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CLERGY AND RINGERS.

The relationship between clergy and ringers is not always as intimate as it ought to be, and there is not always between them the sympathy that is necessary to full understanding and successful co-operation. From time to time we hear of the serious neglect of a belfry and its valuable contents by the incumbent; such an instance as was, for example, brought to light in our last issue in connection with the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Masham. If our correspondent's description (not fully published) of the condition of the bells in this tower was only half true, then it warrants action by the Association in carrying the matter beyond the local church authorities, and calling the attention of the Archdeacon and the Bishop to a state of affairs which would not, for a moment, be permitted in any other part of the church. Ringing associations are now recognised in most dioceses as official bodies, and they ought to have a status which would enable them to bring before the diocesan authorities any glaring instances of neglect in a church belfry which come to their notice.

Such cases as that at Masham usually arise from the fact that no one interested in the welfare of the church ever troubles to visit the belfry or the ringers, and often, as a corollary, the ringers are seldom or never seen in the church. And thus a mismanaged "west end" leads to a growing neglect on both sides. At the York dinner recently the same point was emphasised when an appeal was made for a more generous support of ringers by the clergy, and a more generous support of the Church by the ringers. Although we have progressed a long way in the last thirty years, there is still much room for more extended mutual co-operation on the lines thus suggested; and if a greater number of clergy could be brought to see the value of taking a real interest in their ringers, they would find their recompense in an even more devoted support than they already receive from a body of men who now give their time and talents to the work of the church without, perhaps, the slightest acknowledgment.

There are some clergy, of course, who never will be interested in their ringers. They would be as content to have one bell chimed for service as to hear the whole peal rung. Indeed, it is not too much to say that they treat their ringers with studied discouragement. A case in which a clerical writer in the public press has recently done his best to show the inhabitants of his city how much nicer it is to be without bells than with them has just been brought to our notice. Writing in "The Eastern Daily Press," Canon Meyrick, of Norwich, says of St. Peter Mancroft peal, "We are glad that for a time the

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bells are silent." He qualifies his statement by adding that they will welcome the bells back with great rejoicing, but still, for the sake of those "wonderfully patient people" in the neighbourhood of the church—well, "we are glad" of the silence. He adds that "the number of peals which will be rung annually on the rehung bells will be very strictly limited." Canon Meyrick is Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, and it is surprising, to say the least, to hear that he is glad of the silence of his bells—one of the most famous peals in the country. And his declarations are hardly encouraging to the ringers.

THE TWELVE-BELL WEEK.

The following peals were achieved by members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, during the Twelve-Bell Week.

LEICESTER.

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

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	* JOSIAH MORRIS 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
SIDNEY F. PALMER 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* Elected a member.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	* HARRY SEARS 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 9
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	ALBERT WALKER 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL 11
A. PADDON-SMITH 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The 200th peal on the bells, 141 of which were Stedman Cinques.
* Elected a member.

WEST BROMWICH.

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

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	JOHN JAGGER 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
CECIL C. MAYNE 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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PAINSWICK.

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

On Friday, September 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

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

ISAAC G. SHADE... .. Treble	*EDWARD EVANS... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JAMES E. GROVES 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE 10
*WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES 11
ERNEST E. DAVIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

* Elected members.

CIRENCESTER.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 10
JOHN AUSTIN 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
ERNEST E. DAVIS 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*ERNEST WALLACE Treble	ALFRED PEARCE 6
†EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM HUNTER 7
*JACK CARMAN 3	WILLIAM H. PARKER... .. 8
*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	GEORGE TREV Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARRER.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

† 50th peal. * First peal of Royal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GEORGE TREV 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER D. WHITEHEAD Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
*CHARLES H. WEBB 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
PERCY HARRISON 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
ARTHUR CATTIL 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.

ST. THOMAS' GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*G. DETHERIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	W. GREEN 5
†W. H. DETHERIDGE ... 2	J. GOODMAN, JUN. ... 6
T. CLARKE 3	A. TIMMINS 7
E. HOMER 4	S. DETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by A. TIMMINS.

* First peal as conductor, and first peal in the method. * First peal.

† First peal inside.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	JOHN OKE 5
WILLIAM REEKS 2	WILLIAM HOWE... .. 6
JOHN SELWAY 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
†JOHN STOKES 4	*HARRY NEWBURY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	P.S. FRED. REDGEWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	*EDWIN WIFFEN... .. 7
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 4	ARTHUR SATNDERS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
*ALFRED BLOGG 2	FRED RIGBY... .. 6
HERBERT LUCAS 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	GEORGE HEWITT... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal in this method. Rung after meeting short for Spliced Treble Bob, the tenor man obliging at the last minute.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALBERT RAINEBIRD Treble	GEORGE R. PYE... .. 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	ALFRED PYE 6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 3	*WILLIAM LEGGETT 7
WILLIAM THEOBALD... .. 4	SAMUEL CARROLL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
*ARTHUR BRAMISH 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
FRANK BRASSINGTON ... 4	THOMAS DICKINS Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER GLOVER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
*FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of 'Spliced' Treble Bob by all the band, and by the above association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES G. RUMSEY Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	GEORGE WILSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

* First peal of London Surprise. J. G. Rumsey has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal of London.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
GEORGE FREEBERRY 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBERRY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Longest peal by all except Messrs. E. and G. S. Morris. Ringers hail from—Treble, Loughborough; 2nd and tenor, Leicester; 3rd, Tickhill, Yorks; 4th and 6th, Derby; 5th, Nottingham; 7th, Beeston, Notts.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday Sept. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 2, J. W. Haynes 3, H. Marlow 4, F. Hopper 5, A. Monk 6.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of Bishop Ryder,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CYRIL C. PEASE Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
LEWIS GREEN 3	JOHN WOOD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CYRIL C. PEASE.

Rung as a farewell peal for Lewis Green, who sails for South Africa to-day (October 10th). First peal in the method as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	PERCY MARCHANT 5
ALBERT HOBDEN 2	JAMES A. HART 6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 3	FRANK HAMMOND 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 4	*GEORGE FROST Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble hail from Lewes; 2nd and 3rd, Waldron; 4th, 5th and 6th, Uckfield; 7th, Rotherfield; and tenor, Little Horsted.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
*FRANK CLAYDON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Arnold, and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens, of Kelvedon, uncle and aunt of the conductor.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ALFRED BULL 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. Charles Erskine Clarke. Mr. E. C. Merritt was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	...Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2		ARCHIBALD ANDREWS 6
ARTHUR H. HAYWARD 3		PERCY MERSON 7
†WILLIAM H. COLES 4		JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	...Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLEY 2		*JOHN A. COLE 6
RICHARD HAYES 3		MAURICE SMITHER 7
*JOHN P. PELLOE 4		THOMAS ATTWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This was Major Hesse's 300th peal.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY PRING 2	...Treble	*REGINALD C. SEAGER 5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2		*JOHN G. JEFFERIES 6
RICHARD CLARK 3		WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
EDGAR GUISE 4		URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE,

* First peal of Stedman.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt

EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	...Treble	FRED DIMOND 5
JOHN OKE 2		JOHN SKINNER 6
WILLIAM HOWE 3		GEORGE BETTS 7
JOHN STOKES 4		ALFRED MONKLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

SUFFOLK TOUR.

The following seven peals were rung, with the peal of London, at Framlingham, during a holiday spent by G. H. Cross in Suffolk. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' he desires to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, also the many ringers who took part in the peals, and Mr. Leslie C. Wightman for making the necessary arrangements.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2		LESLIE G. BRETT 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3		WALTER RUFFLES 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	...Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2		*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3		GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4		JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. N. R. Bailey.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL 2	...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2	...Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2		ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
JAMES DURRANT 4		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	...Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5
WILLIAM TILLET 2		GEORGE H. CROSS 6
JAMES DURRANT 3		FREDK. J. TILLET 7
CHAS. H. CATCHEPOLE 4		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
*ROY PILGRIM 2		GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
DAVID COLLINS 3		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4		NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BROMFIELD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES TIPTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MAPP 4
MAURICE WM. BOTT 2	GEORGE RANDLE 5
JOHN W. HARDWICK 3	GEORGE H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by G. RANDLE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal ever rung in this tower by a resident band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Bott, a member of the local band, and for thirteen years stationmaster as Bromfield.

GOTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES P. HAYES ... Treble	DAVID BURTON 4
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES 5
REV. CHARLES J. SHERTON 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to commemorate the 60th birthday of William E. White, and the 5th anniversary of the wedding of David Burton. * First peal.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... Treble	*HENRY TAYLOR 4
*J. OLIVER 2	*JOHN LOWREY 5
*THO COLVIN 3	ED. LOWREY Tenor

Conducted by ED. LOWREY.

* First peal.

POTTERNE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS RADDON ... Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4
GEORGE WELLS 2	CECIL RADDON 5
*SIDNEY HILLIER 3	*WILLIAM MEAD ... Tenor
	LEONARD SWIFT)

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal. This peal was rung by past and present members of the Potterne band. Mr. Burden hails from London; C. Raddon from Cheshire, for whom the peal was arranged. Owing to the bad going of the tenor it was necessary to have two to ring it. This was the first peal on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS BUTLER ... Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4
*THOMAS R. BUTLER 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
THOMAS ROGERS 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 1440 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
FRANK LEWIN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Lewin. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Thurstfield), the President of the Kettering branch.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Petrock,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 22 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER YEANDLE ... Treble	EDWIN THORNE 4
SAMUEL GRABHAM 2	EDWARD GOULD 5
ISAAC FARMER 3	*FREDERICK BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal.

KELMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Deny,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's.

WILLIAM BOTT ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
FRED WILFORD 2	HARRY MARLOW 5
*NORMAN HEEPS 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE	1—2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH	... 5—6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3—4	CYRIL BRETT SMITH	... 7—8

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9—10

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: James Ford. A birthday peal for Cyril Brett Smith.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At THE RINGERS' HANDBELL ROOM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	... 1—2	WILFORD H. J. HOOTON	5—6
FRANK E. PERVIN	... 3—4	*HUBERT SUMMERS	... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Central District was held at Bantled on Saturday week, when over 30 members and friends, taking advantage of a fine afternoon, were present. The fine peal of bells was much appreciated. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and was brightened by the assistance of the organist and choir. Thirty-six members sat down to tea at the Institute, and the usual business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. George Huggett, in the absence, through illness, of the Master, Mr. J. D. Drewitt.

It was decided to hold an extra meeting on November 29th, at Wimbledon, and the next quarterly meeting at Croydon in January. Ringing was continued until 9 o'clock, good practice being obtained in all the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT RINGMER.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th, when members representing the following towers were present: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), South-over, Lewes; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonards, and Waldron, together with members of the local band. A service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Leefe) officiated, and gave an appropriate address, which was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and between 20 and 30 were present. The usual meeting followed, the Rev. G. R. Leefe presiding. The election of Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, as non-resident life members, was confirmed.—After a short discussion it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Eastbourne.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his eloquent address at the service. He also thanked the organist for his services.—This was supported by the hon. secretary, who expressed the wish that Ringmer would again join the association.

The Vicar, in response, said how pleased he was to be able to welcome the association members to Ringmer, and stated that he wished it was possible to make the visits more frequent.—This terminated the meeting, and the members returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in methods ranging from Grandsire to Superlative until 8 p.m.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Penkridge, and a fair muster of members and friends were in attendance. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Kempson (Vicar), and an inspiring address delivered by the Rev. F. W. Jones, Vicar of St. John's Stafford. The Rev. C. H. Barker presided at the organ.

Tea was laid at the Littleton Arms Hotel, and between 40 and 50 partook of the good things provided.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. H. Kempson for the use of the bells, etc.; the Rev. F. W. Jones for the address; the Rev. C. H. Barker for his help on the organ; and last, but not least, to the towerkeeper (Mr. J. Plant).

Touches in the standard methods were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Tettenhall on January 10th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Major J. H. B. Hesse rang his 300th peal at Chiddingfold on Saturday. These peals consist of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus, and three of Grandsire Triples on handbells. They have been rung in 99 different towers in 15 counties, and for 19 different associations.

It will be a matter of interest to all past and present members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to know that all the peals rung up to the end of 1922 are now actually written up in the peal books, which it is proposed to have on view at the annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds on January 10th, 1925. In future they will be kept right up to date; this being made possible by the 'peal tax,' introduced about five years ago, viz., a contribution of 2d. by each member of the band ringing a peal.

The credit of introducing an affiliation fee for towers also belongs to this association, having been introduced about a year previous to the peal tax.

To our notice of the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, A.K.C., formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in the issue of the 26th September, may be added the fact that on the occasion of the dedication of the ring of six at St. Maurice, Winchester, by the late Venerable Archdeacon Fearon, in Oct., 1919, Mr. Colchester, we believe, established a record, i.e., he as Rector, conducted the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells, and this was his first attempt as conductor in the method. This was also the first 720 by the local band. It would be interesting to know if this is actually a record.

The bells at Petworth, Sussex, are to be reopened on Sunday. It recalls the 'good old days' when one reads that two men were required to ring an 18 cwt. tenor behind to a peal of Doubles, as was the case at Potterne, Wilts, last week. Is it not time the authorities called in a bell hanger?

F. H. Whittle, a promising young ringer, only son of Mr. Harry Whittle, of Stamford-on-Sear, has joined the Royal Navy, and is stationed at Portsmouth.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Worsley (Lancashire Association), on Sept. 20th, was James Howarth. It was the first peal by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, and not by the treble ringer.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Lavenham on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and published in 'The Ringing World' on Oct. 3rd, was rung in 3 hours and 8 minutes, and not 3 hours and 18 minutes.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Sunday Holt's ten-part was rung for the first time. Although Holt was a Union Scholar, and afterwards a College Youth, it was the Cumberlands who first rang the peal, and they scored it at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. It was not until 1771 that the College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Samuel Wood and Francis Wood rang the fifth and sixth, respectively, in the first performance of the ten-part. Francis Wood, who died suddenly about 1780, left a family of eight boys and two girls, and one of the former, who was then ten years old, afterwards became the father of the late Mr. Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green. The family were of Huguenot extraction, their original name being Debois, which was anglicised to Wood. They came to England at the time of the persecution, and brought their silk weaving industry with them.

A peal of 7,020 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, was rung at Aston, on October 14th, 1850.

The longest peal of Grandsire Major rung on handbells was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, and rung on October 16th, 1883, by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society. The ringers were T. Russam, J. Carter, T. Miller and J. W. Cottle.

On Oct. 16th, 1820, a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters was rung at Wakefield.

Two peals of Little Albion Treble Bob Major were rung before that at Willesden on Sept. 23rd. The first was a 5,040 at Pulford on Oct. 24th, 1913, composed by H. W. Wilde, and conducted by E. H. Lewis; and the second, a 5,008 at Eccleston, Cheshire, on Dec. 13th, 1913, composed and conducted by H. W. Wilde.

The copy of Shipway's 'Campanologia,' containing William Estcourt's signature, which was returned to the Ancient Society of Painewick Youths at their Feast, as reported last week, was handed over by Mr. E. Evans, on behalf of Mr. E. Pemberlon, of Ipswich, who was unable to undertake so long a journey.

His many friends, particularly those at York, who were anxious as to his future, will be glad to learn that bail will not, after all, be required for Mr. Albert Walker. He appeared before the Birmingham Deputy Stipendiary in due course, and was let off with the modest fine of five shillings.

By the way, it should be mentioned that it was not for causing any annoyance to the public with St. Martin's bells, but for an erring son, who rode his bicycle round the wrong side of a street refuge. But boys will be boys, and fathers must pay. The Ringing Master, however, will not miss any practices—nor any sleep—on account of this breach of the law.

The South Molton Deanery, where a ringing competition is to be held on the 25th, is in Devon, and not Somerset, as stated in our last issue.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL. ST. EBBE'S OR ST. GILES?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please forgive me encroaching on the space in your valuable paper, but I feel I must have a word to say in reply to Mr. Collett in your issue of Sept. 26th.

To put forward the plea that St. Ebbe's is the most suitable tower because its members are enthusiastic, punctual and regular at Sunday ringing and week-day practice, seems to me rather weak. Most of the other Oxford towers are just as regular both for Sunday service and weekday practice. St. Giles stands on the same footing. It has, at the present time, an efficient band of change ringers. Its bells are rung regularly for service and practice. Its belfry is ever open to all classes of ringers. It has played a very important part in promoting the art of ringing amongst members of the University, and it has maintained a change ringing band through all its 32 years' connection with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

But all this is no argument as to which is the most suitable tower. The memorial to the late Mr. Washbrook must be one of dignity as well as usefulness; one of which all ringers can be proud. St. Giles is a fine old church standing in a large open space. Its massive tower raised in the 13th century contains an excellent ring of six in F sharp (tenor 15 cwt. approx.). They can be heard all over the city. They were all rehung in a stout oak frame in 1906 with pits for eight. There is every facility for change ringing, as its past history testifies, and by placing the two new bells in the places waiting for them, the committee entrusted with this difficult task, will receive the gratitude of present and future generations of ringers, and will also have the satisfaction of knowing they did their job thoroughly, and to the best all-round advantage.

In conclusion, please permit me to say that the points herein mentioned in favour of St. Giles, have the support of a large number of Oxford ringers, as I could show by names and addresses if space would permit.—Yours faithfully,

St. Giles' tower.

V. BENNETT.

METHOD MAKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Parker dislikes the tone of my letter. The last thing I desire is to be rude, but experience has taught me that in these matters unless one hits straight from the shoulder one is completely misunderstood. An instance in point is afforded by Mr. Trollope's recent letter. Mr. Parker is mistaken in supposing that I regard the older school of experimentalists as unscientific; my criticism of them, on the contrary, is that they slavishly follow the mechanical methods of the Victorian natural scientists. The discovery of radium and the like has revealed the inadequacy of the system under which we were brought up.

Mr. Parker's use of the word 'cause' is particularly interesting in this connection. It is a word about which there has probably raged more controversy in theological and philosophical circles than any other word in the English language. Let us try to come to some agreement as to what we mean exactly by the term. Suppose it is found that in our experience some one event always accompanies or follows another, then the first event may be said to be the cause of the other. That does not imply that there is any necessary suggestion of active agency; indeed, sometimes either event may be regarded as the cause or as the effect, according to the angle from which the question is approached. To take Mr. Parker's instance: I agree that in the sense in which I have used the word 'cause' the place causes the dodge, but I hold that it could equally well be argued conversely that the place is caused by the insertion or omission of a dodge. If this be so, surely it disposes of the theory that the place has any function of active agency. It is merely an invariable accompanying phenomenon. And I hold that we are justified in claiming that to find what I would describe as the active or actuating cause, we must seek further afield.

It is here that my difficulty arises. I confess that to the best of my belief it is beyond all expectation that a demonstration can be given of the truth of the more modern theory which will satisfy those who do not wish to be convinced or perhaps who cannot make a venture of faith. But I believe that the younger generation now growing up is out of patience with the older school of scientists with their mechanical and materialistic outlook. A theory which affords a logical and reasonable explanation of method construction and in laying down general principles provides in every individual instance for the particular is, perhaps, worthy of serious consideration, even if its truth can only be shown by the circumstance that it does in fact meet the case. The placemaking theory cannot from its very nature do this. By hypothesis every method stands alone, and has no constructional relationship with any other method.

May I add one word dealing directly with the instance supplied by Mr. Baker? The dilemma in my mind did not apply to those who are content to cling to the place and nothing but the place. If I understand his position aright, Mr. Parker belongs to this group. But the majority of the experts have abandoned part of the pass. Most of those who have studied London Surprise Major have come to re-

gard it as compounded largely of plain backward hunting on the bells below the treble. Now, in the second method put forward by Mr. Baker I think it will be agreed that this feature has disappeared. Here, then, are two methods which on any placemaking theory are closely allied, but at the same time differ fundamentally in their essential characteristics.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may be fresh news to the Rev. E. S. Powell to learn that proving the construction of a method is practically the same as proving a peal composition; it will not be fresh news to Mr. Trollope, as this fact has been demonstrated to him.

There are very few practical ringers who do not know that the first lead of a method contains all the place-making, the remaining leads being but repetitions.

To prove the construction of any method all that is necessary is a table of the result of every possible SINGLE shunt that can be made in the Primary Principles or in the Treble Bob Principle; it is then only a matter of a few minutes for anyone who knows anything of transposition to prove the construction of any method, principle, or system from the table.

Just as bobs at M.W.H. all have their part in forming the C. End 65432, so also every single shunt has its part in forming a method.

London Surprise and the Variation of London Surprise, published in 'The Ringing World' of 19th September, each contain 22 single shunts, and the result of each shunt made separately in the Treble Bob Principle is here given:—

London.	Variation.
(1) 12537486	12537486
(2) 12537486	12537486
(3) 12547386*	*12347685
(4) 14325678	14325678
(5) 16325478	16325478
(6) 18325476	18325476
(7) 18325476	18325476
(8) 17325486*	*12385476
(9) 15327486	15327486
(10) 15327486	15327486
(11) 12357486	12357486
(12) 12537486	12537486
(13) 12537486	12537486
(14) 12547386*	*12347685
(15) 12547683	12547683
(16) 12547683	12547683
(17) 12547638	12547638
(18) 12543678	12543678
(19) 17325486*	*12385476
(20) 15327486	15327486
(21) 15327486	15327486
(22) 13527486	13527486

Anyone who examines the two columns will see that every shunt except the 3rd, 8th, 14th and 19th, is the same in each method, and these four alterations make the difference between the lead-heads of London 14263857 and Variation 15738264.

In the Variation the 3rd and 19th shunts are orthodox 6th's place bobs, instead of 4th's, as in London, and the 8th and 14th shunts are orthodox 3rd's place bobs instead of 5th's, as in London, consequently there are only eight less bells shifted in Variation than in London, and yet the great little WE would tell us that the Variation consists of two or more constructional shunts, and London six or more constructional shunts!

Once more I challenge the two gentlemen to prove the construction of London and Variation by their particular formula, or, failing that, to try and disprove anything that I have written above.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Anyone who cares to take the trouble of transposing the fundamental row by the shunts of each method in their consecutive order will be able to prove what I have written for themselves.—G.B.

YORKSHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Nowell, who passed away at the advanced age of 80 years, at his residence, West Laithe, Heptonstall, on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Mr. Nowell commenced ringing in 1873, and was a regular ringer at the Heptonstall Parish Church for 50 years.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the Parish Church. As the cortege left the house, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, with the bells deeply muffled.

Members of the Oddfellows Society, of which Mr. Nowell was a member, were the bearers to the church, and his fellow-ringers from the church to the graveside.

After the funeral, and at the services on the Sunday, various methods were rung, with muffled bells, as a last tribute of respect to his memory by the following: W. Spencer 1, A. Ingham 2, L. Bates 3, T. Robertshaw 4, J. Robertshaw 5, L. Greenwood 6, F. Robertshaw (conductor) 7, J. A. Robertshaw 8.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN SOMERSET.

VALUABLE ADDITION TO DUNSTER DEANERY.

At Old Cleere, Somerset, two trebles have been added to the existing peal of six to make a ring of eight, and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. One of the new bells (the treble) has been given by the parish, and bears the inscription, 'Parochia dedit dono.' The 2nd is the generous gift of Mr. G. S. Lysaigh, and is inscribed 'Gerald Stuart Lysaigh—Chapel Cleere—dedit dono.' Each bell also bears the names of the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Harman) and the churchwardens (Messrs. G. S. Lysaigh and T. C. Gooding), the date and the name of the founders. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The original six bells by the same founders, were placed in the tower in 1885, by the Misses Annie and Susan Halliday, in memory of their mother. Before that time there were three bells, one cast in 1633, or earlier, one probably pre-Reformation, and one cast in 1722. These bells, with the remains of another broken one, of a total weight of 33½ cwt., were used in casting the new six in 1885. The work of hanging the two trebles was satisfactorily carried out by Mr. John Sully, of Zinch.

Ringers from Minehead, Dunster, Timberscombe, Withycombe, Carhampton and Bridgwater, as well as the local band, were present at the dedication ceremony, which was also attended, despite a wet night, by a big congregation. Grandsire Doubles on the old six bells summoned the people to the service. The Bishop and clergy, choir and churchwardens, entered the church during the singing of the processional hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The Rev. E. Parry Liddon (Vicar of Minehead) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and other supplied clergy present were Preb. A. C. Harman (Rector of Old Cleere), Preb. W. T. Reeder (Rural Dean and Vicar of Dunster), Revs. W. Burgess (St. Decuman's), T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), G. W. Govan (Withycombe), C. C. Sharpe (Nettlecombe), and C. H. Shaw (Leighland). The Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston Rectory, near Bristol, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, was to have been present, but he was unfortunately taken ill in the church porch, and had to return to the Rectory, where he was staying.

During the singing of the Psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord,' the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, and here the churchwardens, each taking a rope of the new bells, asked the Bishop to dedicate them, whereupon the Bishop pronounced his desire to 'solemnly set apart and dedicate these bells to the glory of God and to the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses,' and then committed the bells to the trust of the Rector. Subsequently the Rector chimed the bells, and they were then raised by two of the ringers, after which a few rounds were rung on all the eight bells. The dedicatory proceedings were followed by the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells are set on high,' and prayers by the Bishop, in which he invoked heavenly benediction on the bells.

RINGERS' OFFICE IN CHURCH LIFE.

The Bishop preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. At the outset he expressed the pleasure he felt at being present in that old church on such an occasion and to rejoice with their Rector and all the parishioners in the completion of this godly work and the spirit of enterprise which it implied, and also to thank one servant of God in that parish into whose heart God had put it generously to bestow such a gift on His house. From the text (Isaiah lxii. 6), 'I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night,' the Bishop then passed to the theme of his address—'the Lord's remembrancers'—for such, he said, were the watchmen, who, from the walls of Jerusalem, described the hosts of the people of Israel returning from their captivity in the arid plains of Babylon, and lifted up their voices for that Israel was come back to Zion and the Lord's covenant was fulfilled. Church bells and their agents, the ringers, continued the Bishop, were like the watchmen on the walls. They were the Lord's remembrancers summoning God to be mindful of man and man to approach God in reverence, and the ringers' office was a great one in church life. No great event in individual or national life took place without the Lord's remembrancers. 'As I stand in a belfry,' said the Bishop, 'I always feel a sense of awe. Bells seem to me to epitomise life. They are the remembrancers of individual life. They ring for birth, for joy when a man is born into the world. They greet merrily youth and maid as they quit the church man and wife, and they speed them on their way. And they utter their deep slow solemn notes to tell of the passing of a spirit from the world. Remembrancers, too, in church life, the bells celebrate our great Christian festivals. Bells are almost human in their appeal to worship, and the sound of the bells on a still summer day bring back memories of Sundays in the home of childhood, of days gone by. Bells and their memories tear out our very heart strings, and bells are remembrancers of public life. In national life they play their full part. Each great event their mellow tongue tells forth: they are the people's common expression, whether of joy or of sorrow. The anniversary of an historic date, the death of some great one, a victory of arms, a settlement of peace, all these are proclaimed alike from the belfry tower. 'May the

bells,' concluded the Bishop, 'as the Lord's remembrancers, peal out over the vales and combs, the moor and sea, the great fact bringing home to your hearts that God is behind and in and over all life, to call you to remember Him, lest you forget, lest you forget.'

During the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' a collection was taken for expenses yet to be met in connection with the hanging of the bells, there being a balance outstanding, the Rector mentioned, of about £10. The Bishop subsequently pronounced the Blessing, and the service closed with the singing of the recessional, 'Saviour, blessed Saviour.'

While the congregation left the church, those whose interest inclined to ringing went back to the tower, where the bells were again set in motion by alternate bands of ringers. Among those who took a turn were the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, of Charlton Rectory, and Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater. They rang first a 504 of Grandsire Triples, from 'Holt's Original,' conducted by Mr. T. Elliott, of Dunster, and afterwards Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and the opinion generally was expressed that the addition of the new bells had made 'a very good splice.'

A meeting of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Association is to be held on October 11th, when the Rector has invited them to hold a formal 'opening' of the bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT ROWLEY REGIS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at St. Giles' Parish Church of Rowley Regis, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and was attended by members from the following towers: Bromsgrove, Dudley, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Swinford, Brierley Hill, King's Norton, Harborne, Northfield, Smethwick, Sedgley, Tipton, Oldbury, Cradley, Wollaston, Wolverley, Lye and Selly Oak. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Lieut.-Col. (retired) the Rev. F. J. Cheverton, and the Association form of service was used. Mr. D. Wright (clerk to the Rowley Regis Urban District Council) read the lesson. The Vicar gave a very appropriate address on bells and their use from ancient times. The organ was splendidly played by a young member of the Oldbury company. Immediately following the service, tea was served in the Church Room, about 90 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern branch), Mr. R. Matthews (Ringing Master, Worcestershire Association), Mr. T. J. Salter (C.C. representative), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary and treasurer). Among the visitors were Mr. B. Witcomb, of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. J. E. Jones and Mr. W. Froggatt, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Apologies were received from Dr. Beasley, Rev. T. C. de la Hay, Mr. J. Hemming (secretary, Southern branch), Mr. W. Short, Mr. H. Sheppard (hon. secretary, Dudley and District Guild), and Mr. A. E. Parsons.—In his letter of apology, Mr. A. E. Parsons suggested that a collection be taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis Church rebuilding fund.—This was unanimously agreed to, and realised the handsome sum of £1 16s. 8d.

The Ringing Master for the branch, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Solly Oak), was re-elected, as was also Mr. A. J. Skelding, branch secretary and treasurer, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their good work.

The entirely new companies of Oldbury Church and Lye Church were elected as performing members of the association, and received a cordial welcome.—Mr. J. Price, of Old Hill, was elected representative of the branch on the Central Committee.—It was decided, with the Vicar's permission, to attempt the quarterly peal at Rowley Regis, the peal to be a local company effort, with Mr. A. Timmins to conduct.

Cradley was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to take place on the third Saturday in January, 1925.

On the proposition of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. R. Matthews, supported by Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. Price, the best thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar for arranging his service, his splendid address, and for presiding at the meeting.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to Mr. T. Clarke and his band of ringers for providing the magnificent tea, and to the ladies who had so kindly looked after the needs of the members.

The Vicar, in reply, said it was the first meeting of bell ringers that he had ever presided over, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to have their association at Rowley Regis. He thanked them very heartily for their collection and other assistance that had been given to get their bells restored. He then gave a very graphic description of the bells from the time they were originally cast in 1648 until the new peal was recently installed in the new tower by Mr. J. E. Groves.

Mr. D. Wright also gave an interesting historical survey of Rowley Regis Church, and expressed the pleasure of the Church Council at the Association's visit.

Returning to the tower, touches in various methods were brought round, and this brought to a close one of the best and greatest meetings ever held in the history of the branch.

SUFFOLK GUILD AT LAVENHAM.

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Lavenham on Saturday, when 30 members attended from 17 parishes.—Mr. A. Symonds, secretary, who had the bells in readiness, welcomed the visitors, who included the Rev. H. Drake, general secretary (Ufford), the Rev. Copeland, Mr. H. Day, Eye, district secretary; Mr. E. Poppy, Stoke Ash, and others. Touches ranging from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung. Tea was kindly provided at the Rectory, and the business meeting followed, with the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Farmiloe) in the chair, supported by the Rector, the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham, and the district secretary.

Mr. S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, was elected assistant secretary, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Stowmarket, in November, to be followed by one in December at Long Melford, where a handy peal of eight is shortly to be rung. Two new members were elected, viz., the Rev. Bree and Mr. W. H. Pearman, both of Long Melford.

The young band of Elveden, who were present, were complimented on their splendid progress.

Hearty vote of thanks were accorded the president for taking the chair, the Rector and Mrs. Conyngham for providing tea, and Mr. A. Symonds for having the bells ready.—The Chairman and Rector both suitably responded, commenting on the good church work which is performed by ringers in general.

This terminated the business, and the tower was again visited, when other touches were rung on this grand peal of bells.

ESSEX FESTIVAL AT GREAT DUNMOW.

Fifty members of the Essex Association were present at the ringing festival at Great Dunmow on Saturday, October 4th, from Dunmow, Stebbing, Rayne, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Shelford, Cambridge, Fulbourn, and Sawston, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. secretary, Northern Division; and Mr. R. Buttress, Archdeaconry hon. secretary of the Ely Association. A short service was held in the Parish Church. The Rev. W. J. House, D.D., Vicar, officiated, and in a short address gave the visitors a warm welcome to his parish.

A bountiful free tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which a social evening was spent. Songs were contributed by Miss Furniss, Mr. John Gibbons, Mr. A. E. Floyd, who gave a selection of West England dialect songs. Miss Bacon accompanied at the piano. Tunes were rendered on the handbells by the Stebbing band, and Miss Dottie Smith, daughter of Mr. W. Smith, Dunmow, gave two excellent recitations.—On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the hon. secretary, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the ladies who provided the tea, including a huge iced cake, of which everyone was bidden to partake; and to the artists for their excellent programme. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob and Grand sire Doubles were rung upon the heavy ring of six during the afternoon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting was held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The bells, a fine ring of six, with a tenor 22 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and London Surprise Minor, several young ringers having their first touches in Doubles and Minor. Twenty-nine sat down to an excellent tea at the Bird Inn, presided over by the president (Mr. C. Toft), who was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Barff), the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, the vice-president for the Southern district, and secretaries of the Western and West Tyne Districts, and others. The vice-president of the Eastern district arrived, with several other ringers, after tea. The following towers were represented: Newcastle Cathedral and St. John's, Benwell; St. George's, Jesmond; Gosforth; St. Mary's, Gateshead; Tanfield: Holy Trinity, Darlington; Houghton-le-Spring, Newburn, Newton Hall, Winlaton, and Wylam.

This being an extra meeting there was no business to transact, and all the time was, therefore, spent in the tower except when tea occupied attention.

The President thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and reminded those present that the annual meeting would be held on Saturday, October 25th, in Newcastle. He hoped everyone present would attend that meeting, and bring two or three with him.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to lend the bells, and said he enjoyed hearing them whilst he was going round the Ryton golf course, across the river. He would be nearer during the evening, so hoped they would not clash or ring them too loudly. Both these wishes were materialised. Just at it was time to make tracks for home the weather turned very wet, and the poor hon. secretary had an eleven-mile cycle ride home in the dark and rain. Three packed in or on a motor-cycle and sidecar, splashed through the rain and mud to Newton Hall; yet another three did the same to Gosforth, but despite the watery conclusion it was the unanimous opinion that it had been a very successful meeting. E. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ASHFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by other touches in the standard methods. Tea was served at the Wilberforce Temperance Hotel, High Street, about 30 sitting down, with the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Dale) presiding. The general business meeting followed.

Before the election of officers was brought on, Mr. C. Tribe asked to be relieved of his duties as hon. secretary, which, he said, he had carried out (more or less satisfactorily) for the past 16 years, owing to failing eyesight.

Mr. H. Parkes, of Mersham, was then duly elected to fill the post. Messrs. E. S. Ruck and C. Tribe were elected as district representatives for the ensuing year.

Ashford, Headcorn, New Romney and Brabourne were proposed, and carried, as the places for meetings in 1925.

It was also arranged to hold a meeting in November at Tenterden as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. M. L. Mann).

Two new members were elected, and also the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Dale), as hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Hythe, and also for presiding, to which the reverend gentleman suitably replied.

Members attended from Ashford, Mersham, Brabourne, Stone, Appledore, New Romney, Wye, Cheriton, Saltwood, and several of the local ringers, and a hearty welcome was also given to the visitors, Messrs. L. Head and G. Pound, Maidstone district representatives. The members then adjourned, some to the local tower and some to Folkestone, for an evening's ringing.

GLOSTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**CHELTHENHAM BRANCH.**

The autumn meeting of the above branch was held at Kemerton, by invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. A. B. Mercier), on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and good practice obtained. The weather was about as bad as it could be, for it rained in torrents all the afternoon, but it was gratifying to see some 40 odd members present at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mercier, with the Rev. Webb at the organ, and a full choir. After service, the members adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a splendid tea was in readiness, to which full justice was done.

At the meeting which followed, the Rector presided, supported by the Rev. Webb (Rector of Bredon Norton), the Rev. H. A. Corke (Rector of Swindon), Mr. C. W. Dyson and Mr. W. Wakeford, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the newly-formed Tewkesbury Deanery branch, and some 50 members from the following towers: Tewkesbury, Cheltenham (St. Mark), Swindon, Prestbury, Leckhampton, Leigh, Winchcombe, Alderton, Beckford, Ashchurch, Dumbleton, the local tower, and several friends from over the border.—The secretary explained how the new branch had been formed, and wished it every success.

Letters of apology were received from the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Canon E. F. Smith (Tewkesbury) and Mr. W. J. Smith (Beckford).

Presbury was selected as the venue for the annual meeting, in January.—One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells for conducting the service and the splendid tea provided; also to the organist and choir and the lady helpers.

Mr. Mercier, in responding, said how very pleased he was to be able to welcome the branch to his parish.

This concluded a very happy meeting, after which the bells were again heard above the wind and rain.

PRESENTATIONS AT DENTON.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Anne's, Denton, Manchester, 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung by H. Bardsley 1, James Fernley 2, A. E. Marshall 3, Wilfred Wilde 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6; and on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 720 Spliced London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal: H. Swindells 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, Wilfred Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

These were rung as farewell touches for Mr. J. Heckingbottom, who has now left the district, and resides at South Shore, Blackpool. The Denton ringers presented Mr. Heckingbottom with an ebony walking stick, suitably inscribed, in recognition of 19 years' service with them, while from the six-bell change ringers of surrounding towers, including St. Peter's, Ashton; Norbury (Hazel Grove), Newmills, etc., he received a gold-mounted cigarette holder.

The wives of the ringers also presented Mrs. Heckingbottom with a beautiful umbrella. To all who subscribed to the above, the recipients tendered their heartfelt thanks.

In addition to the above, Mr. Heckingbottom received an easy chair from the Denton postal staff, on his retirement from position of postmaster.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins. (10 different callings): S. Griffiths 1, P. Boardman, junr., 2, J. Gardner (conductor) 3, W. Baggeridge 4, P. Boardman, sonr., 5, S. Lawrenson 6. First quarter by the present band, being all Sunday Service ringers.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At Tynemouth Parish Church (Christ Church), on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Minor, with cover: J. Robertson 1, E. A. Hern 2, J. E. Scott 3, G. Dix 4, J. George 5, E. Gosden 6, R. A. Skeock 7. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 5th and 6. First 720 in the method by ringer of the 3rd on an inside bell.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Bevan 1, W. T. Poston 2, W. Powell 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, J. J. Bevan 6. W. Poston (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 8th; and first on the new octave.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, at All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles, in 36 mins.: E. Barlow 1, J. Benyon 2, T. Leeck 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun. (conductor) 5.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the following taking part: G. Fowler, F. Blackledge, J. R. Stott, H. Blackledge, W. Sharples, W. Fowler. All conducted by H. Blackledge.

WAKEFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Peaker 1, J. Chapman 2, W. Turner 3, W. Preston 4, G. Hinsley 5, J. Moorhouse (conductor) 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Hammond 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, F. Chamberlain 4, J. Davies 5, W. Coombes (conductor) 6, G. Large 7, A. Parnell 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, J. Davies 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, W. Heath 8, E. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, for harvest festival, on Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Davey 1, J. Hosgood 2, E. W. Biffen 3, J. C. Oke 4, A. Monkley 5, A. H. Goad 6, C. Routley 7, W. H. Brewer 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Edmund's Church, for harvest festival, evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Clarke (first 720), E. W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tyler (first 720) 1, S. Mutton (first 720 'inside') 2, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. R. Brett, a churchwarden at this church.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, the annual harvest thanksgiving, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Butler 2, W. E. Napper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Langley 1, J. P. Pidler 2, W. Fernley 3, J. W. Hartley 4, James Fernley (conductor) 5, J. Fleckingbottom 6.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Chat-ham on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 3. The Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea will be provided for members who notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, first post. Business meeting after.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Street, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Leverington, Wisbech. Six bells ready 3 o'clock. Service, tea and business meeting. Will those who require tea please notify H. Shinkins, Leverington, by Oct. 23rd, to avoid disappointment?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

PRESENTATION AT LEOMINSTER.

PARTING GIFT TO DISTRICT SECRETARY.

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, a combined practice by the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at the Priory Church, Leominster. Twenty-one members attended from nine different towers, including the Guild Ringing Master and the hon. general secretary. Touches were rung in Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Major. During the evening an interesting presentation took place, a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, being given to Mr. A. Talbot, of Staunton-on-Arrow, from the members of the Guild, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as district secretary and Ringing Master of the Presteigne-Leominster branch of the Guild, since its formation five years ago.

The Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A., Vicar of Madley, hon. general secretary of the Guild, made the presentation. He referred to the valuable work done by Mr. Talbot for the Guild, and the loss his going away would mean, and asked him to accept that small present from the members with their best wishes for his future success and happiness.—Mr. Evans, of Holmer, and Mr. J. Clark, of Ross, also spoke, and hoped Mr. Talbot would be able to carry on his ringing activities in his new home at Porthcawl.

Mr. Talbot, in thanking the members, expressed his pleasure in the work he had done for the Guild, and asked them all to give their support to the new secretary.

The inkstand bore this inscription: 'Hereford Diocesan Guild. Presented to Mr. A. Talbot, September, 1924.' An address, with a list of subscribers, was also given.

Subscriptions were received in excess of the cost of the inkstand, and it was unanimously agreed that this should be devoted to a present for Mrs. Talbot, and took the form of a silver-plated hot-water jug.—Mr. C. Edwards, of Madley, Guild Ringing Master, made this presentation. He asked Mrs. Talbot to accept this present as a token of the esteem in which she was held by the members of the Guild, and referred to the valuable work done, behind the scenes, by the ladies.—Mrs. Talbot expressed her thanks and pleasure, and hoped to meet the members many times in the future.

The ink was supplied by Mr. G. Langford, of Woking, and the jug by Mr. Wood, of Leominster.

A DERBY DAY.

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

It was a sorry number of our company that turned up at the local station for the annual outing, but the few friends that joined assisted in turning out a band who thought they knew how to ring. Derby was the venue. The organisers at both ends were missing, but a programme was left that was strictly to be adhered to, and, as it was a satisfactory one, we were grateful. Arriving at Derby we found St. Andrew's, and Messrs. Hart, Wallace and Freebrey waiting for us. With their added number, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were brought into rounds. He was a good lad, who first used ball bearings on bells. They are fine up to a ton. The next church to be visited was St. 'Awkmund's,' not on ball bearings, but they go like tops. With the assistance of Messrs. Freebrey and Swinfield (father and son), Bristol, Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round, but Duffield Major certainly did not. No, it was not our fault. The conductor got mixed, then messed us up to get out of it, but, like the method, he was only three-quarters of one, so we could not blame him. 'Organisers be praised,' they did arrange a good meat tea for us. We own up to this—everyone did his share in wrecking this touch. The next and last church to be visited was St. Peter's, with a nice-going peal of eight, but very noisy in the ringing chamber. I can hear them now. We tried to raise them in peal, it did not sound nice. Unfortunately, when at home we pull our bells up in penny numbers, so it was silly trying to raise them in peal. Anyway, with the same merchants who assisted us at St. 'Awkmund's,' London, Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman Triples were brought round. The last item was a visit to a place within the meaning of the act. The bells were brought into use, table bells, push bells, and handbells. Messrs. Paget and Wallace, with the assistance of some of our little crowd, did us all very nicely to tunes and changes on the handbells. The writer accompanied on the push bell. On behalf of all we should like to use the medium of our own press to thank those who did their very best to make our trip the success it certainly turned out to be (in spite of depleted numbers and the proverbial weather), including Messrs. Lord and Maskrey, who met us at St. Peter's, and, not least, Mr. Frank Smallwood, who made all arrangements for our visit. Never mind what crowd we are—it was a ripping half-day out.

IS THE COMMITTEE MOVING?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have read that a new committee was appointed at the C.C. meeting to deal with the names of Minor Methods, but have heard nothing of their progress.

Is it true that they separated after the meeting, and went 'every-man unto his own home' without taking a note of the whereabouts of the others.—Yours, etc., ARAB.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**CUP AND MEDALS WON BY KIRKBURTON.**

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and an eight-bell contest at Batley Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. It was rather unfortunate that the meeting had fallen on the same day as the Yorkshire meeting at Mytholmroyd.

The Batley ringers had offered a set of medals to the winners of the contest, to be presented with the cup. The draw resulted in the following ringing order: No. 1, Birstall (Kent Treble Bob); No. 2, Kirkburton (Kent Treble Bob). The length was 672 changes, with three leads allowed for practice.

A meeting followed immediately after the ringing had ceased. In the absence of the president, Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) was voted to the chair.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Batley, the churchwardens and ringers for the use of the splendid peal of bells, and for the carrying out of the arrangements.

The judges were Mr. F. Schofield (Lindley), Mr. W. Idle (Batley), with Mr. T. North (Batley) as marker. Their decision was announced as follows: No. 1, 223 faults, penalties nil; No. 2, 193 faults, penalties nil. Kirkburton were, therefore, declared winners.

Mr. Lawson presented the cup and medals to the conductor of Kirkburton (Mr. J. W. Pickering), and congratulated the bands on the splendid ringing that both had attained.—Mr. Pickering suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to judges closed the meeting.

An excellent tea was provided at Brown's Cafe.

THE ELY RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'To resolute or not to resolute,' that is the question that our Ely friends had quite evidently not considered; to ring—perchance, Ely Guild peals, there's the rub, dare I say. I had thought, sir, that our Ely friends had the care to report their resolutions correctly, but I must apologise to you, sir, for not having the gift of second (reading) sight. This is evidently a case of 'a rose by any other name must smell as sweet.' I read that 'black was black,' and now I am told that I should have read that 'black was black,' but that I should have understood that 'black was white.' Well, I will do so (to oblige our Ely friends), and I trust that they will do the same with my poor feckless screed. I have rung a few peals for the Ely Guild, all of which were rung for the express purpose of getting some poor soul labelled as 'First peal.' One got his first peal after 25 years as a ringer—('good job we had two conductors that day,' was the remark passed by a member of his own band). Do the 'honourable' members of the Ely Guild expect me to do the same again? Do I criticise their resolution? No, sir, I do not, I condemn it in toto—and that's that. I am happy to know that the great 'WE' are blessed with a modicum of intelligence; at least they hint as much in their letter which you published in your issue of Sept. 26th, and I trust that in 'all resolutions' (which they publish) for the future, they let that said modicum have a chance to prove its presence at their most august deliberations.

In passing, sir, I don't suppose that it will be necessary to remind the very excellent ecclesiastics who govern the Ely Diocese that the Church hath need of all her sons. That our Master bade them welcome the stranger within their gates (and speed the parting guest) that the claim has oftentimes been made that the 'freemasonry' existing among ringers is the finest, most blessed, thing on earth. So it is—to those who understand it, but how? oh, how, is this 'world-famous resolution' going to sustain that claim on behalf of our Ely brethren?—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Another successful meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday, September 27th, at Warfield and Winkfield. Visitors from various towers included Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short but musical service was conducted by the Rev. C. Toogood, who afterwards kindly entertained the members to tea. On permission being given to smoke, the horticulturists made a grand rush to see some very fine specimens of now Michaelmas daisies in the vicarage garden.

Some excellent ringing was enjoyed, several getting through their first touch of 'shandy gaff.' Members would do well to look ahead, and consider whether a day out ringing on Boxing Day would be better than an afternoon meeting on December 27th, the fourth Saturday.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

An effort was made on Saturday, Sept. 27th, to revive the custom of holding an annual outing for members of the association. The place chosen was Chertsey, where there is a peal of eight bells in a church dating back to the 13th century. Between 20 and 30 were present during the day, including Mr. John Carter, and Mr. and Miss Nye from Bagshot, and several touches on different methods were rung. A good tea at the 'Ideal' was kindly provided by Messrs. Dawe and Young. The weather was surprisingly good, which greatly added to everyone's pleasure. Thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. B. Hessey for making the arrangements. All present had an enjoyable time, and it is to be hoped that the outing next year will receive larger support.

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. Tickets, 8/- each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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.

BARNLEY 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).

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.—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.—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.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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.

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.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael Road, Aldershot.

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.

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. Café, 5 p.m., 1s. each.—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. Hall, 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.—The meeting at Southill on Saturday, Oct. 11th, has been cancelled.—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.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The meeting at Clipstone on Oct. 11th is postponed owing to illness.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short Notice.—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

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; 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Warkton (5) bells available after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddingdon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. The Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and St. Nicholas (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service in St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m., with an address from the new President, Rev. J. L. White. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints, Wokingham, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, from 4 till 6 p.m.—Joseph White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 3.45 p.m.—James Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1/-). Those intending to be present, please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 47th Annual meeting of the above will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Vestry at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 o'clock; 2/- to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints, S. Stephen's, S. John's and St. George's, Newcastle; Benwell, Gosforth and S. Mary's, Gateshead, are available during the day and evening. Will ringers meet at the Cathedral to arrange bands for the different churches? Those who intend being present at dinner please notify me by Oct. 21st.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter & Paul) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Full particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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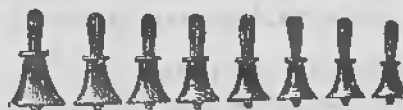
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