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SHOULD PEAL POINTS BE ABOLISHED?

The letter which appeared in our last issue from 'Medicus Vectensis' reopens the question of the allocation of points for peals in the Central Council's Analysis. His allegation that they are obsolete as an indication of the standard of ringing in an association is certainly one which bears much truth, while, as an index to the relative value and merits of the performances which they profess to appraise, they are as useless as they can well be. The manner in which points are allotted is on a more or less rough and ready estimate of the difficulty which a method is supposed to present to the ringers, and no allowance is made for any of the other numerous factors which enter into the merits of a peal. As has so often been pointed out, there are many features in a peal which affect its merit, yet none, save the simplicity or complexity of a method, is considered in allocating points; so that the best that can be said of the system is that it is a half-measure for indicating the standard which an Association, by the combined efforts of its resident and visiting members, has reached. It is no real test of the progress which is being made.

That the Council itself has lost, at any rate, some of its faith in the value of its point scheme is evidenced by the fact that for some years now its Analysis has been published with the Associations given in alphabetical order, instead of, as was formerly the practice, in point order. This may have been done partly to eliminate the competitive idea, but it was principally because the members recognise that the points indicate very little that is of value by comparison with all that they ignore in connection with peal ringing. The question is whether the points are worth retaining at all. Their inclusion in the Analysis adds greatly to the work of those responsible for compiling the tables, and their omission would greatly lighten the burden of this heavy task. If they are to be retained, they ought to take account of many other factors in regard to the peals that are rung—that is, if they are to be any real indication of the comparative worth of the performances. We venture to suggest that the time has now arrived when the Central Council should review the whole position, and either make the peal points serve a useful purpose by drawing up a scheme much wider in its scope so as to embrace the principal features that go to the merit of a performance, or else drop them altogether. To widen the scope would probably involve a labour that would not be justified by results; to drop them would save the Analysis Committee endless work and grieve nobody. But to leave the point system where it is serves little purpose, and may even, as our correspondent points out, give a false idea of the standard of ringing in any area.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
FRED. F. RIGBY 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
JOHN POTTER 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	FRED PAGE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLM. R. J. POULSON ... 5
FRANK A. TURNER 2	ARTHUR MAXIM 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
LAWRENCE POULSON 4	HARRY RICHOLD Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Maxim and Chinery, and rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK BARBER Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 6
CECIL ROBINSON 3	*ROBERT LAUGHTON ... 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOHN M. POYNIZ Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	CYRIL C. PEASE 6
LEWIS GREEN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	WILLIAM PEASE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL C. PEASE.

* First peal.

DARTFORD KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 6
HERBERT ADDSLEY 3	GEORGE DAYNES 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SOUTH WIGSTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD JELLEY Treble	JOHN E. CLARKE 5
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	*GEORGE A. BURTON 6
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
SYDNEY O. CHENEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal, and elected members of the association before the attempt. J. E. Clarke has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 6
EDWARD CAUNCE ... 3	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	JAMES MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the front eight of the twelve. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the twelve bells round in this tower to a peal. In addition to this he has completed the circle in five eight-bell towers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Edward Charles Augustus, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fleming, of Binstead, Ryde (I.W.), to Barbara, younger daughter of Col. Sir William Robert Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lady Campion, of Danny Park, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the above date. The 100th peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANABLE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	HARRY KILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Believed to be the first peal in the method ever rung.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT J. SKELT ... Treble	AMOS W. CLARK ... 5
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... 7
*FRANK E. DARRY ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
WILLIAM HARPER ... 2	WILLIAM LANE ... 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
C.S.M. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	JOHN AVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHERSMAN.

A birthday peal for ringers of 6th, 7th and tenor.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6
*MISS FRED A. ORR ... 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... 7
CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Major.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON ... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... 5
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. * Proposed country members previous to starting.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
ALICK CUTLER ... 2	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 6
CHARLES V. HARE ... 3	WILEY J. HAZELL ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD ILOTT ... Treble	GEORGE CULLUM ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	RICHARD A. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHERSMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mr. F. Cullum, for over 50 years a ringer at the above church. The above band included three sons and one grandson. Mr. R. A. Cullum was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

'SILENT' PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was made at Kidlington on Saturday, Sept. 20th, but was lost in the 17th part. The ringers were J. H. R. Freeborn 1, W. Judge 2, H. Miles 3, W. F. Judge 4, J. Butler 5, A. E. Lock 6, J. Judge 7, W. Stone 8.

EDINBURGH.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES	Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON	3
WILLIAM L. GOFTON	2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	6
RICHARD A. GOFTON	3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	7
JAMES E. GOFTON	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

First Surprise peal in Scotland. The band thank Mr. Heathcote, Mr. Ellis and friends, for their kind welcome and hospitality after the peal.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ...	5
JOHN W. DAVIES	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
WILLIAM JONES	3	REGINALD LEE INCE	7
ARTHUR NEWELL	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by C. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Ringers of 1st and 7th and the composer were born at Farnon. Believed to be first peal of Major on the bells since 1841.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

JOSEPH B. FENTON	Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
ALFRED G. GRANT	4	GEORGE BROUGHTON	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. Ringers of 4th, 5th and tenor, elected association members before starting.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDRICK MOLINEUX	Treble	WILLIAM GREEN	5
JOHN GOODMAN, SENR. ...	2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES	6
JOHN PRICE	3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. ...	7
WILLIAM DEVEY, SENR. ...	4	WILLIAM PUGH	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild. Great credit is due to the treble man, as it is over 32 years since he rang a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

STEDMAN G. MORRIS	Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS	5
WILLIAM THORLEY	2	HARRY SEAR	6
HORACE STUBBS	3	EDWARD READER	7
SAMUEL COTTON	4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Treble, 4th, 5th and tenor ringers are from Leicester; 6th from Blethley, for whom the peal was arranged. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEMING	Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
GEORGE WHITING	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all excepting Mr. G. H. Cross, of Norwich, and first attempt by ringer of 5th.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. HILDA F. JACQUES ...	Treble	*JOHN HALL	5
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ...	2	PERCIVAL PRICE	6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	*CHARLES CARR	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 5th hails from Bretforton, Evesham. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells rung 150 years ago.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	Treble	ROBERT HOWARD	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	ALBERT J. BAYNES	6
PERCY WEBB	3	FRANK RAWLINSON	7
WILFRED C. IBBETT	4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Mr. Baynes is from London, and was spending a holiday in the district.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. RODEN	Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ...	2	JOSEPH LONDON	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	3	GEORGE H. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mr. Bradley, of Folkeham, and was his first peal inside.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury and April Day, and two 720's of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND	Treble	*WILLIAM BARBER	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS CRANE	5
FREDK. PECK	3	JEPHTHAH JOLLY	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of the treble ringer.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor about 10 cwt.

SAMUEL COLEY Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 3
EDWARD LARGE 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4
JAMES GEORGE Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the wife of Mr. S. Coley. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. T. C. Baines for his kind hospitality before the peal. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. This is supposed to be the first 5,040 ever rung on the bells. The treble, second and fifth were cast by Joseph Smith, the third by Thomas Hancox, and the fourth by John Martin, of Worcester. Three of the bells were placed in this tower in 1552, and the other two in 1750.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

RAYMOND MALBY Treble	GEORGE PARKER 3
THOMAS WISE 2	ISAAC BENNETT 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT KINGTON MAGNA.

A well-attended meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Kington Magna on Saturday, Sept. 13th. In spite of persistent rain, some 50 ringers, gathered from over an extensive area, took part in the proceedings. The five musical bells, with pre-Reformation tenor, were raised in peal about 3 p.m., and were kept in active use during the afternoon and evening.

At 4.45 p.m. a congregation, numbering about 70, took part in the Guild service, which was fully choral, and was sung to the accompaniment of violin, violoncello, tenor horn, organ and handbells. The office was intoned by the Rector, and the lesson read by the Rev. J. D. Vincent, of Gillingham. The anthem, 'Awake, awake, put on thy strength' (Leaning), was effectively rendered by the choir and orchestra.

The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who founded a most practical and apposite address on the text, 'Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.' Emphasising the general absence of 'hardness' and steadfast adherence to principle in these lax and undisciplined days, the preacher pointed out how in various ways the duties of a ringer call for the exercise of self-discipline in a marked degree, and exhorted his hearers to render their service to the church in a spirit of ready obedience to the Apostle's precept.

After service, a large company sat down to tea at the School. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. F. L. Edwards took the chair. The branch secretary (the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe) read the minutes of the last meeting, and subsequently announced that the next meeting would be arranged at Sherborne. Two new members were elected.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the preacher for his admirable address, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart remarked that, while he had known Mr. Davies for many years as a leading light of the Central Council, that afternoon was the first time that he had had the pleasure of ringing with him.—Mr. Davies, in his reply, modestly disclaimed the description of his connection with the Council as that of a 'leading light,' and went on to say that it always gave him great pleasure to find himself among ringers. He congratulated the North Dorset Branch on such a fine gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Rector was carried, and suitably acknowledged, and the proceedings terminated with changes and tunes on handbells.

The following towers affiliated to the branch were represented at the meeting: Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna, Zeals, Stourton, Manston, Shroton, Shaftesbury, Okeford Fitzpaine, Hazelbury, and Bryan. Ringers were also present from Gillingham, Poole, Wimborne, Templecombe, Deane, and Goring-on-Thames. Several well-struck six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round on the bells.

BRIDSTOW'S NEW BELLS.

TREBLES DEDICATED BY BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Bishop of Hereford dedicated two new trebles to complete the octave at Bridstow. Unfortunately, the date chosen turned out to be one of the wettest days in this wet year, but in spite of this a good number of parishioners attended the service, together with over 40 ringers, including Mr. C. Edwards (Guild Master), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. J. G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), Mr. C. J. Partridge (Sutton-in-Ashfield), and ringers from Hereford, Ruardean, Ross, and the surrounding towers.

The surpliced clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn (Vicar), the Dean of Gibraltar (the Very Rev. James Cropper), brother-in-law of the Vicar, and the Rev. G. W. Turner (Guild secretary), who carried the pastoral staff. The service commenced with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' sung to a tune composed by the organist of Bridstow, Mr. H. Byolin (who was away on holiday), followed by the prayers of evensong, intoned by the Vicar, and Psalm 150. The special lesson was read by the Dean of Gibraltar, and this was followed by the Magnificat and Creed. After this the surpliced choir and clergy, accompanied by the Bishop and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the ropes of the two new bells were presented by Mr. F. Armitage and Mr. W. Poston to the Bishop, with the request that he should dedicate the bells 'to the glory of God, and the use of this church.'

The Bishop dedicated the bells by reciting three special prayers, afterwards handing the ropes to the Vicar, saying, 'Receive these bells as a sacred trust, etc.' A few rounds were then rung, after which the choir and clergy returned to the nave, and special prayers were recited by the Rev. G. W. Turner.

The Bishop, in the course of an appropriate address, dwelt upon the uses of bells in times past, the market bell, the gleaming bell, the curfew bell, how bells were used for national rejoicings, marriages, and for muffled peals, and concluded by saying that these bells should be a call to the men and women of the parish to assemble themselves together for the worship of God, and that their ringing should be of great assistance in that respect.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' and the Benediction, pronounced by the Bishop.

Immediately after the conclusion of the service, 168 Grandsire Triples were rung by R. E. Summers 1, W. T. Poston 2, W. Poston (conductor) 3, A. E. Gwynne 4, J. J. Bevan 5, J. G. Jefferies 6, W. Bishop 7, A. T. Poulton 8. Further touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major followed, with rounds for beginners, everyone present having a pull. A meat tea was provided in the Parish Room by the Vicar, to which 46 sat down. The thanks of those present to the Vicar for his hospitality were voiced by Mr. C. Edwards, who congratulated Bridstow on the success of its undertaking, and remarked that he should expect great things from the Bridstow band in the future.—The Vicar welcomed those present: thanked the ringers for their great help in carrying out the scheme; incidentally touched upon the rumour that the youngest ringer in England was present, in the person of Miss Richardson, of Surfleet; and invited those present to enter their names in a visitors' book. Further ringing followed after tea.

It was the general opinion that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had effected as good a 'splice' as could be expected under the circumstances. The old tenor, a pre-Reformation bell dating from about 1480, and just a few pounds under 9 cwt., seemed determined that day to assert its superiority, but with experiments since made she has now shown an inclination to settle down and live in harmony with her new companions.

The small bells in ball bearings had some terrors for those ringers who had never made an acquaintance with these 'new-fangled ideas,' but it was observed that the 'men of weight,' as well as friend Austin, of Gloucester, managed them best. The gentleman from Surfleet, who owned the 'rubber bus,' seemed very happy indeed ringing the second, and sitting on the window ledge at the same time.

For service on the Sunday morning the local band, assisted by Messrs. Jefferies and Partridge, rang a touch of Grandsire, two courses of Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

W. P.

DUKE'S BIRTHDAY.

At Workop, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, in honour of the Duke of Newcastle's birthday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): G. Hardwick 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Tansley (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, H. Jordan 5, A. Craven (Sheffield Cathedral) 6, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 7, E. Clarke 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Roberts 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Tansley 3, A. Johnson 4, G. Hardwick (first 720 as conductor) 5, H. Jordan 6.

A RINGERS' MECCA.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Rotherham Parish Church company held their annual outing, when they visited Loughborough. A start was made at 7.20, by charabanc, and after a short ride, a halt was called to pick up two men from Treeton, and then, after a good trip, Loughborough was reached at 10 o'clock. The foundry was the piece de resistance of the day, and this proved very interesting, as some of the Rotherham bells were seen in their new guise. A move was then made to the foundry campanile, there to try conclusions with the peal of ten. These proved a fairly tough proposition, but by perseverance and no broken stays, some fairly decent ringing was indulged in. Then a move was made to the Parish Church for a ring on the peal there, but owing to a time limit and a host of visitors, nothing much in the way of ringing was done; still, there was sufficient to enable everyone to admire the tone and 'go' of the bells, and to wish that the peal for Rotherham, when finished, may be as good, if not better.

A start was made on the homeward journey at 4.30, arrangements having been made to call at Mansfield on the way. Here, after a good tea, the party were met by Mr. Bettinson, who had everything in readiness in the belfry, and some time was spent in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major. The homeward journey was completed at 11 p.m. The company desire to express their thanks to the incumbents and churchwardens of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to all who helped to make the day a great success.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS AT THE FOUNDRY.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the above ringers had their annual outing. Leaving King's Norton at 8 a.m., accompanied by Churchwardens Moore, Lyon and Boffey, and the esteemed chairman of the bells committee, Mr. Frank Yates, they were soon at the Big House, Baker Street, to pick up the St. Martin's contingent. The delay here was rather prolonged, owing to the serious indisposition of one of the party. Passing through the Three Spires City, a stop was made at Monks Kirby, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge. This grand peal was very much admired, also the 'go' of them. After light refreshment, the party made for Leicester, and arrived just in time to hear some good Treble Bob by the Northants men at St. Margaret's. Ascending the tower, the King's Norton men soon had this grand peal, by Taylors, going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major, the striking again being very satisfactory. An adjournment was then made to the Victoria Hotel, where full justice was done to a good hot spread. After brief speeches by Messrs. Yates, Moore, Lyon and Walker, thanking those responsible for arranging the outing, tracks were made for Loughborough. Boarding the charabancs, the company were surprised to find two of the younger members missing, so the main party had to depart without them, leaving the writer and his Leicester brother to find them. This they eventually did, and ascertained that the missing ones had done their best to 'twist' a marine store dealer, and had come off second-best. Taking the first bus to Loughborough, they arrived just in time to have a look round the foundry and see recast bells, and observe the antics which experienced ringers can cut on a light peal of ten. The visitors were kindly provided with a substantial meat tea by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at the Fearon Hall, the party being presided over by the Vicar of Loughborough, in the absence of Mr. D. Taylor, who was unavoidably away on business. Afterwards, at the Parish Church, well-struck Grandsire and Stedman Caters brought the ringing to a close, and the journey home was commenced, King's Norton being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable, though wet day. Through 'The Ringing World,' the visitors desire to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their generous hospitality, and the various Vicars and towerkeepers for granting them permission to ring. P. O. L.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

A pleasant afternoon's outing took place on Saturday, Sept. 13th, when ringers and their relatives of the Kettering, Wellingborough, and Northampton branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Loughborough. Messrs. Taylor and Co. kindly allowed the visitors to make a tour of the foundry during the afternoon and evening, and the visit was very interesting to all. Ringing was also indulged in on the foundry peal and at the Church of All Saints. The new carillon was also heard for a short period in the afternoon. Another pleasing feature was the finding of other contingents of ringers there from Rotherham and Birmingham. Messrs. Taylor and Co. generously provided tea for the whole of the visitors, who numbered upwards of 200. — The Rev. G. W. Briggs (Rector of All Saints) extended a hearty welcome to everyone, and expressed regret that Messrs. Taylor were not able to be with them. — The Rev. J. P. Frend, president of the Northants, and the Rev. R. C. Thurstfield, president of the Kettering branches of the Peterborough Guild, briefly responded for the clergy. — Mr. Moore, Mr. A. Walker, and

Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Guild, responded for the laity. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Taylor for their kind hospitality, and to everyone who assisted to make the outing such a success.

A PARTY FROM IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Irtlingborough ringers and their friends, had their annual outing, and this year (the Peterborough Diocesan Guild having decided to pay a visit to Loughborough to hear the carillon, and by the kind invitation of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to inspect the bell foundry) they decided to make it their 'day,' and to include a call at St. Margaret's, Leicester. It had been arranged to start at 8 a.m., by charabanc, and it was very obvious it was not practice night, for every man was present on time, and a start was at once made. After a call had been made at Finedon for other ringing friends, the party, to the number of 36, settled down very comfortably for the run, to Market Harborough, where a stop was to have been made to cool the engine, and to 'oil' the bearings, but as it was not ten o'clock no 'oil' was available; so the halt was postponed until Oadby was reached. After a stay of about half an hour, during which a course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells, the conductor took his place beside the man at the wheel (as he knew where St. Margaret's, Leicester, was), and another move was made. All went well until the well-known clock tower was reached, and then, whether the conductor called a 'bob' in the wrong place is not known, but there was a change of course, and in a very few minutes the party arrived at St. Mark's instead of St. Margaret's. However, under the kindly direction of a policeman, matters were soon put right, and the visitors arrived at the fine old church of St. Margaret, where Mr. Josiah Morris was present to receive the party. The magnificent peal of twelve bells were soon raised, and rounds and call changes, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Morris (who had by this time arrived), were the first order, as several of the party had not previously had the opportunity of ringing on twelve. Afterwards, a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples, also a course of Double Norwich on the front eight, and three leads of Treble Ten. Everyone enjoyed the privilege of ringing on this beautiful peal. It was very interesting at this stage to meet and exchange greetings with the members of the Birmingham and King's Norton companies, who were met again later in the day at Loughborough.

After luncheon at the Co-operative Hall, Mr. Perkins proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ernest Morris for the arrangements he had made, and to all the ringers, also to the Vicar of St. Margaret's for the use of the bells. — Mr. Barber, who seconded, said they were all delighted with the beautiful tone and 'go' of the bells, and he specially mentioned the kindly welcome extended to them by Mr. Josiah Morris. — The vote of thanks was replied to by Mr. E. Morris.

The journey was then resumed to Loughborough, and Messrs. Taylor's Foundry, where, meeting other branches of the Peterborough Guild, the party proceeded to inspect the foundry, and most interesting it was, too, particularly the large bell recently cast for Bristol University, weighing about 11 tons, and the third largest bell in the country. Having finished the tour of the works, some made their way to the Parish Church, and its fine peal of ten. Various methods were attempted, and everyone was pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Others stayed at the foundry campanile to have a ring. The party next proceeded to the carillon situated in the park. Here, however, some members were disappointed at the results, as the bells were not heard to best advantage, but there is no doubt that when the full tone of the whole carillon is poured forth the effect must be very fine. Returning to Fearon Hall, the visitors found a splendid tea, very kindly provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co., awaiting the now large party of about 200, and the generous hospitality of the firm was much appreciated. After the tea some of the party again visited the church tower, and others the foundry campanile for further ringing, before leaving for home. The return journey was commenced at 7.30, and with a short call at the now famous 'Greyhound,' where there was harmony, selections, and touches on the handbells, home was safely reached, the party breaking up after joining hands in 'Auld Lang Syne.' Best thanks are due to all those who in any way helped to make the outing such a success. F. B.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Putney, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, a half-peal of the same method was rung by C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen 2, C. J. Choct 3, S. S. Brown 4, W. H. Worsley 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, E. C. Russell 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. Time, 1 hour 30 minutes. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the genial Master of the local band, Mr. Tom Bolton, as, unfortunately, there was not time to ring the peal at the second attempt. The ringers afterwards adjourned to a near-by hostelry, where the usual good wishes were conveyed to Mr. Bolton, who suitably responded.

FIRST PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL. BOARD UNVEILED AT DESBOROUGH.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, a peal board erected in Desborough Church belfry was unveiled by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, of Cranford, the president of the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. It records the first peal rung for the Guild, and the first peal of Major on the bells, which was a 5,056 of Bob Major, composed by John E. Burton, and rung on February 9th, 1924, in 3 hours and ten minutes by B. O. Soden (Northampton) 1, M. Hobbs (Barton Seagrave) 2, F. Rollings (Weston Favell) 3, R. G. Black (Geddington) 4, A. Manning (Market Harborough) 5, T. Law (Weston Favell) 6, S. Burditt (Desborough) 7, H. Baxter (Broughton) 8, conducted by H. Baxter.

At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Cole-Hamilton), the Guild form was used. During the singing of the last hymn an adjournment was made to the belfry, where the Rev. R. C. Thursfield unveiled the board, and the Vicar offered the dedicatory prayers.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, an excellent tea was partaken of in the school, and afterwards Mr. Fred Wilford (Master of the Guild) congratulated the band, and tendered best thanks to the Rev. Cole-Hamilton for the use of the bells, and for allowing the board to be put up.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. R. C. Thursfield for unveiling the board, and for the splendid way in which he was helping the Guild.

Thanks were accorded to the donor of the tea and to Mr. S. Burditt, and the ladies who arranged the tea.

Methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise were rung on the bells by ringers from Northampton, Market Harborough, Weston Favell, Cranford, Weekley, Geddington, Isham, Broughton, Rothwell, and the local band.

It is worthy of note that of the eight ringers in the peal five of them came from five-bell towers.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Biddenham on Saturday, 27th September. A good number were present, but owing to illness near the church the tower bells were not rung after tea, so the handbells were brought into use.

At the business meeting (Mr. W. Stapleton presiding), one new member was elected, and Milton Ernest was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday November 1st, the time to be notified later in 'The Ringing World.' It is hoped that a special effort will be made by all members to attend this meeting.

ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY. NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After having set out to correct Mr. Jerram's account of the peal tablets at St. Michael-at-Coslany ('R.W.' 15th August, page 552), I find that the further information I sent you 'R.W.' 5th Sept., page 571) itself needs amendment, or, to be precise, amplification.

Tablet IV. is obviously incomplete without the performers' names, which, together with the last three lines on the board, were omitted from my copy:—

'Elijah Mason 1, George Hames 2, John Greenwood 3, John Coleman 4, John Cooper 5, Joseph Lubbock 6, Thomas Burrell 7, Samuel Thurston 8. William Hanks, Esq., George Coleby, Esq., Churchwardens. Perseverance overcometh Great Difficulties.'

I am extremely sorry, that as a result, this corrigendum becomes a piecemeal arrangement, for which I would ask your readers' pardon, not to mention this further demand on your space.

It has, likewise, been pointed out to me, that I failed to notify the two following (additional) typographical errors in the text of the original article, page 522:—

Peals 3 and 4.—The ringer of the 7th and 6th bells respectively, should be James Vines.

Peal 5 should read Wm. Hanks, Esq., Mayor, etc.

The numbers refer to the numerical order as given in Mr. Jerram's article. The name of James Vines appears, also, I might mention, on the peal tablet at St. Peter Mancroft, Grandsire Cinques, 1775.

In the belfry of St. Michael-at-Coslany, there is, in addition to the tablets, a framed printed record of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 1727, the text of which follows that tablet, to all intents and purposes, verbatim. This print, which is contemporary with the tablet, was discovered in the church some few years ago by a former churchwarden—the late Mr. Sturgess. It bears, at the head, an engraved device of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, a point which may be of some importance, seeing that it connects the ringers of that peal definitely with St. Peter Mancroft.

It has, I think, been held that at that period, St. Michael-at-Coslany and St. Peter Mancroft had each its individual band of ringers, and that St. Peter's did not ring at St. Michael's. This heading (of the St. Peter Mancroft Society) seems to show that such was not the case in 1727, although in 1731, we have the two rival bands in bitter newspaper controversy over the first 'peal' of Stedman Triples, which each was claiming.—Yours very truly.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some comparative figures have just been published with regard to ringers in the West of England, compiled from the Church Official Year Book and Association reports. The Diocese of Bath and Wells is credited with 2,564 ringers, and of this number 1,239 are claimed as members of the diocesan association. In Somerset there are 301 towers with five or more bells, 141 of which are affiliated.

The Diocese of Salisbury has 1,948 ringers, with 804 in the Guild. There are 263 towers with five or more bells, and 110 of these are affiliated.

The following are the percentages of affiliated towers and ringers: Bath and Wells, 45.6 towers, 48.3 ringers; Salisbury Guild, 41.8 towers, 41.2 ringers. Devon Guild, 12.1 towers, 14.2 ringers.

For the sake of accuracy, we are asked to state that the name of the ringer in the Hampshire tour was Edmund J. Hobbs, and not Ernest J., as published.

The many friends of Mr. Frederick Wells, of Glemsford, Suffolk, will be grieved to hear that he is very feeble in health, and is now unable to recognise even his most intimate friends.

The handbell peal of Minor rung at Lavenham, on Thursday, Sept. 11th, and published in 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 20th, should be credited to the Suffolk Guild, and not the Norfolk Guild.

Three sons and a grandson of Mr. F. Cullum rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erit, on Saturday, to celebrate the 93rd birthday of the veteran, who has been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

The first Surprise peal in Scotland was rung on Saturday, when the accomplished Whitley Bay (Northumberland) band scored a peal of London at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

The Dean of York, who presided at this year's Snowdon Dinner, has been a practical ringer since he was quite a small boy.

Since the bells at North Stoneham, Hants, were augmented to eight 15 years ago, exactly one hundred peals have been rung on them, viz.: Grandsire Triples 5, Stedman 20, Bob Major 18, Kent Treble Bob Major 14, Double Norwich 32, Superlative Surprise 5, Cambridge Surprise 6.

Like the increase in the number of bells, the building up of the eight bell band at this church has been almost entirely due to the efforts of Mr. George Williams.

It was twenty-five years ago last Saturday that the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung in Hampshire (at Winchester Cathedral), and twenty-two years ago next Monday that the first peal was rung at Exeter Cathedral. Mr. Williams conducted both these.

The first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on record was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on October 3rd, 1863.

On October 6th, 1788, a peal of 6,024 Stedman Cinques, 'the first on record,' was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

William Booth, one of Sheffield's ringing stalwarts of a century ago, died on October 6th, 1849. He was born in 1783, and was Charles Henry Hattersley's grandfather.

A correspondent informs us that at the meeting of the Southmolton Deanery (Somerset) ringers on October 25th, a silver cup is to be given for the best ringing performance. There is, he says, no half-pull ringing in this district, yet they get an average attendance of over fifty members annually.

Reports of the dedication of new bells at Old Cleeve, meetings of the Worcestershire and Surrey Associations, and numerous outings, and letters to the Editor, are unavoidably held over.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I will not comment on the tone of Mr. Powell's reply to Mr. Baker, but hope, if he deigns to answer me, to receive something more satisfactory, and to be let down more lightly.

There are, apparently, at least two schools of thought on this question, one being, according to Mr. Powell, the unscientific old fogies who say the places are the method, the other is composed of a mixed lot of old and young who think they have progressed far beyond that stage, and speak with some disdain of the 'stick-fasts.' My own conclusions, up to now lead me to back up the old school, but I am anxious for knowledge.

Mr. Powell, or any of the advanced school, can do a great deal towards advancing my education by examining closely the two methods published by Mr. Baker and answering the following question: Which part of the work of either method, whether it is called dodging, snapping, or a reversal of hunting direction, is not caused by a place or places?—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER. SPLENDID GATHERING AT YORK.

The old city of York was the meeting-place of a large body of ringers on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the third annual dinner 'to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' London, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne—to mention three places only outside the county—sent representatives; whilst the bulk of the gathering was made up of Yorkshire Association members from the various towns in the three Ridings. Sheffield sent a strong party, who arrived quite early, and this band had the peal of twelve bells at the Minster going soon after morning service, these being available from 11 to 12.15. The Newcastle men went on from York to Selby, in the morning to try for a peal on the Abbey bells, but after an hour's ringing something went wrong, and the attempt failed—the band being back in York in time for dinner. The bells at the Minster were again available from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, as also were the peals of six at St. Mary's, Bishophill, and St. Philip and St. James's, Clifton.

At 5.45 p.m. the gathering of ringers, to the number of 133, assembled at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, for the dinner. The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. W. Foxley Norris) presided, and he was supported by the Rev. Canon Solloway (Selby), the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association, Leeds), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield), Mr. P. J. Johnson (general secretary, Yorkshire Association, Leeds), Col. Otley (York Minster Chamberlain), and the local committee, Messrs. T. F. Earnshaw (treasurer), G. Horner (secretary), A. C. Fearnley, H. Imeson and G. Worth.

After the dinner (which was most admirably served under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Handsley, of the Windmill Hotel), had received that attention which tradition says ringers—and especially Yorkshire ringers—are capable of paying, the Dean proposed the loyal toast, 'The King,' which was enthusiastically honoured.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

Mr. F. Willey proposed 'The Church and the State,' and said that they felt gratified with the results that had been achieved by the Yorkshire Association in the past two years. They, as ringers, should take a very firm and determined stand for a more generous support of the Church, and he urged them to help forward the work in more ways than they perhaps did in the belfry. He thought they would agree with him that nobody could visit the ancient city of York and look at the Minster without a spirit of awe as they stood under the shadow of its walls and thought of the men who tried to ring out the religion and the teaching of Christ for all. Mr. Willey said he had no fear in saying that some clergy did not even know their own ringers. How many clergy visited the belfry? If they visited such gatherings as that they would find a spirit of conviviality and of comradeship. He trusted that the Church would go on with its steady work. The ringers wanted to see the Church make progress, and they did not want any altering of the Prayer Book. They wanted a plain thing put before them, without any dogmas or pacifist teachings, because that was not true religion. He trusted that those at the head of affairs would see they proceeded in the right direction.

The Dean of York, replying to the toast, offered a hearty welcome to the association on behalf of the ancient city of York. He liked to hear the sound of bells, but only when they were rung by men who knew how to ring—he could tell the difference when he lived so close to bells as he did. He wished to echo the spirit of what Mr. Willey said about the Church. He was no pessimist in regard to either the Church or the State, and had no sympathy with pessimistic views. He did not believe in those who were constantly questioning whether the Church had the same hold upon the people as centuries ago. He did not believe that the Church of England ever had a stronger hold upon the people of this country than it had to-day. Neither did he believe religion ever had a stronger hold—essential religion, real religion—than it had to-day. Those things were easy to say and very difficult to prove, but personally he had not much fear about the Church. It was active, vigorous, as strong as ever and going ahead in really important matters, perhaps more rapidly and more strongly than it had done before in our generation. They were strongly led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Church was rallying to their lead.

What about the State? Plenty of croakers thought that when the present Government went into office the end of everything was about to come. It had not come, and it was extraordinary how men, when they got into high office and had heavy responsibility, found how a steadying influence came over them. We got gradually better results from men when they got into those positions than, perhaps, we were accustomed to expect when they first took office. Our duty was to support the Government in everything it did which was right and for the good government of the people, and to check it the moment when something was not right and proper. The general

common sense of English people, he thought, would take up that attitude and prevent this or any other Government from doing any real harm. Personally, he was not anxious about the Church or the State. Proceeding to speak of bell ringing, the Dean said his first lessons in ringing were started when he was quite a small boy. He had had steeples with good bells, and now, of course, he had splendid bells at York Minster. He never heard better ringing than in the first old parish of his in Yorkshire, in the neighbourhood of Huddersfield, and it had always been his standard of what good bell ringing should be. That was largely due to the efforts of the Yorkshire Association, and they developed a good deal under the association's policy. They, as ringers, were not only in his judgment, trained musicians and essential elements in the organisation of the Church, but he always had maintained, and always would, that the singers in the choir and the ringers in the steeple had a ministry, and that they had a duty to perform with the people and with the Church just as the clergy had. He agreed with the remarks about the clergy and ringers. There should be closer contact; and they should support one another as much as possible.

JASPER SNOWDON.

The chief toast of the evening, that of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association,' was entrusted to Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), who, in a really brilliant and eloquent speech, paid tribute to the memory of his old friend. After first thanking the Yorkshire Association for honouring him, by placing him in that position, he asked for a show of hands by the company of all those who personally knew the late Jasper Snowdon. Eleven hands were held up. 'Ah!' exclaimed the speaker, 'Jasper has been dead 39 years, and time is rapidly thinning those who knew him.' He then went on to trace the career of the great Yorkshire campanologist, showing how enthusiastic he was as a ringer, the part he took in the formation of the Yorkshire Association, of which he was president until his death; also of his writings on the subject of bell ringing and his introduction of coloured diagrams showing the working of the bells; and finished a brilliant appreciation of the late master by relating the tragic circumstances connected with his death. Mr. Dawe then recalled other stalwarts connected with the Yorkshire Association—Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley (of Sheffield), Mr. William Horner Howard (of York), a vice-president of the association for 25 years; Mr. William Snowdon, who followed his brother in the presidency; Mr. Charles Jackson (of Hull); and Mr. Breed (of York), a famous heavy bell ringer—all of whom Mr. Dawe knew personally, and to whose memory he paid rare tribute. The speaker wound up an eloquent and highly interesting address, by again thanking the association for giving him the opportunity of being present.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Dean of York had to leave to fulfil another engagement, but before doing so, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (president of the York Minster Society) proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for his presence that evening, and said how willingly he had acquiesced when approached as to his taking the chair on that occasion. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Earnshaw hinted that certain work was about to be undertaken that would improve the condition of the peal at the Minster—information which was heard with satisfaction by all concerned.

The Dean, in reply to the vote of thanks, mentioned that he had been amongst the bells at the Minster, accompanied by the clerk of works, and that in course of time certain improvements would be carried out. He thanked the company for the reception they had given him, and spoke of the pleasure it had been to him to meet such a representative body of ringers.

On the departure of the Dean, the chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Solloway, Vicar of Selby.

YORKSHIREMEN'S TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' was submitted by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Yorkshire Association to the visitors gathered from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association, the Midland Counties Association, the Durham and Newcastle Association, the London County Association, the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, and other associations, and conveyed to the gathering the sincere regret of Mr. J. Rowbotham, of London, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, at their inability to be with them to do honour to their old acquaintance, the late J. W. Snowdon.

In replying to the toast, Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, related a legal complication with another distinguished member of the Exercise, which proved highly diverting to the company, and an earnest wish was expressed that, in case of necessity, a surety could be found for Mr. Walker, so that he would be at liberty for the projected 'twelve bell week.'

Mr. C. F. Johnston also replied, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at the cordial reception accorded to the visitors, and wished the association every success in its future activities.

The next toast 'The continued prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who conveyed

to the meeting the sincere regret of their old friend, Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, who was absent through illness. The speaker pleaded for the continuance of the old tradition of hospitality for which the county was noted, and stated that, in his opinion, the Yorkshire Association owed much of its success to the famous teas with which visitors were received in pre-war days at the association meeting.

Mr. Marshall also announced that Bradford Cathedral ringers had invited the association to visit Bradford for the annual meeting, and as he (the speaker) had information that Bradford intended to make the meeting a high-water mark in the annals of the association all members were urged to visit Bradford on the occasion of the meeting.

This toast was enthusiastically honoured, after which Mr. F. E. Dawe took the opportunity of proposing 'The Ringing World.' In an interesting speech, Mr. Dawe traced the history of the ringing press, through its many vicissitudes, and pointed out the great debt that the Exercise was under to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for keeping the paper going throughout the difficult days of the war, and urged that all ringers should do their utmost to give a more generous support to the paper than was its present lot, and further stated that, provided the paper was taken even by one in every six ringers, it would be possible to give a much better paper than at present.

Train time here compelled the second chairman to leave, the Rev. C. C. Marshall officiating in that capacity for the rest of the evening.

Mr. Albert Walker paid an eloquent tribute to the York quartette, whose magnificent singing had added so considerably to the success of the dinner, this leading the company rashly to attempt musical honours for the entertainers. Time brought, all too soon, an end to a most enjoyable evening, in which the splendid handbell ringing by the Sheffield Cathedral ringers, and the excellence of the programme, will leave a vivid impression on the memories of all present. Acting in his presidential capacity, the Rev. C. C. Marshall duly saw all his charges housed for the night, but was not equally successful in seeing all the 25 visitors who had stayed, on the following morning.

So ended a most enjoyable and memorable gathering, train time on the Sunday finally dispersing the visitors to their various destinations. This opportunity is taken to thank the clergy of York, who kindly granted the use of their bells for the day, and so materially added to the success of the occasion, and also to thank the York Minster ringers for the energy with which they entered into all the arrangements, and for the hearty welcome extended to all who visited York.

P. J. J.

PAINSWICK'S ANCIENT SOCIETY. CELEBRATION OF THE 238TH ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths celebrated their 238th anniversary. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., with touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques and Stedman Caters. Later, about 40 sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Institute, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Vicary), who, at the conclusion of the repast, extended a hearty welcome to the company.—Mr. Evans, of Gloucester, one of the visitors, acknowledged the welcome of the Vicar, and said he had much pleasure of restoring to the society one of Shipway's books on campanology, dated 1816, with Mr. W. Estcourt's name in it.

Mr. Albert Wright, Master of the Painswick Youths, accepted the book with considerable pleasure, as he was one of an unbroken line of ringers belonging to Mr. W. Estcourt's famous band. He said they had two of their clergy with them, but he thought they were unaware that they also had two Bishops, namely, the 'Bishop of Swindon' and the 'Bishop of Wandsworth,' and he proposed that these two Bishops should be made members of the Painswick Youths, namely, Mr. Ernest Bishop and Mr. Herbert Bishop.—Their 'lordships,' in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the Youths for the honour that had been done them by making them members of the society.

Mr. M. E. Ireland expressed the pleasure it afforded him again to be with them once more on the occasion of the celebration of their anniversary, and referred to the interest he had taken of recent years in the Painswick bells and ringers. The latter were essentially a united body, for change ringing could not be properly carried through unless the ringers were in accord one with the other. He drew from that a lesson of unity for the general community, and went on to speak in terms of deserved praise for Mr. Wright and his brother ringers at Painswick.

A few courses of Triples on the handbells brought these proceedings to a close, and the tower was again visited, when touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung. On Sunday, the 'Feast Day,' ringing was carried on at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 o'clock, for the services, with touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, there being a great number of ringing visitors.

THE 'TWELVE-BELL' WEEK.

The result of last week's ringing tour to half a dozen twelve-bell towers was very gratifying. All the peals were rung, except at Wolverhampton, on Thursday, where a rope broke after an hour and a half. The successes were at Leicester, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Painswick and Cirencester, a peal of Stedman Cinques being rung at each tower.

Further details will appear next week, but we have been requested to express the thanks of the ringers to the 50 or so clergy, ringers and steeplekeepers, whose united help and kindly co-operation enabled St. Martin's Guild to accomplish so much.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, and was well attended by members from various towers. Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Central Northamptonshire Association, was also present. The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Botolph's, and Washingborough, were at the disposal of the members, and a service was held in St. Peter-at-Arches Church, a good number being present. The Rev. R. Bond (Rector) officiated, and a very appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Townroe, Vicar of St. Peter-at-Gowts. An excellent tea was provided at the Co-operative Cafe, 85 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. E. Linley presided, supported by members of the committee, also the Rev. H. T. Parry, vice-president of the Grimsby district, and the Rev. A. Hunt, Welton. Apologies of absence were read from the Dean of Lincoln, and the Rev. H. C. Frith, Elsham.

The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc. As the formation of a new district at Sleaford had not met with the success anticipated, it was decided to let the matter stand over for the time being.

The secretary's report from May 1st to September 20th inclusive was submitted to the meeting, and approved by the members.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Douglas Hewitt, Welton; Miss E. Cade and Mr. Geo. Cade, Scotherne; Mr. G. Smith, Ewerby; and Mr. W. J. Cleaver, Blankney.

With regard to the new rules, certain alterations, suggested by the committee, were brought forward, and carried. Other amendments were then considered, and after discussion, were also carried.

As the amendment of rules 4 and 5 necessitate the reversing of the annual and half-yearly meetings, it was agreed to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Stow in the autumn of 1925, the fixing of the date being left in the hands of the general secretary, and the members of the Stow company.

Mr. G. Chester read a letter which he had received from Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, who is recuperating his health at Woodhall Spa. It was very gratifying to learn that he hopes to return to Lincoln a better and stronger man.

The usual votes of thanks were unanimously carried, and brought the business meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MAJOR LIGHTOWLERS. TAUNTON RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND.

Major J. R. F. Lightowers passed away at his residence, Wellington Road, Taunton, on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, at the age of 73 years. The deceased gentleman, who took a leading part in the scheme to increase the bells at St. Mary's Church to twelve, was first commissioned in the army on August 10th, 1889, and attained the rank of Major on April 1st, 1904. He retired from the Royal Artillery, in which he had been serving, on October 14th, 1904. The deceased went through the South African war, and received the Queen's medal with clasp, and the King's medal with two clasps.

He was a staunch Churchman, and served ten years as churchwarden at St. Mary's Church from 1913 to 1923, being the senior of three wardens from 1918 onward. He identified himself very prominently with the important work in connection with the installation of the new frame and the augmentation of St. Mary's peal to twelve, and the reinstating of the carillon (there being 15 bells in all in the tower). He presided at all committee meetings, and took a most active part in collecting the necessary funds.

The deceased was laid to rest on Saturday, Sept. 20th, the funeral being carried out with military honours. His efforts will be ever remembered with gratitude by the ringers for his work in connection with the only peal of twelve bells in the diocese.

To perpetuate his memory, and as a token of respect, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on St. James's bells after the funeral.

COLNE ENGAGE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Sept. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Double Court: G. Wiffen 1, J. Turner 2, F. Ridgewell 3, E. Wiffen 4, J. French (conductor) 5, L. W. Wiffen 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Wiffen 1, F. Claydon 2, J. Turner 3, G. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, A. Saunders 6.

THE ELY (?) 'RESOLUTION.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In fairness to the Ely Diocesan Association the following two points should be made quite clear:—

(1) The 'resolution' was not a resolution of the Ely Diocesan Association at all, but was brought forward at a district meeting, and is now referred back to the association for discussion, if necessary, at its annual meeting.

(2) Among the causes underlying this resolution not the least potent is the fact that the Ely Diocesan Association has undoubtedly suffered considerably by the ringing, within its area, of peals for other associations, by ringers, the majority of whom are members of the Ely Association. This is particularly the case in one part of Cambridgeshire, where the great majority of peals rung in the last five years have been rung, chiefly by local ringers, under the name of another diocese. This is altogether different from the case of 'ringers on tour' contemplated by your correspondent, 'Medicus Vectensis.'—

Yours faithfully,
Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

**RINGING COMPETITIONS.
EFFECT IN THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.**
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased indeed to read the interesting articles in this week's 'Ringing World,' re ringing competitions and prize ringing. 'W. W.' invites opinions on the subject, may I venture to give mine? In the area covered by the 'Four Shires Guild,' on the borders of Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire, change ringing was unknown till the formation of our little Guild. In October, 1909, a few bold spirits, led by that veteran ringer, Walter Large, met and decided to form a Guild, and to hold ringing competitions, twice yearly, to encourage the art in a district where the only ringing done was a few rounds, and, perhaps, half a dozen call changes. At the competitions, which were the result of this meeting, the teams were allowed five minutes to raise the bells, five minutes round ringing, five minutes call changes, and if there was a band which could ring a six-score, they rang it, and five minutes were allowed to lower the bells. The maximum number of points allowed for each event was 100, and every bad blow, or clash of two bells together, meant a point deducted from the 100. The tower which gained the most points was declared the winner, and awarded a handsome certificate of merit. Many of these may now be seen hanging in the belfries in the district. As the years rolled by, competition grew very keen, and one by one the towers took up method ringing, so that they could gain more points, and eventually round ringing was cut out of the competition. The bands could ring a six-score in any method they liked, the points being awarded for the striking alone. No money or personal prizes were given at these competitions.

In 1920, the Guild decided to purchase a 'challenge shield' at a cost of £20, to be put up for competition, and this was awarded to the band which gained the most points on the year's ringing. This acted as a great stimulant to the ringing in the district, the bands straining every nerve to obtain this coveted trophy, and at the last competition held, the present holders, who a few years ago were a poor struggling 5-bell band, ringing only rounds and a few call changes, obtained the grand total of 299 points out of a possible 300, while their runners-up gained 296 points.

I think this will prove that where competitions are carried out in the proper manner, they are a help to ringing.

We are holding our next competition on October 25th at Quinton, near Stratford-on-Avon, and we shall be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to see how the competition is carried out. The home team is not allowed to compete on their own bells, but are allowed the average points on the day's ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Tmington.

HORACE TERRY.

MASHAM'S NEGLECTED BELLS.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association met for the autumn meeting at Masham on Sept. 13th, but ringing on these very musical bells was found to be anything but a joy. The condition of the bells is described by one member as 'disgraceful,' and the opinion was expressed that unless a bell hanger is soon called in there may be a serious accident. The neglected state of the bells is in marked contrast to the rest of the church, where no pains are spared to maintain the fabric and its contents. But the dilapidated condition of the bells, being out of sight, is, alas, conveniently out of mind. It is sincerely hoped the church authorities at Masham will awake to their responsibilities in regard to the bells, and have them put into reasonable order.

Ringers were present at the meeting from Thirsk, Northallerton, Darlington (St. John's), Ripon, Sharow, Tanfield, Wath, Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough.

'WIGSTON MAJOR.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your last issue it was stated the above method was rung by a Leicestershire band. No mention was made as to where the ringers came from. I should like to see the figures of 'Wigston Major,' and learn who is its composer. Perhaps Mr. W. J. Brewin (as mentioned last week) or one other of the band will kindly oblige.—Yours,

'METHODS.'

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Evercreech, Somerset, on Saturday. The weather was glorious, and the attendance good. The towers represented were Bristol, Bath, Paulton, Clapton-in-Gordano, Burnham, Ditchet and Evercreech. The members were heartily welcomed by the local ringers, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. At tea, the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Ll. Williams) extended a very hearty welcome to all the visitors, and gave a short address.

The business meeting followed, and three new members were elected.—Notice was given that the yearly meeting would in future be held in June instead of September, the year ending on the 30th June.

The next meeting will be held at Bristol, either on the 6th or 13th December.

Service was held in the beautiful church, which had been tastefully decorated for the harvest festival.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar, organist, and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

Before leaving, the visitors said that they had thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to Evercreech.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The annual trip of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild took place on the 20th and 21st September. Unfortunately, the full company could not take part, owing to business and other calls. Leaving Newcastle at 7.35 a.m., York was reached shortly before 10 a.m., where Mr. G. A. Pickering (who had travelled all the previous day and night from County Kerry, Ireland), Mr. F. E. Dawe, London, and Mr. T. Haigh, York, joined the company, which then journeyed on to Selby. Here the Abbey bells were at their disposal for a peal attempt, Mr. H. Fairlamb, a local ringer, kindly taking the vacant rope. After a few preliminaries a start was made for Stedman Caters, W. H. Barber calling one of his usual 'twisters.' Unfortunately, the attempt came to a climax owing to a member missing his sally, after ringing 55 minutes, a change course resulting. Back to York, where the main attraction was 'The Snowdon Dinner.' Sunday was spent quietly, at the Minster, and exploring York in the afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. T. Haigh, and in the genial company of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, and others. After tea, the party were 'seen off the premises' at 6.43 by 'Brum,' Leeds and Rotherham friends. Home was reached shortly after 9 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The writer takes this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make the trip a pleasure; Dr. Selloway for the use of the Abbey bells; Mr. Horner, of York, for arranging accommodation; Mr. Cryer, of Selby; and, last, but not least, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who did big things for the visitors.

LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Loughborough, held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 20th, when some twelve members assembled outside the Parish Church, waiting patiently for the 'tin lizzie' to arrive. At 1.40 the party were in 'high jinks,' en route for Earl Shilton, and an hour soon elapsed, when the tower was sighted, standing very high above the village. The ringers were met by Mr. Harry Webb, who had everything in readiness, and this new peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. were soon pealing forth Stedman. Bob Major, also Grandsire. The party were joined by Mr. John Oldham and Mr. Billinghamurst, and after about an hour's ringing proceeded to Thurlaston, where they partook of an excellent meat tea, for arranging which the secretary, Mr. Horace Stubbs, was suitably thanked. Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who, however, left a reminder that he was with them in spirit if not in the flesh. After tea the party were met by Messrs. White, of Thurlaston, who again had everything ready in the belfry for the visitors, and standard methods were indulged in on this musical peal of six. After an hour or two's ringing the company had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Harry Webb's handbell quartette party, who tapped off in fine style a number of well-known airs. Further handbell and tower bell ringing was enjoyed until 9 o'clock, when the return journey was made. Although the day was wet, it was nevertheless enjoyable. The company wish to kindly thank those who helped to make the outing so successful; not least the Vicars of the various churches for the use of their respective bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, at St. Giles' Church, for the harvest festival, 360 Grandsire Doubles. Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles. An attempt for a quarter-peal in the morning came to grief, owing to the 2nd and 4th changing course, after some excellent ringing.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Sept. 28th, for evening service, 789 Stedman Triples: J. B. Marks 1, G. Heley 2, A. G. Matthews 3, A. V. Good 4, C. Rollings 5, C. E. King 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, C. T. King 8.

KING'S LANGLEY.—On Sept. 28th, for harvest festival (Matins), 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre (conductor) 1, J. W. Lane 2, R. S. Cook 3, A. E. Dollimore 4, A. Hill 5, F. I. Hairs 6, A. E. Rogers 7, F. Dollimore 8.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: F. Tilling 1, A. Smith 2, W. Adkins 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, S. Quintin 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 6. Ringers of 5th and 6th are from Newbury.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Turrell 1, C. Carr 2, A. Woodden 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, S. Stratton 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on Sept. 28th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise: R. E. Lambert 1, S. H. Green (conductor) 2, R. Collison (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, W. Latter 5, R. T. Lambert 6, H. Markwell 7, F. White 8.

WALTHAM ARREY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, for harvest thanksgiving, at the Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (on the back eight), in 48 mins.: M. Pettitt 1, G. Peace 2, G. Maxim 3, E. Adams 4, G. Thurgood (conductor) 5, F. Perrin 6, G. Radley 7, G. Coles 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal (from Parkers' 6-part) of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Croft, W. P. Cross, T. Smith, T. Farr, W. Henley, A. Bateman, L. Stilwell (conductor), G. Barkus. Rung on the occasion of the annual hospital parade.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), for evening service: H. Franks, C. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, A. Darnell 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, J. Bullock 7, R. T. Deal (conductor) 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Coppins 1, A. Rinfeld 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, S. Binfield 5, T. Farley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8. W. J. Jeffries is from St. John's, Deptford.

LISCARD.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Liscard, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Woosnam 1, A. Woosnam 2, J. Hughes 3, F. Evans 4, W. Catterall 5, W. A. Woosnam (conductor) 6, H. Williams 7, F. Winstanley 8. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from Wrexham, and the remainder are members of the regular Sunday Service band at the above church.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 504 of Stedman Triples: A. Mears 1, J. Ryves 2, C. Fray 3, W. Linter 4, W. Ryves 5, A. Pook 6, A. Mears, senr. (conductor) 7, G. Dowdy 8. W. Linter hails from Swanmore, and all are members of the Winchester Guild.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Le Clercq 1, H. Prior 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 in the same method, C. Wells ringing the treble, the rest standing as above.

FALING.—On Sept. 21st, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. A. Folkard 1, G. Harbour 2, A. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, A. F. M. Tuke 8.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on Sept. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. A. Folkard 1, F. Norris 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, J. W. Driver 5, F. Skevington 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Page 8.

FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 44 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, G. W. Stevens 2, H. A. Harding 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. H. Hunnisett 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. This was the conductor's 50th quarter-peal for Sunday service at the above church as conductor.

ROTHWELL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The report of the Leicestershire outing, which appeared in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' is rather misleading. The writer, in commenting on the 'go' of the bells at Desborough, says they were excellent, with which I quite agree, but he goes on to say, 'But those at Rothwell require careful management.' This rather implies that all is not well with the 'go' of the bells.

May I say that every ringer in this district is always glad of the opportunity to ring on these beautiful bells, and are loud in their praise of the ease with which they can be rung, owing to the very great care the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley) and the Rothwell ringers give to them.

The report goes on to say that some of the party went on to Kettering to view the beautiful park given by Earl Winstead to the inhabitants. I beg to say the park (which is a private one) was laid out, and made by Alderman C. Wicksteed, J.P., C.C., who very kindly allows the public free use of it.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. NICHOLS.

PRESENTATIONS TO A RINGER.

There was a happy little gathering of choirmen, bell ringers and parishioners in the Parish Room at Clun, Shropshire, on Monday evening, Sept. 15th, when Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Watkins were presented with a notecase, containing £11 11s. 6d., on the occasion of their silver wedding.

The Vicar presided, and the presentation was made by the Rev. H. J. Scott, who, in a few well-chosen words, conveyed the hearty congratulations and cordial wishes of the donors, and Mr. Watkins suitably expressed his acknowledgment.

Mr. Watkins, who is a native of Clun, has been employed most of his life at the business carried on at No. 1, Market Place, and for the long period of forty-five years has been a member of the parish church choir, and also a bell ringer since 1914, when the church tower and bells were restored, and his services have been much appreciated. The bells were rung during the evening to celebrate the event.

Included among other numerous gifts was a set of solid silver teaspoons, suitably inscribed, from Mr. W. Mead, his employer, and Mrs. Mead.

A FIRST PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A MANSFIELD PERFORMANCE OF 150 YEARS AGO.

To commemorate the first peal at Mansfield, Notts, which was rung a hundred and fifty years ago, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung there on Saturday, the method being the same as in the first performance.

This first peal was rung on Monday morning, the 26th September, 1774, and consisted of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 35 minutes, by the following persons: R. Peat 1, J. Wilkinson 2, R. Metheringham 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Mason 5, J. Fettiplace 6, F. Draper 7, William D. Crofts (composer and conductor) 8.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who took part last Saturday, was particularly keen on ringing the same bell as his namesake, although, of course, there is no relationship. Several suggestions were made for emulation of the previous performance, one being that the Nottingham men should walk home. This, however, was respectfully declined. The band cordially thank Mr. Wilkinson for the sumptuous tea provided after the peal. He makes a 'tin-top' host, and may feel interested to know that his namesake was the only 'first peal in the method' in the original band.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of St. Andrew's band, Farnham, Surrey, with their wives, had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 6th, when, accompanied by Mr. Cleaves (the vergor) and Mr. Smith (organ blower), and his wife, they journeyed by charabanc to Southsea.

Leaving Farnham at 7.45 a.m., a halt was made at Privett for a pull on the beautiful peal of bells at Holy Trinity Church, permission having been given previously by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Edge). After a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples, the visiting party were greeted, and warmly welcomed, outside the church, by the Vicar, who was thanked for the use of the bells. After this the journey was continued through the Meon Valley, in beautiful weather, amid lovely scenery, which was thoroughly enjoyed. On arrival at Southsea (Clarence Pier) the company dispersed, some enjoying a trip on the water to the Isle of Wight and some to Southampton and Gosport, the rest making their own pleasures, and sight-seeing in Southsea and Portsmouth. The return journey was commenced at 6.45 p.m., through Petersfield and Bordon Camp, but unfortunately the weather had changed, and it was raining heavily for nearly the whole of the journey. However Farnham was again reached at 9.20 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing in spite of the elements.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's, College Hill.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Lavenham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, Archdeacon Farmiloe presiding, at 4.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Bells available 2. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Westoning on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' festival will be held at Great Dunmow on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Free tea, at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Hon. Sec., Northern Division.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday Oct. 4th. Bells (8). Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

NOTTINGHAM.—Goose Fair.—Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing has been arranged as follows: St. Mary's (10 bells) 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's (10 bells) 6 to 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Oct. 4th. Tower opened for ringing from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 4th. Particulars as previous advt.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, Oct. 9th, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of 12 at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be open to the members. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12.30 p.m. The address will be given by Canon R. Aubrey Aitken. Luncheon will be served at Hills' Restaurant, 168, King Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present must notify the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 6th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will be held in the Priory Hall, Church Plain, at 2.30 p.m. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30. Tickets (2s. gentlemen and 1s. 9d. ladies) obtainable from the local secretaries, or additional supplies from Mr. A. Smith, 58, Cook Street, off Halifax Road, Rochdale. All ringers and friends welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided (1s. 6d. per head) for those who apply by Wednesday, the 8th, to A. Panther, 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Hunton tower will also be open from 7 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Oct. 8th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and meeting. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, will be present. Tea, at 1/- per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Fred Kigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Nicolas bells after 6.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, 7th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael Road, Aldershot.

NOTTINGHAM.—Society of Sherwood Youths.—The next meeting and practice will be held on Oct. 11th. St. Mary's tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting at County Tavern, 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake on Oct. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall, 5.45 sharp. Visitors the guests of Vicar. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bonvilston, Glam., on Saturday, October 11th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, October 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. It is important that all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, October 7th.—T. Tebbutt, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District and Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells, St. Mary's (6), during afternoon, and Woodston (6) evening. Service at St. John's, 4.15. Tea in Co-op. Cafe, 5 p.m., 1s. each. All intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 8th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, New England, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 (by request). A good turn-up is desired.—J. Hull, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, October 11th. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who inform me of their intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clipstone on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 8th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5.15 p.m., with an address by Mr. W. O. Times, followed by tea and business meeting at the Grange. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Members requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 6th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting for October will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 11th at Ware, when the newly rehung bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 o'clock; tea and business meeting after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1/6 per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The Vicar and Churchwardens will entertain to tea all those who notify me by the 14th inst., Hillingdon, Nov. 8th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 4.30 to 7, followed by meeting.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Talbot has removed from Staunton-on-Arrow to Garden Cottage, Nottage Court, Porthcawl, Glam.

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WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13th and 14th, members of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow, favoured by excellent weather, had a most enjoyable outing to Edenbridge. When those of the band who had to come after mid-day had arrived, a quick visit to the tower was made, and a touch of 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. D. Lillywhite, was rung before dinner. After dinner, at headquarters (the King and Queen Hotel), the band proceeded by car to Penshurst, where they were met by Mr. G. Edwards, who had everything in readiness, and over an hour's good ringing, including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, was thoroughly enjoyed on the lovely peal of bells. In the evening, at Edenbridge, with several members of the local band joining in good touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Later, an hour of music, and handbells, at headquarters, brought the evening to a close. For Sunday morning service, a fine quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins.: J. Heasman 1, H. A. Edwards 2, E. Leigh 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. Vincent 5, E. Collinson 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, E. D. Lillywhite 8. A long and somewhat fruitless walk in search of apples, nuts and blackberries, filled in the afternoon, and then, after tea, and ringing for evening service, it was time to say 'good-bye.' The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Edenbridge and Penshurst for allowing them the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, and Mr. J. Heasman, and Mr. Steddy, of Edenbridge, for all they did to make the outing such a success.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday, 27th September, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, on the occasion of the wedding of Lieut. Webb Tatham Temple, R.A., of Chobham, Surrey, and Miss Vera Geraldine Hurly, of Firdale, Tilford Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. J. Le Clercq 1, H. Prior 2, S. Meadows 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, for the wedding of Miss M. O. Walsh, daughter of the Rev. G. N. Walsh, Vicar of St. Paul's, and Mr. A. H. Mellows, of Peterborough, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Skevington 1, W. C. Stacey 2, H. Dyas 3, E. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, S. Stratton 8.

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