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### MORE 'ADVICE' ON BELLS.

In a recent article we referred to the manner in which the well-intentioned but, in our opinion, sometimes misdirected endeavours of antiquarians, in regard to church bells and bell hanging, are passed on to the public as if they were the purely expert and only proper view of the way in which restoration work should be approached. The gentlemen whose primary mission in life is to preserve ancient rings, irrespective, it sometimes seems, of whether or not they have outlived their original object and their utility, seem able to obtain the widest publicity for their recommendations, both through a variety of organisations and the public Press. They are able by the means at their command—we do not blame them for availing themselves of it—to reach the people who, so far as they are concerned, really matter and they are thus left, almost without the possibility of contradiction, to carry on their propaganda to a degree which, unless something is done to counteract it, may some day make the necessary recasting of bells, and indeed of any restoration work on modern lines, extremely difficult to promote.

The latest excursion into the realm of 'advice' in connection with church bells comes from the 'Central Council for the Care of Churches.' It has just issued its fourth report upon 'The Protection of our English Churches,' in the course of which many matters, from the distempering of walls to the use of floral decorations and the rebuilding of organs, are dealt with. We, however, are concerned only with the reference to bells, and this is the 'advice' which is given: 'In all cases where alterations to bells, bell frames or their supports are concerned the Central Council regard it as essential that the advice of an architect skilled in work of this kind be sought in the first instance, before any bell founder is asked to visit the church. The hope is expressed that diocesan advisory committees will carefully recommend available architects in each locality whom they know from experience to be competent to deal with towers and bells.' This quotation is taken from 'The Times' review of the Council's Report.

It will be a sorry day indeed if all bell restorations are to wait until an architect 'skilled in work of this kind' is called in. We say it with no disrespect to the profession, but, with extremely few exceptions, architects do not know the first thing about bell hanging. Bell hanging is not an architect's job at all; it is an engineering job, and the sooner those folk who are so ready to give advice realise this the better. The Central Council for the Care of Churches may be competent to express an opinion upon the æsthetic taste displayed in the

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erection of memorial tablets or stained glass windows, but it is quite obvious that their knowledge in regard to bells is of an extremely limited kind. Where is the architect who could be called in and, without the aid of a bell founder, say whether it was possible to retune a bell; how many architects, without consulting a bell hanger, could tell a Parochial Church Council how to rectify a bad going ring of bells, and what the possible cost would be; and how many could competently design a bell frame throwing the minimum of stress upon a tower while retaining the necessary circle for the ropes and the proper facilities for ringing the bells? These are some of the simplest problems which bell founders have to deal with, but unless an architect has proved his competency in those things he certainly cannot be said to be 'skilled in work of this kind.' Bell hanging is not simply a case of putting girders into a stone structure to carry certain dead weights. As we have said before, bells are moving machinery and the man to be called in in the first instance is the bell engineer. The free advice which is issuing in such a prolific stream just now through various channels—although it may be largely from one source—will eventually have a reaction on bell restoration work unless something is done to qualify it. Cannot the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers take some step to reach 'those who matter' and tell them the bald truth about these things?

## TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 6021 CHANGES;

WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 6
* RICHARD A. POST ... .. 2	* JOHN NOBES ... .. 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 3	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
FREDERICK MESSINGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. This competition contains the extent of 'littums' and 'home at hand' positions.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 6147 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JESSE GILLET ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	HARRY BARRETT ... .. 7
HARRY PHELPS ... .. 3	Ex-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	ERNEST DAVIS ... .. 9
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5	FRANK PONTING ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 8
* MISS AMY JOHNSON ... .. 4	CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 9
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5	HARRY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. 100th peal as conductor. Mr. H. Price has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALWYN TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*HAROLD HOWARTH ... .. 5
FRANK FIELDEN ... .. 2	JOHN NASH ... .. 6
JAMES INGHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7
*CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 4	FRANK NOTTALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

\* First peal and first attempt.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENTH HART ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. Treble	ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 5
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
*PHILIP BOUTON ... .. 3	ALBERT PRYKE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES PRYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5
OSCAR GILBEY ... .. 2	PERCY SPICE ... .. 6
TOM BRETT-SMITH ... .. 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH

Rung as a compliment to Cyril Brett-Smith on his 24th birthday.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCY RICHARDS ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	*SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
WALTER MASTERS ... .. 4	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* First peal on eight bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, October 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. Treble	DAVID WHITING ... .. 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD ... .. 6
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN'S ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*CHARLES E. G. MOODY ... .. Treble	†EDWARD CASSELL, SEN. ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. ELSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... .. 3	WALTER MALINS ... .. 7
†CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... .. 4	JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by W. MALINS.

\* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First in the method. The first peal of Double Norwich by the local band and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Thomas Bolton and his 25th year as Master of the above association.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 4	FREDERICK BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barratt, sister of the sixth ringer, also a wedding peal for Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 5
GEORGE SIBLEY ... .. 2	*EDWIN C. PITMAN ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	JAMES HUNT ... .. 7
VICTOR CRABB ... .. 4	FRED LANGFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Proles' wedding, which took place on this date in 1890. Mr. Proles is the local captain of the ringers.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. Treble	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5
WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 2	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3	JOHN OLDEHAM ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of the 'father' of the Hinckley District Branch of the M.C.A., Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton. Mr. John Oldham's 150th peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KREBLE ... .. 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Arnold. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was intended to ring London, but through illness of one of the original band the above was rung instead.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.  
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM NORMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN CASSON ... .. 5
ALFRED EILBECK ... .. 2	WILFRED BOWE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. COOK ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... .. 7
FRED TICKLE ... .. 4	GEORGE W. TEMBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ESTCOURT. Conducted by GEORGE W. TEMBEY.  
Rung to celebrate the jubilee of Canon Parker, who has been Vicar of the above church for fifty years. First peal as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON ... .. 5
ERNEST BURNETT ... .. 2	†HAROLD ROBSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM PILLAR ... .. 3	SIDNEY BREEZE ... .. 7
ROBERT WEBSTER ... .. 4	†E. CLENNETT ROBSON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member before starting the peal.

BURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED F. RIGBY ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. J. C. Hill.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD ASHEY ... .. Treble	RONALD W. R. PICTON ... 5
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	†STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	†RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 7
*HARRY L. LONG ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First Surprise peal inside. † First Surprise peal. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Haig Cottages at Bushey by Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B., and the dedication of the British Legion standard.

SHAROW, NEAR RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HORACE BENSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 5
CHARLES E. HOWROYD ... 2	JAMES W. NEESAM ... .. 6
FREDERICK TINGLE ... .. 3	†RICHARD DUFFIELD ... .. 7
JAMES METCALFE ... .. 4	†EDWARD HUDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. The quarterly peal for the association, as arranged at the annual meeting. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th are of the Ripon Cathedral band, of the 5th from Middlesbrough, 6th from Thirsk, the other two of Sharow.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. C. CURTIS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
†CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 3	†GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	†WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

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

ASHEHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

ALAN R. PINK ... .. Treble	GEORGE COOK ... .. 5
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2	†WILLIAM G. NEWBURY ... 6
*†ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 3	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 7
†ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

\* Fiftieth peal for the association. † First peal in the method with an inside bell.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. Treble	*ROBERT GAUL ... .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	CHARLES LOMBE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES SPALDING ... .. 7
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS ... Treble	FREDERICK SUMMERTON ... 4
†ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 5
CHARLES HARRISON ... .. 3	HUBERT SPARKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. G. W. M. Stranack).

RUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

JOHN HOUSE ... .. Treble	*EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... .. 2	*GEORGE GILLING ... .. 5
CHARLES FIELD ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, Snowdon's calling. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*SIDNEY ROWE ... .. Treble	†ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
CHARLES FIELD ... .. 3	FRED TOSSELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SHAW, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... Treble	ERNEST W. SMITH ... 4
*ALFRED J. WHITTLE ... 2	HENRY W. CURTIS ... 5
TOM CURTIS ... 3	*GEORGE J. PIPER ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmented to six. Ringers of 1 and 6 are local men. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Curtis.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES WOODS ... Treble	† WILLIAM ALDERMAN ... 4
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
FREDERICK COOK ... 3	STANLEY THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in connection with the harvest festival.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SUTTON ... Treble	JOHN CURRY ... 4
*ARTHUR GROUND ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
GEORGE LADD ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and to celebrate the 96th birthday of Mr. Geo. W. Hensman, a vice-president of the branch, and also the 17th birthday of the daughter of the conductor, Miss A. Day.

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM INSLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 4
FREDERICK VICARS ... 2	GEORGE W. HELEY ... 5
† HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*WILLIAM DURBAN ... Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... 4
WALTER MARSHALL ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 3	JAMES WAGHORN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. A wedding peal for Mr. J. Edwards and Miss C. Marshall, sister of the ringers of 2 and 3, who were married earlier in the day at the above church. In this peal were used seven of the eight different callings, which in this method bring 5-6 together behind always the right way. This information was derived from a table prepared by 'The Mad Hatter,' which shows all the callings in all the Treble Bob Minor methods by which this musical feature may be had.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening harvest festival service, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence (conductor) 4, F. Turner 5, W. Bradford 6.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION TOUR.  
WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERY.

On Saturday, September 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (Farnham Royal).

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first Surprise peal in the county. Messrs. Evans, Barnett and Henley were provisionally elected life members of the association on entering the belfry.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 21, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5
JOHN EVANS ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the new octave, September 18th, 1914. The visitors were elected members of the St. George's Society of Clun.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERY.

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
JOHN EVANS ... 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in the method in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MERIONETH.

On Monday, September 22, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JAMES H. RIDING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First Surprise peal in the county, and first of Major on the bells.

MACHYNLLETH, MERIONETH.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... Treble	JOHN EVANS ... 5
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First peal in the method in the county. Rung muffled in memory of Miss Howell, of Penhelig, a benefactress to the bells fund of 1911, who was buried the same day.

LLANBADARU FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE ANCIENT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PADARU.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
JAMES H. RIDING ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The first peal of Major in the county.

## LLANBADARU FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Five-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE ANCIENT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PADARU,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First peal in the method in the county.

## BARMOUTH, MERIONETH.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb.

JOHN EVANS ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

## PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	JOHN EVANS ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The first Surprise peal on the bells. A wedding peal for Mr. Frank Bennett, who was married at Brighton the same day. The tourists sent him a signed card of greeting.

## BARMOUTH, MERIONETH.

On Thursday, September 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGH.

On Friday, September 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A morning peal, Cambridge Major, was attempted at Dolgelly Church and lost after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins.

## OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The tourists arrived at Oswestry Station at 10.20 and left at 1.50. A thanksgiving peal rung for the harvest festival.

## ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE G. LINDOFF ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method on the bells, an ancient octave by Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1727.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following peals were rung for the Herts County Association during a holiday at Leverstock Green:—

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Sunday, September 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK BRAY ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 1-6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3-4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

\* First peal in the method in hand.

## APSLEY END.

On Monday, September 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 5
JACK STOPP ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1930, in Three Hours.

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
JACK BRAY ... .. 3-4	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 7-8
	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by W. AYRE.

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

On Friday, October 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by W. AYRE.

\* First peal of Triples in hand.

## DEATH OF A TOTTENHAM VETERAN.

LONG AND VALUED SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS' CHURCH.

A wide circle of ringers, especially of an older generation, will learn with regret that Henry A. Barnott, of Tottenham, has passed from among us. At the beginning of August he was taken ill and died suddenly early in the morning of September 27th.

For fifty-six years he was a regular member of the Tottenham All Hallows' Society, and for most of that time the bells owed their splendid condition to his care and attention. Deceased had rung 96 peals, mostly in the earlier half of his ringing career. His enjoyment in peal ringing was the company of his ringing friends and the assistance he gave to his own band. Therefore he was never interested in running up a long score. His capabilities as a ringer are known to all who met him. Steady and reliable in ringing, willing and glad to help in anything arranged, the value of his service in the tower of the church he loved so well cannot be estimated truly until his loss has been felt. He died on the eve of his 74th birthday. On the evening of the day of the funeral at Tottenham Cemetery an age 'touch' of the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, and representatives from various neighbouring towers attended for half-muffled ringing.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and, later, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander, M.A., Rural Dean, who is also an honorary member of the Guild). Mr. Jefferies was at the organ.

A collection was taken at the close of the service on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Bath's appeal for the building fund of the new Royal United Hospital, Bath, and realised £1 5s.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which thirty sat down, including the Vicar, the curate (the Rev. H. Mock), and the organist. At the business meeting, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and referred to the part of his holiday he spent in North Devon, and the ringing done there.

Letters received from the secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, were read in reference to the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and informing the branch that the badge of the Guild had been fixed to the war memorial in Salisbury Cathedral.

Mr. George Pearce, of Warminster, was elected a member of the Guild, and on the motion of the chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.—This was acknowledged by the Vicar.

It was proposed to hold the next meetings at Potterne in November and Warminster in December.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Melksham, Warminster, Swindon, Stratton, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, North Bradley and Weston (Bath). Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. A word of thanks is due to the Ringing Master, Mr. S. Hillier, and his assistant, Mr. J. Francis, for the excellent arrangements for everyone to have a ring.

### BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Contributions to the fund for the restoration of Bromley Parish Church bells are invited. The estimated cost of the work is £250, and subscriptions towards this amount will be gratefully received and acknowledged by:—

Mr. I. Emery, leader and steeplekeeper, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent; or

Mr. P. J. Spice, secretary, 5, Horsley Road, Bromley, Kent.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn meeting was held at Enville on Saturday, September 27th. Upon arrival the party were met by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. O'Neil Fisher, who extended a hearty welcome and, later, proceeded to describe the interior of the church, which was particularly interesting. Very little can be said in favour of the bells, for they are a poor lot, especially the tenor (dated 1626). However, they were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in church, with an address by the Rector. Ten was laid at the Cat Inn, to which forty sat down.

The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and use of the bells, also to the organist for his kindly assistance at the service, to which the Rector briefly replied.

Courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the handbells.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on January 10th.

### A NEWPORT PEAL TABLET.

A handsome peal tablet has recently been placed in the north wall of the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, to record two well-struck performances rung in 1922 and 1930 respectively by the Newport Society of Church Bellringers, conducted by Mr. H. Barton. It consists of a slate slab, 30in. by 22in., polished to a dark colour, with the lettering incised and enamelled in white, the whole well spaced and carved with good character letters.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon C. H. Thompson, M.A., in accepting the gift for the church from the donor, Mr. W. H. G. Scott, consented to its being placed in a position to match a similar record of two peals rung there in 1923, conducted by Mr. G. Williams. He expressed his appreciation of the ringers' work in the belfry, and said he was pleased to do anything he could for them.

This tablet states that the local company rang Stedman Triples for the first time in May, 1923, and a peal of Grandsire Triples on June 3rd, 1930, on the birthday of King George V., as a thankoffering upon His Majesty's recovery from a serious illness. Full particulars of this performance were forwarded to the King, and were duly acknowledged by a personal letter from His Majesty, which is to be framed and hung in the tower with a photograph of the team who took part in the joy peal.

These peal records form a most appropriate connecting link with those of the old Carishbrook and Newport Society of a century ago.

W. H. F.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After many years of service as hon. secretary of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, Mr. J. H. Haydock has relinquished the post and is succeeded by Mr. Jack Bradwell, whose address is 8, Regent Street, Bacup. There is to be a meeting of the branch at Haslingden to-morrow.

Twenty years ago to-morrow the first clerical ten-bell peal was rung, when a party of parsons scored a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick.

Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, when it was called at Shoreditch by George Partrick. One of the ringers was Francis Wood, grandfather of Matt Wood, who a hundred years and more later became a foremost London ringer.

This is a long span to cover three generations. We do not know when Francis Wood was born, but he died in 1780, leaving a family of eight boys and two girls. One of the former, who was ten years old at his father's death, afterwards became the father of Matthew Wood, who was born in 1826, and died in 1912. The three generations thus covered at least 160 years of ringing.

A band that met at 4.30 on Saturday at Bocking for a peal started at four o'clock—by the church clock.

A peal was rung at Stoney Stanton on Saturday to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, 'father' of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wm. Jones, another Stoney Stanton 'youth,' heard the peal. Each is looking forward to celebrating his diamond wedding. That of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will occur (D.V.) next February.

His many friends in Suffolk and Norfolk ringing circles will regret to hear that Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, has suffered a great bereavement by the death of his wife.

## JAMES WASHBROOK'S GRAVE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I would like to support the letter written by 'A Novice,' re James Washbrook's grave. As one who knew him personally, I think something should be done to mark his last resting-place, and I appeal to the general secretary and committee of the Lancashire Association to take this matter up, and also to get some ringer to spend a little time so that the grave shall not be neglected. When the time comes for a little subscription I am willing to give my share.

LANCASTRIAN.

## MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

The bells at Merton College, Oxford, have been rehung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and on Thursday of last week a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by W. F. Judge (conductor) 1, W. Blake 2, W. G. Collett 3, W. H. Wilkins 4, R. A. Post 5, W. Simmonds 6, H. Miles 7, R. White 8.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## SUGGESTED RAISING OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Bottesford, which stands on the extreme edge of Leicestershire, and very close to the borders of both Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, was the scene of the second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday. The Church of St. Mary is ranked as one of the noblest parish churches in the country, and, indeed, is worthy of a visit if only to view the noted monuments in the chancel, which make it a sort of miniature Westminster Abbey. The chancel is 60ft. long and 27ft. broad, and underwent considerable repairs in the early 16th century, under the direction of Thomas, first Earl of Rutland, for the reception of the coffins and monumental remains of his ancestors, which he moved from Belvoir Priory and other monastic foundations after the dissolution. The first Earl was buried in a vault which he formed under the chancel in 1543, and it continued to be the burial place of the Manners family till the completion of the mausoleum at Belvoir in 1828-9. The monuments are many and varied, and are of great interest to archaeologists and other visitors. To ringers, the splendid tower and crocheted spire, rising to a height of 222ft., is the chief attraction, and the now magnificently restored ring of eight bells—tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.—is a source of delight to all who hear them. The new ringing gallery, too, is an ideal belfry, being extremely light and airy, and everything up to a modern ringer's idea of perfection.

Ringers arrived early, and the first touch was Stedman Triples, called by E. Bartram. This was followed by an excellent course of London Surprise Major, in which the writer had the pleasure of ringing the tenor, with the genial Rupert R. by his side on the 7th. Then followed touches and courses of most of the standard and Surprise methods. The committee, under the presidency of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, met at 3.30 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties, including certain recommendations to the general meeting.

Tea was served at the Rutland Cafe in a rather airy marquee, eminently suitable to the 'Fresh Air Brigade.' Some forty or more members and friends sat down from Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, etc., and were pleased to welcome friends of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from Grantham, Surfleet and other places nearby.

## PRESIDENT'S BRIEF REVIEW.

The general meeting immediately followed, the chair being taken by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by Mr. W. Wallace (hon. treasurer) and Mr. E. Morris (general hon. secretary). In opening the meeting, the President first mentioned how pleased he was to see such a good number present, as for most members of the M.C.A. Bottesford was rather inaccessible. He stated that the quarter's peals were well up to the average, some thirty having been rung, including several Stedman Triples by the 'Wednesdayites,' Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's and Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester. He also wished to congratulate the conductor of the aforesaid 'Wednesdayites'—Maurice Swinfield—on his splendid record of calling 100 peals, each a consecutive different composition.

Mr. Taylor then spoke of the great loss sustained, not only by the M.C.A., but by the Exercise at large, by the death of Mr. Arthur Craven, who, as they all knew, was a ringer of exceptional ability. He read the following extract from the forthcoming book, 'History and Art of Ringing,' which will soon be published, by the M.C.A. hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, viz.: 'Arthur Craven, of Sheffield, an eminent ringer, produced many excellent and well practised methods, among which might be named Yorkshire, Pudsey, Belgrave, Rutland, Ipswich, Kent, Lancashire, Palatine Surprise, and a host of others on the higher numbers of Royal and Maximus. He also produced many original compositions of Treble Bob Major, with qualities hitherto undiscovered; and other method compositions of merit.'

Mr. Taylor asked the members to stand in silence for a moment to the respected memory of Mr. Craven.

## MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.

Arising out of the minutes was the question of the suggested memorial to the late president of the M.C.A., Alderman R. R. Chambers, B.A., J.P., and the Hon. Secretary explained that unfortunately, owing to the distance, and not being very well, Mrs. Chambers could not attend their meeting that day. She had, however, after consultation with her brother, and the Vicar of Littleover—where it is proposed to place the memorial—sent on two suggestions of worth, both ornamental and useful. They were an almsdish, which could be made to suit any price available, and for a chalice, to be a replica of an ancient silver one now in use.

After discussion, the committee recommended the latter, and, if sufficient funds were available, a small brass tablet recording the fact. It was suggested that an appeal to all towers in the area be immediately sent out, the local secretaries to look after their respective districts. This suggestion met with the approval of all present, and will be proceeded with at once.

The Hon. Treasurer then reported that the National Savings Certificates held in trust for the association by the late president had now been converted by the solicitors for the estate of the late Mr. Chambers, and during the next week a cheque amounting to £110

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## THE AIR DISASTER.

## BELLS' NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

At many churches on Sunday, after receipt of the news of the terrible disaster to the airship R 101, the bells were rung half-muffled for the evening service.

The ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was in the nature of a national tribute to the dead, for at this church the bells were broadcast, and the plaintive notes of the half-muffled clappers had a most impressive effect as the finely struck touch of Stedman Cinques ended in some perfect rounds.

At Twickenham, on Sunday morning, the Vicar (Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane) visited the ringing chamber and expressed his grief at the calamity, and at his request the bells were rung half-muffled for the service by Miss P. Giles, Miss J. Stapleton, Miss E. Rabbits, Messrs. E. A. Morris, G. Bradford, R. J. Strutt, L. A. Brown and Wm. H. Hollier.

## THE BIRMINGHAM BROADCAST.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The best thanks of the Exercise are due to the members of St. Martin's company, Birmingham, for giving a national expression of sympathy and respect in connection with the appalling disaster to the airship R 101.

Regarding the actual broadcast, those who took part in it are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid striking throughout the touch.

Ringings of this description will do more to enlist the sympathy and understanding of the general public than anything else, and also it demonstrates the importance of keeping the bells well up when broadcasting, thus giving the microphone a chance. Rapid ringing has a tendency to 'choke' the microphone, and makes it next to impossible for the listener to distinguish the different tones of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Derby.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held on Saturday, October 4th, at Old Brampton, Chesterfield, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. O. Wilson. The six bells, in excellent order and of pleasing tone, were raised shortly after three o'clock, and rung until 4.30, when service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, an eloquent address being delivered by the Rev. W. S. Brownlee, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Chesterfield. Tea was provided by local ladies, and a good number enjoyed an excellent meal. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. T. Clarke and seconded by Mr. J. Machin, to the Vicar for his invitation and use of the bells, and to Rev. W. S. Brownlee for his interesting address, was replied to by both clergymen, the Vicar extending an invitation to visit his church in the 'real' summer, when the country is seen at its best.

Further use was made of the bells until 8 p.m., the methods rung varying from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Members were present from Ashover, Crich, Mansfield Woodhouse, South Normanton, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Morton, and it was pleasing to see several visitors for the first time.

This is the last of a series of summer meetings, which have been excellently attended, and there is no doubt the standard of ringing has greatly improved recently.

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16s. 8d. would be sent to the present trustees, Messrs. W. Willson and W. Wallace. It would be necessary to consider how these funds were to be invested, and local committees are asked to bring this matter to the notice of their districts, and report on same at the next meeting in January, 1931.

Grants from the Bell Repair Fund suggested by the committee were, after reconsideration and reversing, given to Syston, where the eight bells are being retuned and rehung, also to Appleby Magna, where six bells are being overhauled.

New members elected since the last quarterly meeting, viz., 10 ringing, 4 life and 3 honorary, were duly confirmed.

## THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Hon. Secretary informed the members that in considering the annual report, cost of printing, price, etc., the committee had passed a resolution that in future the annual subscription should be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., and that a report be given gratis to all members fully paid, instead of making a charge of 6d. per copy as now. This would ensure a greater return than the present system; but as no rule could be altered until the annual meeting at Easter, it was to be retrospective as from January next. In the meantime, the committee referred this matter to each local district for discussion, and asked that resolutions be sent in to the general hon. secretary before the next quarterly meeting in January, when the matter of printing annual reports will be settled.

No other business arising, hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Bottesford for the use of bells, and to the local committee for arranging the meeting, were duly passed. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. E. Denison Taylor for presiding. Further ringing was then indulged in until, all too soon, train and bus called a halt to an enjoyable afternoon's gathering.

E. M.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### PEAL RINGERS TO BE ASKED FOR BOOKING FEES.

The 53rd annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 27th. The festival service, in the choir of the Cathedral, was well attended, the service being intoned by Canon Stephenson, of St. Mary's, Gateshead. The Right Rev. Bishop Wood, Suffragan Bishop of Newcastle, gave a most inspiring address on the ministry of the ringers in the service of the Church.

After an excellent lunch at the Crown Hotel, the annual meeting was held, the president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, being in the chair, supported by Bishop Wood, Canon Stephenson, and the Rev. F. R. Hedley.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. Arthur Payne proposed the toast of 'The Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses.' The Bishop's humorous reply evoked peals of laughter.

Apologies for absence from the Bishop of Newcastle, the Vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson, Canon Boot, the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, and Mr. C. L. Routledge, were read by the secretary.

Mr. J. W. Parker, treasurer, submitted his cash statement, showing over £22 in hand, which was considered very satisfactory.

The secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, then read his annual report, in the course of which he stated that of the four districts of the association the Eastern and the Southern had been most active, ten meetings in all having been arranged, and he hoped that the Northern and Western would follow their example next year, as these district meetings, along with the association meetings, were by far the best means of keeping up the interest of the members and improving the ringing.

A very satisfactory report had also been received from Mr. Geo. Siddle, the secretary of the Wednesday Guild.

The peals rung by the association numbered 33, as against 21 last year. Mr. W. H. Barber had conducted 23 of these, and Mr. T. T. Gofton 5. Specially notable peals were one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, the first by the association; a peal of Stedman Cinques, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Wm. Story, ex-president of the association; a peal of five Spliced Major Methods and one of New Cambridge Surprise Major, the first by the association; and a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells rung in a coal mine. Master R. S. Stratford, aged 12, had rung the 2nd in a peal of London Surprise Major, and Mr. Adam Dens had rung his 100th peal.

### SERVICE RINGING CERTIFICATES.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing had been won by St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, for the 8-12-bell towers, and Holy Trinity, Darlington, and All Saints', Hurworth, for the 6-bell towers.

The Secretary said he was pleased to state that the Right Rev. the Bishop of Jarrow and the Right Rev. Bishop Wood had consented to their names being added to the list of patrons. Reference was also made to the death of the Rev. Albert Simpson, Vicar of Evenwood, in April last, a clerical ringer, who would be much missed; and to the presentation to Mr. Thomas Metcalfe on the completion of 21 years' service as secretary and treasurer of the neighbouring association, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire.

A hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year was proposed by Mr. Wm. Story, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. E. E. Ferry was then re-elected president, Mr. J. Anderson vice-president for the Northern District, Mr. W. N. Park for the Southern, Mr. R. L. Patterson for the Eastern, and Mr. W. F. Pattison for the Western District.

Mr. J. W. Parker was re-elected hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Bird auditor, Mr. C. L. Routledge editorial secretary, and Mr. G. S. Taylor secretary. The secretary for the Northern District is Mr. J. Davison, for the Southern Mr. J. T. Titt, for the Eastern Mr. F. Robson, and for the Western Mr. H. Tyson.

The peal referees, Messrs. Barber, J. A. Gofton, Keen, J. W. Parker and C. Todd, were re-elected.

The second peal book had been completed during the year, and there was considerable discussion as to the best means of recording the 275 peals yet to enter, but Mr. H. G. Frampton, of Newcastle Cathedral, kindly offered to write up 25 of them in a new book, and Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, offered to write up a further quantity, and the hearty thanks of the meeting were accorded to these gentlemen.

In order to form a fund to defray the cost of writing up further peals, it was decided to ask all members ringing peals in future to pay 3d. per peal, the conductor to be responsible for collecting the amount.

The Chairman announced that the pre-Lent meeting would be held at Heighington, the pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury, and the summer meeting at Consett and Blackhill.

Ringings on the bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, Newcastle, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, concluded a very successful festival.

## THE RESTORATION OF ST. IVES CHURCH.

### BELLS DEDICATED.

On the eve of Palm Sunday, 1918, a British aeroplane, flying over St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, dashed into the Parish Church, smashed the spire, and fell through the roof into the north aisle. The pilot was killed, and extraordinary destruction done to the fabric of the church. During the years which have since elapsed the work of restoration has been steadily carried on. First the three roofs were reinstated. This part of the work was completed two years after the disaster at a cost of £8,000. Eight years after the spire was finished at a further cost of £3,600, and now the bells and tower clock have been restored at a cost of £750. It has all represented great labour and no small sacrifices on the part of the parishioners.

The new bells and clock were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely at a service of thanksgiving on Thursday of last week, when a great congregation, representative of all classes and denominations in the town, gathered within the walls for the ceremony. The prayers offered by the Bishop included the following:—

'We beseech Thee to sanctify and bless these bells, which we now offer to Thee, that at the sound thereof the devotion of Thy servants may be awakened, and their hearts moved to enter into Thy Sanctuary, that they may hear and receive Thy Holy Word, be refreshed by Thy Sacraments, and comforted by Thy grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

'Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord our God, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to repair the fabric of Thy holy habitation to Thy worship and service. Bless, we humbly beseech Thee, all those by whose pains, care and cost, this work hath been done. Bless their families and their substance. Remember them concerning this; wipe out this kindness that they have showed for the House of their God: and grant all who shall enjoy the blessing of this place may use it right thankfully to the glory of Thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

After the dedication the Te Deum was sung, and the Bishop preached an inspiring sermon of congratulation, warning and confident hope upon the restoration of the church.

After the service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by members of the Ely Diocesan Association: T. Chinery (Cambridge) 1, J. W. Ward (Molbourn) 2, B. D. Buttress (Fulbourn) 3, C. I. Robinson (Over) 4, G. L. Perkins (Hemingford Abbots) 5, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 6, A. G. Rivers (Dry Drayton) (conductor) 7, F. Warrington (Over) 8. On Sunday evening the bells were again rung by members of the association for services, touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being brought round.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, carried out the work of restoring the peal.

The old bells, which were cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in 1725, were considered a very unmusical set of bells, and too heavy for the pillars supporting the tower, and ringing was discontinued for many years on account of the excessive movement. After the spire had been rebuilt it was decided to hang the bells at a lower level, and to recast the whole peal.

The new tenor, in G, now weighs 12 cwt. 4 lb., as compared with 18 cwt. 7 lb., and the total weight of the peal 51½ cwt., as compared with 77½ cwt. The bells now hang 14ft. below the eills of the sound openings, the foundation members being only 6ft. above the first floor level. Ringing is therefore carried on from the ground floor level, and the movement in the tower is so slight as to be negligible.

The only inscription on the new bells consists of the names of the Vicar and churchwardens, which appear on the tenor only, as follows: 'Oscar Wade Wilde, Vicar; Reginald Martin Osborne, Edward Anderson, Churchwardens.'

As regards tone and go, the new peal leaves nothing to be desired, and although the loss in weight is deplored by the older inhabitants of St. Ives, the musical qualities of the new peal far outweigh any objections in this direction.

### TENTERDEN RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 6th, the ringers of Tenterden, together with a few invited friends, including Mr. A. C. Kay, the district secretary, visited North Kent for their annual outing. Leaving Tenterden at eight o'clock by charabanc, Dartford was reached before ten o'clock, and the bells were soon going to Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. The following towers were then visited according to plan, viz.: Crayford, St. John's and Christ Church, Erith, Woolwich, Greenwich and Chislehurst. Touches in one or other of the foregoing methods were rung in each of the towers. Lunch was had at Crayford, tea at Greenwich, and the charabanc ran into Tenterden as the clock was striking midnight. Thus came the end of a perfect day. The best thanks of all the party are due to the hon. secretary, Mr. Battin, for collecting the money and making all the necessary arrangements for spending such an enjoyable day, and they also take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents who so kindly granted permission for ringing, and the many local ringers who met the visitors at their towers, thus affording opportunities for renewing acquaintances and for a pull together.

## CHANGE RINGING IN GLASGOW.

## BAND BEING FORMED AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

After a lapse of many years, change ringing was heard again in Glasgow on Saturday, September 27th, when ringers from Edinburgh, Paisley, and Prestwick were present at a meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral. The bells are a fine ring of ten, installed by Taylor and Co. in 1901, the weight of the tenor being 35 cwt. They were rung regularly for a time before 1914, but since the war attempts to revive ringing have failed owing to complaints of excessive noise in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral, and, except for a few months in 1922, when Mr. J. E. Sykes and one or two other ringers were in Glasgow, change ringing has been in complete abeyance.

Last year, however, the bells were overhauled by Taylor and Co., and the windows in the bell chamber and the spire boarded up and covered with Cahot's quilt, and a band is now being formed under the leadership of Mr. S. H. Wood.

The following ringers were present on Saturday: Messrs. W. C. S. Heathcote, C. Cleveland Ellis, J. Marshall, H. Mann and W. Jenkins, Misses Whitson and Taylor (Edinburgh), Mr. E. Astley (Prestwick), Messrs. A. E. Wreaks and R. J. Thom (Paisley), and Mr. S. H. Wood (Glasgow). The Very Rev. A. G. Seymour (Provost of the Cathedral) and Mr. T. Spens (secretary of the vestry) were also present in the belfry to welcome the visitors and express their pleasure at hearing the bells rung once more. Touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and a course of Grand-sire Caters were rung, and some of the local beginners had their first experience of ringing 'rounds.'

Ten was served in the Synod Hall, followed by handbell ringing, and later in the evening the party went on to Paisley, where touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## CUP CONTEST AT EAST MARKHAM.

On Saturday, September 27th, the third annual contest for the Crawford silver cup was held by the North Notts Association at East Markham, when at 3 p.m. four companies of ringers assembled at St. John-the-Baptist's Church to compete for this handsome trophy. It was given by Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Rampton, in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, of Lancham, who for 36 years was a faithful member of the association and died on April 17th, 1925. Mr. Charles Crawford was in his early life actively connected with East Markham, and partly by his great effort in 1895 an old peal of four bells was returned, rehung and augmented to a delightful ring of six. Later, he did great work in helping on the art of change ringing in a very wide area.

It was very disappointing to hear at the last minute the Sutton-on-Trent band were unable to get enough men to compete for the cup. The halloing for the order of ringing resulted as follows: East Markham, Ordsall, South Anston and Shireoaks.

The contest finished shortly after five o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, with Miss E. Rose playing the organ.

An excellent tea was served, for which the members wish to thank all the lady workers concerned in providing it.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson presided over the business meeting, supported by Rev. A. Doxey, Mr. J. R. Brearley, Mrs. C. Crawford, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Mrs. A. Crawford, Mr. G. Booth, Mr. C. J. Hempsall, Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), and members from Anston, Everton, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Ordsall, Cuckney, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Treeton, with a full company of local ringers.

The Chairman announced the result of the contest as follows: No. 1, East Markham, total faults 195; No. 2, Ordsall, 94; No. 3, Anston, 115; No. 4, Shireoaks, 165. Ordsall were thus the winners.

Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, in presenting the cup, remarked that she was very pleased to see that East Markham had competed, and wished them better luck next time.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale, in receiving the cup, said he did not know how the judge had made Ordsall the winners, for Anston had rung very well.—Mr. J. R. Brearley, the judge, then made a few remarks as to the ringing.

It was very disappointing that no new members were elected, and the association still appeals for a great revival in Sunday service ringing.

Mr. H. Haigh proposed, and Mr. H. Hall seconded, that Ordsall be visited on November 9th, when they hoped to see the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson in the very best of health again. They were all very sorry he was not able to come and hear his ringers win the cup.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. E. Rogerson for all he had done in making the meeting such a success, and to the churchwardens.—The Vicar suitably replied, and on behalf of the association thanked the judge, who had motored from Bolderstone, near Sheffield.

Mr. H. Haigh then thanked Mrs. A. E. Rowsell for presenting the cup, and said that the members were always very pleased to see her and Mrs. C. Crawford with them at these meetings.

Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower, when some very good touches were rung.

## A WINTER PROGRAMME INAUGURATED.

## SUCCESSFUL GUILDFORD GUILD GATHERING.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild contains about two dozen towers, and for the purpose of combined practices is divided into five sub-districts. Last Saturday the Cranleigh Sub-District began its winter's activities when, at the invitation of Mr. R. Whittington (the organiser) and Mrs. Whittington, members of the associated towers, with the organisers of the other sub-districts and the Master and general hon. secretary of the Guild, met at Cranleigh and spent a successful and enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Cranleigh Church has a very old foundation, and, according to authority, at one time had a full staff, including three Canons, whose stalls in the chancel are still to be seen. That may have been in the days of the Canterbury Pilgrims, for the Pilgrim's Way lay along the side of the Downs not far distant. The glories of Cranleigh may have departed, but its church remains. The broad spaces and the massive Norman pillars set an air of strength and quiet in the place that belongs alone to noble churches.

At the time of Edward VI.—halfway through the 16th century—Cranleigh had 'iiij belles hanging in the steeple the best waiteh xvij. c. and the reaste one under another according to the rate.' All these bells must have been recast, for the oldest of the present peal bear later dates, some of them having come from the Eldridges' foundry at Chertsey. The present eight are a mixed and not very timely lot, with a tenor about 19 cwt., but the local ringers have long had a loyal and regular service band, with the name of Charman conspicuous for many years.

Saturday's proceedings began with an hour's ringing, and then a service was held, conducted by the Rector of Cranleigh, the curate reading the lesson and the Rector of Bramley giving an address. The choirboys were present, and one of the Dunsford ringers acted as organist.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Whittington kindly entertained the clergy, ringers and choirboys to tea in the Church Room, a bountiful meal being greatly enjoyed.

Subsequently the winter's programme was discussed, and the thanks of the visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Whittington and their helpers was voiced by the Master. Thanks were also accorded to the clergy, and, after some handbell ringing, the tower was again visited. Most of the ringers present came from six-bell towers, and several of them rang their first course and touches on eight. Beginners were helped through Grand-sire Doubles and Bob Minor. Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were also rung.

The combined practices have been arranged as follows: At Ewhurst, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th; at Bramley, November 6th, January 5th, March 2nd; at Womersley, December 11th, February 12th and April 9th; while there are practices at Cranleigh every Wednesday. Ringers will be welcomed at all these meetings.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 27th, the fine peal of eight bells being at the disposal of members, by courtesy of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Topham. There was only a moderate attendance, the following towers being represented: Goole, Howdon, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby and Withernsea.

Mr. F. Cryer presided at the business meeting, at which two new members were elected, viz., Miss N. Dalton, of Withernsea, and Mr. W. Applegate, of Pontefract (All Saints).

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby in December. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the curate, the Rev. A. M. Seile, for his cordial welcome in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

## ONE OF HIS NINE LIVES.

In a car crash on the South Road, near the entrance to Durham City Golf Club, on Sunday week, Mr. David Vincent, a well-known North Country ringer, and his family, of Fulwell, Sunderland, had a remarkable escape from serious injury. With Mrs. Vincent and their two children (aged three years and nine months), Mr. Vincent was driving homeward when he was involved in a violent collision with another car, as a result of which Mr. Vincent's car was thrown on its side on to the footpath and completely wrecked. Both off-side wheels were ripped off, and the front of the car stove in. The occupants were imprisoned in the car, but when liberated were found to be little the worse for their alarming experience. Mr. Vincent had a cut finger, his wife was badly bruised, but the children were unhurt. The driver of the other car escaped with a cut above the eye. 'Just one of Vincent's nine lives,' is the laconic comment of the wrecked car owner.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, September 21st, before evensong, 720 Westminster Surprise: H. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, E. Stich 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Stich 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****CASTLE HEDINGHAM REVISITED AFTER 13 YEARS.**

A most successful and well attended meeting of the Northern Division was held at Castle Hedingham on Saturday, September 27th, when between 30 and 40 members, representing twelve parishes, were present. Various touches on the peal of six were rung until four o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Horne, M.A.) Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson, and the Vicar gave a most interesting and instructive address. The choir and organist also attended, which made the service everything that could be desired.

A tea and business meeting followed at the Bell Hotel, at which the Vicar took the chair, supported by the Master, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, North-Eastern Division). Two new ringing members were elected and five probationers (all of Castle Hedingham).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the warm welcome and helpful address he had given. He also thanked the choir, the organist, and the organ blower. He added it had been his wish for a long time to hold a meeting at Castle Hedingham, and he felt sure this would mean re-establishing change ringing there.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the association. In Castle Hedingham they had an enthusiastic band of young ringers, and with the help of members of the association he had no doubt they would make good progress. Now they had started they meant to keep it going. He was very pleased all the young ringers had joined the association.

The bells of Sible Hedingham Church, in addition to those at Castle Hedingham, were available, and during the evening several visitors took advantage of this opportunity and rang touches in various methods on them. This is the first meeting to be held at Castle Hedingham since June, 1917, and everyone present would appreciate what these district meetings mean to those who are learning the art of change ringing and to the Exercise in general.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING.**

A meeting was held at Potter's Street on Wednesday, October 1st, when members were present from Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Walthamstow, Broxley, Melbourn, Roydon, Nazeing and North Weald. The local band were also in attendance. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. H. Lane (who is a very keen ringer and rings regularly with the Bishop's Stortford band). After service, a tea was provided in the nearby Church Rooms.

Following tea, Mr. George Dent voiced a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Lane for the duties he had performed in church, etc., to the organist, and also to the blower.

Mr. F. Bird moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Dent for the splendid tea which he had so courteously provided (free of charge), and to the ladies (who were the wives of the local band) who had prepared and served the meal.

It was decided to hold the next mid-week meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday, October 22nd. The bells were rung during the evening.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, October 4th. The methods rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples up to and including London and Bristol Surprise. Tea and business meeting took place at a local cafe, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair. The Vicar of Netley was unable to be present. Several ringers from St. Mary's, Southampton, were elected to the Guild, and it was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, on Tuesday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. G. Williams called the Vicar's attention to the condition of the bell frame, which requires the bell hanger's attention.

Members present were from North Stoneham, Overton, Dibden, Portsmouth, Southampton, Bishopstoke, Titchfield and Winchester, and Mr. Trimmer, of Croydon.

**DEATH OF GENEROUS BELL DONOR.**

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Benjamin Wilson, of Horbury, Yorks, who died on Saturday, September 20th, and was interred in Horbury Cemetery on Tuesday, September 23rd. He was an hon. life member of the York-shire Association and in 1900 he gave a tenor and treble to SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, and paid for the recasting of the old 4th bell.

Prior to the funeral, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled: G. Hunt 1, H. Rowley (conductor) 2, E. Pickles 3, G. W. Pickles 4, J. Milner 5, G. Goldstraw 6, W. H. Mitchell 7; and in the evening 800 Bob Major: H. Pickles 1, G. Hunt 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, A. White 5, J. Milner 6, G. Goldstraw 7, G. W. Pickles 8.—On Sunday, September 28th, as a last token of respect and esteem, 816 Bob Major: H. Pickles 1, G. Hunt 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, W. H. Mitchell 5, J. Milner 6, G. Goldstraw 7, G. W. Pickles 8.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DONCASTER.**—For harvest festival, at St. George's Parish Church, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: G. Hawksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Betley 4, C. Holmes 5, W. Lloyd 6, F. Newsome 7, H. Baldwin 8.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD.**—On Sunday, October 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Pickering 1, W. H. Hall 2, W. H. Funge 3, C. Williams 4, J. W. Reynolds 5, W. G. Anker 6, G. E. Swann (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

**ARMLEY, LEEDS.**—At Christ Church, for morning service, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. G. Gaunt 1, J. Hey 2, H. Lofthouse 3, G. Moorhouse 4, J. Thackray 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. W. Benten (first quarter-peal) 7, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

**DERBY.**—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,240 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Ince 1, G. Ward 2, C. E. Hart 3, A. H. Ward (conductor) 4, E. H. Clarke 5, J. Bailey 6, Geo. Frebrey (composer) 7, W. Wallace 8, P. H. Tate 9, A. Braines 10. Longest length in the method by all excepting the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

**FAKENHAM.**—On Sunday, September 14th, for harvest festival, a touch of 1,056 changes of Bob Major before morning service, and 720 changes before evening service: P. H. Alfrey 1, C. Simms (longest length) 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, G. Dye 4, C. S. Tuthill 5, G. Cooke 6, F. Gant 7, R. Cooke (conductor) 8. A farewell compliment to F. Gant.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, September 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., with 7.6.8 covering: W. A. Law, aged 15 years (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, J. Peyman 3, H. R. Cooper (first quarter-peal inside) 4, J. Smith 5, S. J. Worsfold 6, E. Gardiner 7, W. Wail 8.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Cyril J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. T. Sneller 4, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 5, Kingsley Burt (first quarter-peal inside) 6, W. Hibbert, sen., 7, W. Warwick 8.

**RINGERS' WEDDING AT NORWICH.**

On Thursday, September 18th, at All Saints' Church, Norwich, the wedding took place of Mr. Lawrence Cyril Denham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Denham, of Norwich, and Miss Winifred Rose Browne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Browne, also of Norwich. Both the bride and bridegroom are ringers at All Saints' Church and ardent churchworkers in other directions. The service was fully choral, the hymn, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' being sung as the bride with her father moved up the aisle. The bride was attired in a gown of white satin with Brussels net veil and orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of lilies and white heather. The eight bridesmaids wore georgette frocks and carried bouquets of chrysanthemums. The Rev. N. S. M. Roxby officiated, and there was a very large congregation of friends of the bride and bridegroom. The service included Psalm 128 and the hymns, 'O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending,' and 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.' The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. N. S. M. Roxby gave an address. Other appropriate music was rendered on the organ, and as the bridal procession returned to the south door Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played and the bells were rung in rounds and 'fired' by fellow-members of the All Saints' company.

A reception was afterwards held at the Samson and Hercules House, at which the Rev. N. S. M. Roxby and a number of friends of the family were present. Later the happy couple, amid many congratulations and good wishes, left for the honeymoon, which was spent on the East Coast.

The wedding presents were numerous and beautiful, including a sideboard from the Vicar and friends at St. John's Church, Timberhill, a mirror from the 13th Boy Scouts, of which the bridegroom was Scoutmaster, and a dinner wagon from the Pixies, of which the bride was leader.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 293rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 4th from Messrs. J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Choquet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, C. W. Pipe, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rush-ton, E. J. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, \*St. Lawrence Jewry on the 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 16th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Lytham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Visitors welcome. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 6 p.m. prompt. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York the fine ring of 12 at the Minster will be available for ringing during the afternoon.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the Southern and Central Districts will be held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Laurence's 3 to 4.30. Service. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and meeting at St. Laurence's Parish Hall. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.45 to 8.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d. per head) in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—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 St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. All ringing friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) available at 1.45. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Longstock (5) 2.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Town Hall.—C. A. Smith, Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Mid-Norton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting arranged to be held at Willington is cancelled, on account of the airship disaster.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halse (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow at the New Inn.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The meeting arranged to be held at Butterwick to-morrow, Saturday, October 11th, is unavoidably postponed.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 11th inst. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

**OXHEY, OXHEY, OXHEY,** Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells open from 3.30 till 8. Tea at Sherwood's, confectioner, Aldenham Road, at 5.30. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Twitchett, Diocesan Secretary. Tea and meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Expecting a good attendance.—Jack Bradwell, Branch Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6.30.—Harry Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne to-morrow, Saturday, October 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea provided at Holt's Cafe.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rector (Canon Cooper). Tea, 5.15 p.m., at the Co-op. Café, at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting in the Institute after. Names to be sent to Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than the 15th. Expecting a good turn up.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Not being able to arrange the next quarterly meeting at Woodford, I have arranged for it to be held at Lowick on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Kilsale on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, near Great Chesterford, Essex, for tea.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 13th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Titi, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Reading Room. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 15th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—Re-opening of Christ Church bells, after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Assistant Bishop of Guildford. Tea provided at 5 o'clock to those who notify the Rev. L. W. Mylrea, Christ Church Vicarage, Epsom (Telephone Epsom 9302), not later than Tuesday, Oct. 14th. All ringers welcome.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 18th. All ringers will be welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Oct. 15th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room at 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Nuttall on Oct. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this 'nobby' peal and also look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Terling on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. A short service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., price 10d. each. Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 15th? A National omnibus will leave Chelmsford Station at 2.15, 3.15 and 4.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 4d. It is hoped that members will attend and help make this meeting a success.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.—The dedication service of the restored peal of six bells and two new trebles at the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Dedication by the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester (Dr. R. T. Talbot, D.D.). All ringers welcome. The tower will be open after the service, followed by a social in the Schoolroom, arranged by the Ladies' Committee (free). To facilitate catering arrangements, will all who intend to be present please drop a postcard before Monday, Oct. 20th, to Fred M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend?

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. E. D. Bowser, the autumn meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—An opportunity for further ringing on the newly augmented peal at Irchester will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 25th, when a quarterly meeting will be held there. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. each, obtainable from local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Saturday, Oct. 25th (not 18th, as previously arranged). Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, in Coventry Road School, 1s. each. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at City Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present at tea must kindly let me know by Tuesday, 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Book this date! Hitchin (8), Oct. 25th. Particulars later.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st (not on Oct. 25th, as suggested). Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Axbridge Deanery, under the auspices of the above association, will, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, hold their first annual dinner, concert and dance at the Cairo Hotel, near the Marine Lake, Weston-super-Mare. The hall is noted for its spacious ballroom and lounges, which will be available. Speeches will be very limited. The bells of Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon and Kewstoke will be available. Bed and breakfast for those desiring to stay can be arranged for 6s. 6d. inclusive. Any friends invited, tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, may be obtained from L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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