 10
RICHARD F. DEAL 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
HAROLD WALTON 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
EDMUND HOLIFIELD 2	FREDERICK STEDMAN WHITE 7
MRS. A. E. LOCKE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
HARRY HOLIFIELD 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Catherine Holifield, only daughter of the conductor, to Cuthbert G. White, youngest son of the late Mr. F. White, bellhanger, of Appleton.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK J. BAILEY, JUN. Treble	SIDNEY DAWE 6
*RAYMOND C. SEAGER 2	FREDERICK VILES 7
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY, SEN. 3	FRED ATWELL 8
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Caterers. The conductor's 50th peal. Arranged specially and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, ex-Sergt.-Major Dawe.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD W. CLARKE 7
HUGH T. SCARLETT 3	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 8
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	BARNARD PATMORE 9
JAMES C. ADAMS 5	JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. Maynard, Jun., F. C. Maynard and J. H. Wilkins, members of the local band. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

DEFICIENT REPORTS.

Will the respective correspondents kindly supply the following information to complete the reports of peals sent in:—

Date of the peal at Churchill, Oxon.

Time of the peal at Llanbadach.

Date of the peal at Easton Maudit.

ILKESTON. — On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: Miss Nora Cooper 1. H. Harrison 2, E. Fletcher 3, S. Burgoyne 4, J. F. George 5, C. J. Baker 6, E. C. Gobe 1, F. Tarlton 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by ... ringer of the treble who belongs to Elstow, Beds.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN... .. 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
*GEORGE R. JONES 2	ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 6
GEORGE JONES 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Arthur E. Pegler of Bangor, N. Wales.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEO. C. WALLACE Treble	WILFRED H. BURTON 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 7
GEO. WM. BRAME 4	*CHARLES HAYCOCK Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since Wednesday, August 21st, 1889.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society.)

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

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	EDGAR S. BAILEY 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method and first attempt.

LOUTH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN W. SEAMER Treble	RALPH S. LONG... .. 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	CHARLES KENNINGTON 6
CHARLES W. TAYLOR... .. 3	*WALTER AYRE 7
WILLIAM BOLTON 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* 50th peal. The conductor's 200th peal for the Lincoln Guild, and first peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. Canon C. H. Leaton) for the use of the bells and Mr. Sampson for having everything in readiness.

Have YOU read 'Forty and Two Months'? Price 8d., post free from Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN Tenor
	*JOHN STAFFORD Tenor

Composed by J. J. B. LATES. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* Elected a life member of the Association before starting.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

At the Church of All Hallows, Barking, Tower Hill,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
HERBERT EDEN 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	WILFRED MOSS 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	WILLIAM H. COOPER 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since the recasting of the back six.

WOOLWICH.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Late the St. James' Society.)

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. CHAPPELE Treble	ERNEST J. KING... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 6
ALBERT C. V. GASSON 3	†ISAAC ATTWATER 7
GLADYS E. BAYEMAN 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JABEZ PREECE Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WALTER S. EVANS 2	†DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
HENRY S. COLLYER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
ALFRED TALBOT... .. 4	*FRANCIS H. LANE Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qt. 5 lb.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	CHARLES E. NEWLAND ... 5
JOHN A. GODFREY ... 2	JOHN MOY ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
WILLIAM DUNCAN ... 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Oxford inside. This was the conductor's 100th tower bell peal.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FLEMING ... Treble	GEORGE W. ARLITT ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	CHARLES W. PARKER ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 7
GEORGE R. FINCH ... 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Oct. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ... Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 6
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 3	WALTER STEED ... 7
JAMES C. ADAMS ... 4	JOHN COLEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER STEED.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to the memory of Oliver Lennox Twist, late Hon. Sec. of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Society, who died on Oct. 10th, 1920; and of George T. Clayton, late of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, who died on Oct. 8th, 1920, R.I.P. The band equally represents both societies. * First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal as conductor, also first peal in the method.

WILLESDEN.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... Treble	CECIL RADDON ... 5
THOMAS H. TAPPER ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4	HARRY KILBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	HENRY W. WILDE ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... 2	ARTHUR J. WATKIN ... 6
ARTHUR NEWELL ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, N. Wales.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday August 29th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss E. Fisher 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss Adelaide Stokes 3, Miss H. P. Mills 4, Miss N. Gillingham (conductor) 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. L. Gale 8. The ringers of treble and 4th are from Dorking and Aldershot respectively, and were spending a holiday at Portishead. It was Miss Fisher's first quarter-peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE ... Treble	HENRY W. BROWN ... 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... 6
STANLEY CARTER ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. This peal was rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. L. Maynard, who is President of the Bath Branch of the Association and is leaving the parish to take up new duties at Milverton.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK FOX ... Treble	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... 2	ARTHUR NEWELL ... 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	WALTER THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in deepest sympathy for the esteemed Master of the Guild, the late Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E. * 150th peal.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SABAN ... Treble	GEORGE RADLEY ... 5
ARTHUR MASON ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. HELEN,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS WALTERS ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

A variation of J. W. Washbrook's peal by the conductor. * First peal, and the conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the occasion of the 37th anniversary of his wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	FREDERICK WADE ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	GEORGE LEE ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* 50th peal on tower bells. † First peal of Minor, and rung at the second attempt, a rope breaking on the first occasion after 1 hr. 15 min. ringing. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | GERALD MOORHOUSE... ... 5—6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | *GEORGE NAYLOR 7—8

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by G. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. First peal as conductor.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | GERALD MOORHOUSE 5—6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by MISS O. L. LUMLEY.

Witness: MRS. MOORHOUSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss O. L. Lumley, and was her first peal as conductress in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Witnesses: WILLIAM PRITCHETT, AINSLEY ALDERTON, WILLIAM BUDD, GEORGE JORDAN and JOSEPH BERNARD.

First peal in the method to be tapped on handbells. The composition was by G. Patrick and was conducted by the performer.

DEATH OF MR. O. L. TWIST.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Oliver L. Twist, who was a member of St. Saviour's Society Walthamstow, for about 20 years, and for the latter part of the time honorary secretary. He was also a member of the Cumberland Youths, Essex Association, Middlesex Association, and the London County Association, and was well known in ringing circles, being always ready to stand in peals or touches whenever required. His last quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on October 3rd, after evening song for harvest thanksgiving. He took to his bed the same night, and died the following Sunday (Oct. 10th), from septic pneumonia. He was interred at Queen's Road Cemetery on Thursday, October 14th, and ringers attended from St. Saviour's and St. Mary's towers. The handbells were rung over the grave after the service, at which the Rev. H. E. Tilston, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, officiated. Wreaths were sent by the local ringing societies.

In the evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Saviour's, followed by 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the bells being half-muffled: H. A. Edwards 1, E. F. Pike 2, G. W. Cooper 3, C. A. Hughes 4, W. Steed 5, G. B. Lucas, senr. (conductor) 6. It was the intention to ring a muffled peal, but owing to travelling difficulties two of the band could not get to the tower in time.

LLANDAFF RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Llandaff Cathedral, accompanied by members from St. John's, Cardiff, Whitechurch, Penarth and Llanishan, with a sprinkling of the fair sex, had a trip into Somerset for their annual outing. Arriving by boat at Weston-super-Mare, a char-a-banc was in waiting, which conveyed the party to Wells, where permission to ring on the grand peal of ten at the Cathedral had been obtained. After dinner, at the Globe Hotel, the journey was continued to Glastonbury and Street, a few touches being rung at each tower. The party then returned to Weston, where tea had been arranged at Brown's Restaurant. The boat reached Cardiff again about 10 p.m., and everyone agreed that a most enjoyable day had been spent. In connection with the excursion, a pleasing incident occurred in the Cathedral belfry on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21st, when a small present was made to the organiser, Mr. S. Dawe. In a few well-chosen words Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary, made the presentation, to which Mr. Dawe suitably replied.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It says something for the 'go' of Southwark Cathedral's 50 cwt. tenor that a ringer of 9st. 6lbs. can ring it to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The reference in our last issue to the tapping of a peal on handbells has raised the question: 'Of what use is tapping peals on handbells to the progress of change ringing?' Our readers' views may no doubt be diversified on this point, but no one will question the skill of the performer or the amount of concentration necessary for the task. The peal of Grandsire recorded last week is followed by a peal of Kent Treble Bob this.

The bells at Churchill, Oxon, have just been rehung, and the re-opening was performed by the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

A meeting of the Oxford Guild at Cookham brought together a gathering of nearly 60 ringers from 18 towers. Cookham has a peal of six, with a frame for eight, and it is hoped ere long that the octave may be completed.

We wonder how many ringers can claim to have conducted peals on all numbers from five to twelve bells. Mr. C. E. Borrett, vice-president of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, has recently completed this performance by conducting a peal of Doubles.

FINCHINGFIELD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The ancient ring of eight bells in our Parish Church is in very bad ringing order, and we propose having them rehung.

The parishioners are doing their best to raise the necessary money, and £25 is already promised, but it is quite impossible to accomplish the task without help from outside the parish. I, therefore, venture to ask your assistance by allowing this appeal to appear in the columns of your valuable paper. The appeal has the support of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, who has promised £10 to the fund. Any amount, however small, will be appreciated and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

Finchingfield Vicarage, Essex.

H. JORDAN.

NORTH NOTTS NONAGENARIAN.

RINGER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY AT SHIREOAKS.

On Monday, October 11th, six members of the St. Luke's company, Shireoaks, and the hon. secretary of the North Notts Association assembled at the tower to pay a tribute of honour and veneration to the oldest ringer of the association, William Hargreaves, who was born on October 11th, 1830, and has been a ringer at Shireoaks since the opening of the church in 1863, when a ring of five bells was installed and afterwards augmented to six in 1865. He is still 'doing his little bit.'

Touches of Violet and Duke of York Minor were rung, and the bells fired in volleys at intervals to commemorate the event, the following taking part in the ringing: H. Mills, R. Knowles, H. Hall, J. Fitzjohn, B. Hall and F. Hargreaves (conductor), H. Haigh (Workshop). After the bells had been lowered in peal, Mr. Haigh conveyed to Mr. Hargreaves the sincere congratulations of the Shireoaks company and of the associations, and their good wishes that he might be spared to live to see his 100th birthday. Mr. Hargreaves is still hale and hearty, although rather deaf. He worked for the Shireoaks Colliery Company until he was 82 years of age, and he still cultivates his own garden; in fact, on his birthday he was to be seen wheeling home in his barrow a cwt. of newly-dug potatoes. His reminiscences of North Notts and old Derbyshire six-bell ringers in the early 70's are very interesting. He recalls a walk to Beighton and back on a Sunday, and meeting the Banks brothers, Jim Hayes, and Beighton's conductor, Jim Kitchen, who asked him if he could 'do aught,' and invited him to take his coat off and roll up his sleeves. He has rung about 40 six-bell methods, and conducted one 5,040 in seven Treble Bob Methods. In the prime of his career as a striker he was one of the best of ringers; 'a good one to follow, a bad one to beat.' He has always been keen and enthusiastic in teaching young ringers, and the writer's own record with him is one of unbroken satisfaction. Twenty-eight years ago they walked from Shireoaks to Risford and back 22 miles, and rang four 720's in Treble Bob Methods with the old gentleman as conductor.

H. H.

KETTERING BAND'S RECOVERY.

No fewer than eleven members of the Kettering band served in the forces during the war, and three of them made the supreme sacrifice while one was permanently disabled. Despite these losses the band is again at full strength with 11 members who can ring all standard methods and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major as well. On October 16th, for morning service, 576 London Surprise was rung by E. Palmer 1, H. Peet 2, C. Chapman 3, J. E. Chapman 4, C. Bird 5, F. Sawfoot 6, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 7, A. V. Inns 8. For evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise was rung by E. Palmer 1, H. Peet 2, C. Chapman 3, C. Bird 4, F. Sawfoot 5, R. Turrier 6, A. Payne 7, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8; and 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Chapman.

CHESTER GUILD'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

By the death of Mr. Charles John Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost its president, and the band at Christ Church, Crews, an honoured and esteemed member.

Mr. Cooke, who was chief mechanical engineer of the London and North Western Railway, had a breakdown in health in July, and on the advice of his doctor went to Falmouth to recuperate. He was making good progress towards recovery, when he had an attack of influenza, and passed away from heart failure on Monday of last week.

Mr. Cooke, who was Mayor of Crews last year, took a keen and practical interest in ringing, being, despite his multifarious outside duties, very regular in his attendance at Sunday service ringing. He had rung five peals, viz., three of Grandsire Triples and two of Grandsire Caters, one of which was rung during his Mayoralty.

The funeral took place at Falmouth on Friday last.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL.**BELLS FOR BERKELEY ASSURED.**

At a meeting of the Wotton Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held at Berkeley, most of the towers of the district were represented, and some splendid practice took place during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Armour) conducted the ringers' service, and afterwards entertained the party to tea at the Vicarage.

At the business meeting, three new members were elected. It was decided to visit Conley on October 30th.

Several matters were discussed, including the proposal to place two memorial bells at Berkeley, which will make a fine peal of ten, with a tenor 24 cwt.—The Vicar reported that the parish was going to try its best to get the money to put the bells in the tower, as it was felt it would be a great honour to have the memorial of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of bell ringers at Berkeley.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness. Since the above meeting an important announcement has been made by the Vicar of Berkeley regarding the bells. At a meeting of the local band, held at the Vicarage, he caused quite a pleasant surprise by stating that two very kind people had come forward and promised the money required by the parish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**

The monthly branch meeting was held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday last, when the members, after enjoying two hours' ringing in the afternoon, were invited to the Rectory, where they were entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Hill to a substantial tea. Later they returned to the belfry, where the business meeting was held, and Mr. Banks (of Helmschore) moved that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rector and Mrs. Hill for providing tea. After the meeting the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods. Members were present from Helmschore, Rawtenshall, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, and the local band, it being one of the best meetings held in the district for a considerable time.

BOLTON BRANCH.

There was a well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch at Walkden on Saturday last. This tower seems to be a special favourite in the Branch, as the meetings held there always seem the best attended. The following towers were represented: Belton Parish, Deane, Hindley, Worsley, Pendlebury, and a number of visitors, with the local band.—Mr. Thomas Marsh, of Hindley, was elected a member of the association, and Deane, Bolton, was selected as the place of the next meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Wednesday, October 20th, at St. Peter's Church, Higham-on-the-Hill, the wedding took place of Mr. C. R. Clifford, of St. Margaret's Society, Stoke Golding, and Miss Ida Rowley, of St. Peter's Society, Higham-on-the-Hill, the Rector (the Rev. K. M. Pitt) officiating. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. C. Rowley, and the bridesmaids were Miss Alice Rowley and Miss Hettie Jordan, sister and friend of the bride, while Mr. B. Oliford, brother of the bridegroom, officiated as best man. The Rector gave an appropriate address, in which he expressed the thanks of the parishioners to the bride who, along with her brother, took up change ringing during the war to fill up the place of those who had answered the call to arms, and great credit was due to them for the progress they have made.

The bridegroom commenced ringing with the St. Margaret's Society on its formation in 1909.

The happy couple left the church to the tune of Stedman Doubles by the combined societies, and several six scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury were also rung during the afternoon.

In the evening the ringers and friends were entertained at the residence of the bride, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford have the best wishes of the combined societies for their success and happiness in the future.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**A NEW PRESIDENT.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Clapham Park, on Saturday, October 16th. The attendance was very poor owing probably to prohibitive railway fares. The members were welcomed at the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Ensor), who took part in one of the touches rung during the day, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

A service was held, at which the Vicar gave a very helpful address.—Tea was served at the Vicarage, when the members and their friends were the guests of the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Ensor.—Before the business meeting, the Vicar welcomed the Guild, and also said he hoped that the ladies now being instructed at his tower would be able to join the Guild when the Guild next visited Clapham.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Clapham. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £13 18s. 6d.—The Secretary (Miss E. K. Parker) stated that she had been unable to issue reports, as the funds were rather low at the beginning of the year, but she hoped to publish a report in the near future.

Mrs. Hairs announced that the esteemed President of the Guild Miss Alice White, had tendered her resignation on account of her marriage.

—The resignation was received with much regret by the members, as Miss White had been president since the Guild's formation in 1912.

—The Secretary suggested that in future the President for the year should be chosen from the district in which the next annual meeting would be held, so that each district would in turn have one of its members as President.—The suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and as Birmingham or its vicinity had been selected as the place for the next annual meeting, it was proposed that Miss Sarah Pigott, who had recently resigned the secretarship of the Midland District, should be President for the ensuing year.—This was carried unanimously.

Miss Parker was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Various minor matters were discussed, and these will appear in full in the next Guild report.

After the meeting some of the members returned to the tower, whilst others took part in touches on handbells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SECRETARY.**

On Saturday, October 2nd, the unveiling of a memorial peal tablet to the late hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, Mr. G. H. Kettle, took place at the Parish Church, Allesley, ringers being present from many towers connected with the Guild. Various touches of Minor were rung with the bells half-muffled, before a short service which was held in the church, and conducted by the Rev. Canon Back (President of the Guild). Canon Back and the Rector of Allesley, the Rev. A. D. Perrott, and the members present, then adjourned to the belfry, and Canon Back unveiled and dedicated the tablet. The bells were then rung by six ex-Service men to a short touch of Bob Minor.

The tablet is of plate-glass mounted on oak, and records a peal of Bob Minor rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem to George H. Kettle, who died of wounds in France on Nov. 28th, 1917. The tablet has been erected by members of the Guild.

A special general meeting of the Guild was held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 16th, when there were about 30 members present from Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Croft, Nuneaton, Stoke-in-Coventry and Warwick. The Guild form of service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Potts) gave a short address. Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Rooms, and was succeeded by the business meeting, the Rev. Canon Back presiding. Six new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bodworth.

The question of raising the annual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. was discussed, and ultimately agreed to.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his address at the service, and also to the ladies for providing an excellent tea.—A further visit to the tower was made, and touches in various methods were rung.

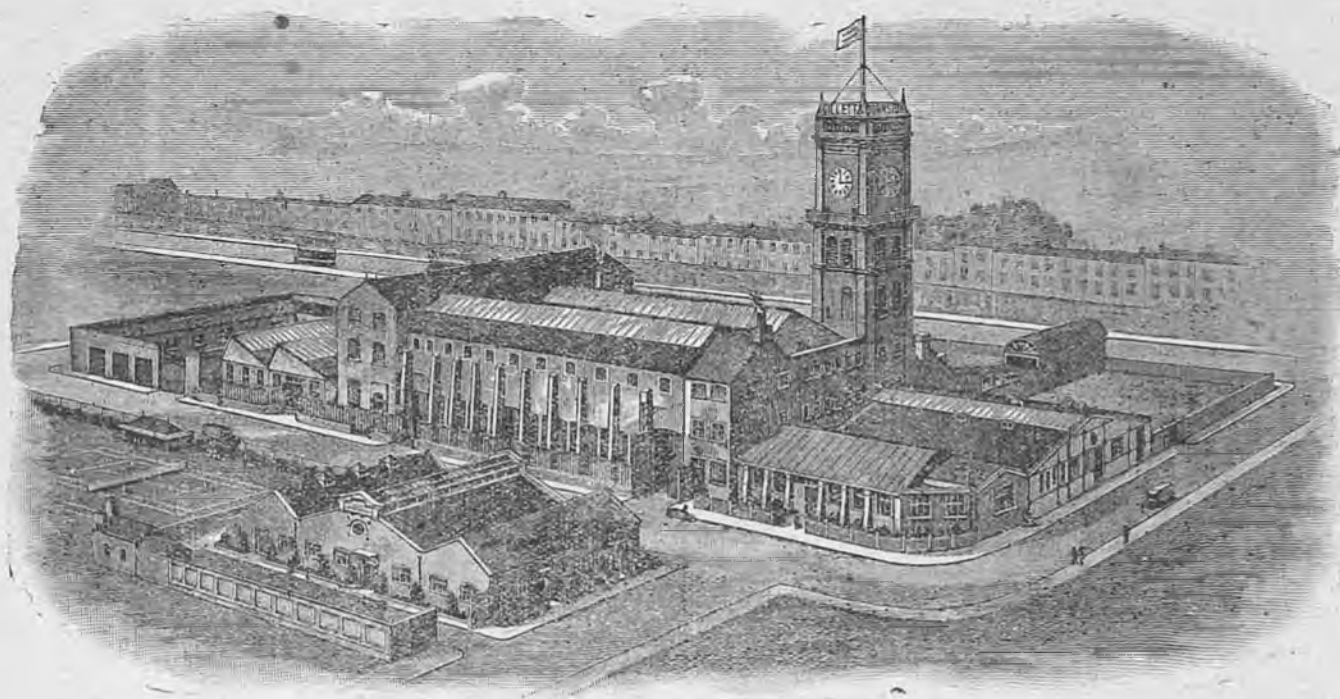
DEATH OF MR. G. T. CLAYTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George T. Clayton, of Walthamstow, who passed away on October 8th, after an illness of several months. The deceased took up ringing late in life, and did not, therefore, advance very far in the practice of the art, but he was keenly interested in it, and spent a great deal of time in theoretical studies. He approached Stedman from a more or less unorthodox standpoint, and put forward some original ideas upon the method, upon which he constructed a number of variations. He contributed a number of articles to this journal. In practice, Mr. Clayton was more at home on six bells than on higher numbers, and at Letchworth rang the treble to more than one 720 of Bob Minor. He, however, was a member of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, and rang regularly at that tower. He belonged to the College Youths and the Middlesex and Essex County Associations.

The bells at St. Mary's Church were rung half-muffled, after evening, on October 17th, and a half-muffled peal was rung at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on October 19th.

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HYDE'S NEW BELLS.

The reopening of the bells at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, was marked by a very impressive service, at which the dedication was performed by the Bishop of Chester.

The new bells have been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, whose work was carried out with characteristic excellence. A number of visiting ringers were present, but the local band were responsible for the first touch. For several years before the restoration the bells had remained silent, but their mellowness delighted the parishioners when once more their voices were heard from the steeple.

Among those present were the Rev. A. T. Beaston (New Mills), non-secretary of the Church Diocesan Guild; Mr. H. Shaker (secretary, Lancashire Association), Mr. V. Heap, Mr. B. Thorpe, Mr. J. Mellor, and others from Ashton-under-Lyne; Mr. W. W. Walstencroft, St. Peter's, Ashton (secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association); Mr. A. Barnes, Reddish; Mr. H. Chapman (Manchester); Mr. R. Davies (Didsbury); Mr. J. Collier (Flixton); Mr. A. Marshall (Denton); Mr. H. Reynolds (Stockport); Mr. Denison Taylor, of the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

During the day, touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and everyone was loud in their praise of the restoration carried out by the Loughborough Foundry.

TABLET UNVEILED AT HORWICH.

There was a quiet but impressive ceremony at Horwich Parish Church, Lancs, on Saturday, October 2nd, when the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, unveiled a tablet placed in the ringing chamber of the above church to the memory of two members of the band. The tablet is of white marble, mounted on black, with the following inscription, viz.: 'To the glorious memory of Pte. Richard Fearuley, L.N.L., age 35 years, and Bombr. Fred Abbott, R.G.A., age 23 years, who were ringers in this tower, and were killed in the great war. They died that we might live.'

The proceedings was opened with an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled, but this unfortunately came to grief in the last twelve changes through an accident with the rope of the second bell. The ringing had been timed to conclude with the commencement of the service at 7.30 p.m.

Canon Elsee unveiled the tablet in the presence of the ringers and relatives of the fallen men, to whom he addressed a few appropriate words. The service, which followed in the church, was well attended and conducted by the Vicar. Canon Elsee preached, and in his sermon alluded to the part played by the bells and bell ringers in the work of the church from days of long ago to the present time.

The following took part in the peal attempt: Herbert Alfred and Robert Alfred (Tyldesley), John Potter (Walkden), James Pouter (Eccles), Bertram F. Sheppard (Cambridge University), Peter Cronk (Deane), William Pennington (Bolton), John Stubbs, of the local band. It was a worthy performance, the striking being exceptionally good throughout.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Withyham on Saturday last, 24 members being present. After ringing during the afternoon, a short service was held in church, the address being given by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Layng). Tea followed at the Dorset Arms, and at the subsequent business meeting, the election of eight new members was ratified.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, his address, and for making the necessary local arrangements, the Rector suitably responding.

Ringings of Standard Methods then continued until about 8 o'clock. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Heathfield, Lindfield, the local branch and several independent members and friends from Tunbridge Wells.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Ringmer on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when members representing the following towers were present: Brighton (St. Peter's), Chiddingfold, Eastbourne (All Saints'), St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Heathfield, Pevensey and Shoreham. Mr. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was also present, and the following unattached members: Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. D. Smith, E. Gower, A. Piper, of Eastbourne; and Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton. A service was held in the church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Leefe, officiated, and gave a very appropriate address. Following this, about 30 members sat down to tea in the Parish Room. The Vicar unfortunately was obliged to leave early, but before his departure he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service.

At the brief business meeting which followed, Mr. J. T. Rickman, the Master of the Association, was voted to the chair, and Mr. T. Stroud, of Hellingly, was elected a member.

The bells were kept going during the evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

NOTICES.

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. Gariard, 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.

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. By kind permission of the Rev. F. J. Tackley, the bells of St. Alfage, 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 Nov. 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. 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.—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.—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.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Radcliffe-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.

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.—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 local ringers.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 2nd (nomination of officers) and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th (election of officers). *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Soham (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, Newmarket.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 4 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Panther, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, 1/3 each. Election of officers after tea.—H. Dickens, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Weekley on Nov. 6th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly notify me Tuesday, Nov. 2nd for tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

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 Rd., Hyde.

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.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at SS. Phillip and Jacob's, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Nov. 9th those requiring tea.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dunster, on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly notify me by Nov. 2nd.—George Stacey, Minehead.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Nov. 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. 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.

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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BLIND RINGER'S DEATH.

As time rolls on, one by one, the good old faces leave us, and we now record the passing away, at the age of 69, of Richard Phillips, a native of Devizes, and best known in the neighbourhood as 'Dick.' The deceased, who was blind, was a ringer for more than 50 years, and as a tenor ringer he excelled. He had rung the tenor to peals of Grandsire and Stedman. On one occasion, at St. John's, on May 16th, 1908, he was complimented at the close of the peal by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who rang the 7th; and the fact is alluded to in his work, 'Among the Bells' (page 616), in these words: 'The tenor was rung excellently by a blind man.' So recently as July 2nd, 1914—at the age of 63—he rang the 16wt. tenor to a peal at Bishop's Canninge (in which the writer of this notice took part), and he walked the distances from and to Devizes.

The first portion of the funeral service was held in St. John's Church, when some of his brother ringers officiated as bearers, and several wreaths were sent from the surrounding towers. W. L.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.**

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Northallerton on October 9th. Over 30 ringers were present, the towers of Scarborough, Pickering, Helmsley, Thornaby, Middlesborough and Saltburn being well represented. During the afternoon a business meeting was held in the vestry of the church, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. Drage, vice-president.

The suggested affiliation of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association was again discussed. Many of the ringers in the Cleveland district feel that so long as there are two associations covering one area the work of one or the other is bound to suffer.

A resolution was passed asking the officials of the two associations to meet and discuss the possibility of the suggested amalgamation.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. S. M. Thompson for placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to Mr. Barnett, secretary of the local band, for his efforts towards making the visit to Northallerton a pleasure and a success.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, C. Picton 2, E. Jones 3, J. Milner 4, A. Beckensale 5, W. Hewitt 6, J. Spencer (conductor) 7, E. Elliott 8.

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