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ENTERPRISE IN METHOD RINGING.

There is increasing evidence in our peal columns of a growing spirit of enterprise among the advanced eight-bell ringers. The variety in the higher methods is becoming more marked. It may be only among a limited number of ringers, but the number is spreading, and we believe it is but a prelude to a more generally adopted practice in the not distant future. In years gone by there was little serious departure among Surprise ringers, if we except the Brighton band of the late nineties, from the three old methods of Superlative, Cambridge and London. Any company who could ring a peal in each of these three was looked upon as being, as indeed they were, of outstanding ability. In fact, even to-day, although peals in these methods are almost commonplace, there are few higher peaks to be scaled, but the range has been extended and in recent years ringers have been keener to explore these new tracks.

As an instance, there have been the peals in many spliced methods rung by members of the Middlesex County Association. Now the Leiston band, made famous by the Bailey family, have just added the sixteenth Surprise Majormethod to their list, and the performances have been far from a merely passing interest in each new method, for they have rung several peals in most of them. Another example is our record this week of the tour of a mixed band in South Wales, who not only rang among their ten peals six different Surprise methods, but a peal in four methods as well — a truly remarkable 'bag.' These men were mostly among the youth of the Exercise, who should still have the best of their ringing years before them. There are other skilful bands about the country who are adding to the multiplicity of Surprise methods now in actual practice and their number will continue to grow. It is a most encouraging sign. There was a time when it was difficult to get the average ringer away from the beaten track, and some will say perhaps that, so far as the 'average ringer' is concerned it still is, for the men like those referred to are above the average. But these ringers have set an example which every ringer might emulate. They have not achieved their present standard by any superhuman means. They have had to go through the initial drudgery and climb the lower steps of the ladder first, as every man must do. And what they have done is open to all ringers with patience and perseverance, if they will but use initiative and seek out the opportunities which await them. It is not necessary to be a Surprise ringer to expand one's sphere of practice. For those who do not feel capable of going beyond the plain method stage there is wide scope in the Central

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Council's book of Plain Major Methods, and yet how seldom we hear of a peal in any of the methods included in this interesting collection which were not practised more than a quarter of a century ago.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	* ROGER W. DANIELS 6
LESLIE W. C. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
CYRIL TANSHELL 5	ERIC CRUMP Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Treble	† B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') 5
E. H. LEWIS (Trinity) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 6
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catherine's) 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trinity) 7
* A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trinity) Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on lower bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trinity) Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Catherine's) 5
B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') 2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 6
R. O. STREET (St. John's) 3	E. H. LEWIS (Trinity) ... 7
A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES 2	* RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 500th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHEFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* JOSEPH H. WICKS Treble	CHARLES R. GOODBURN 5
† RICHARD SMITH 2	STUART SANDFORD 6
† LESLIE T. STACEY 3	† GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
JAMES CORROT 4	EDWARD J. BEER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON... ..	Treble	HARRY BROWN	5
FRED NEWTON	2	WILFRED APPELGATE	6
HARRY C. WALTERS	3	WILLIAM TATE	7
VICTOR APPELGATE	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN J. WEBB	Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON... ..	5
*GLYN SHAW	2	*ALFRED T. POULTON... ..	6
*ARTHUR ALFORD	3	*EDWIN H. FOSTER	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. All the band are resident in the Ross district. First peal of Double Norwich for the Hereford Guild by an entirely local band.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 83.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD	Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
MAURICE SWINFELD	2	ALAN W. RANDE	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	JOHN CURTIS... ..	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN	Treble	AMOS SMART	5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE	2	WALTER PERKINS	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	*FRANCIS BALL	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	Tenor

8 Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Balcombe, of Harwell, Berks.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT	Treble	SAMUEL GROVE	5
JOHN BASS	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY... ..	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	JOHN LLOYD... ..	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed F. BENNETT (No. 20).

Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Flossie Hemming and P.C. Robert Ryder, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY... ..	4	JAMES M. BAILEY... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. B. Greaves, who was inducted to the living of Leiston on August 31st; also a birthday compliment to J. E. Bailey, jun., now of Streatham. This method is now rung for the first time.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	Treble	JOHN GOODMAN	5
LEONARD HOLDEN	2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS	6
GEORGE HUGHES... ..	3	HARRY GOODMAN... ..	7
DENNIS HOLDEN	4	HAROLD L. FLAVELL	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY GOODMAN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	WILLIAM J. THYNG	6
NORMAN C. LEWIS	3	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. † 100th peal together.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIXTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

REV. C. CAREW COX... ..	Treble	†EDWARD G. L. COWARD	5
*FRANK PRICE	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal. Arranged and rung as a jubilee peal for the above Guild. Thanks are due to the local band for having everything in readiness.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

P.C. DONALD BROWN	Treble	P.S. PETER CROOK'	5
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	2	†CH-INSPR. JAMES MELDRUM	6
P.C. WILLIAM FYE	3	P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER	7
*P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON... ..	4	*P.C. EDWIN C. BIRKETT	Tenor

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' This is the first police peal rung in the City of Liverpool. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are of the Manchester City Force, 5 of the Bolton Borough Force, and 6, 7 and 8 of the Liverpool City Force.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOE MARSDEN Treble	BEN BRADLEY 5
*FRED MARSDEN 2	ELI GARSIDE 6
*FRED BOOTH 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	ALBERT HODGE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. First peal on the new bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Robinson (sexton).

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

*G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Treble	CYRIL WILSON 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
†STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 7
FRANK KIRK 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the completion of the installation of electric light in the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

*EDWARD SEAMARKS ... Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
AMOS SMART 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	THOMAS COLLINS 5
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by F. CORKE.

The conductor's 100th peal.

CADOXTON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN L. BLOXHAM ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 4
CYRIL LAKE 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*J. VALENTINE JONES ... Treble	†HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 4
FRANK WEEKER 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	EDWARD C. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	*H. D. W. BISHOP 3
W. P. LAMBERT 2	E. G. L. COWARD 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild, founded on September 14th, 1882.

GREAT GRANDSEN, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Bob Minor.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 5
HERBERT SHERRMAN 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is supposed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At 15, FARINGDON AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIE ROUGHTON 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—THOMAS BENNEY.

THE CITY OF OXFORD AND DISTRICT RINGING WEEK
OXFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

At THE BELL TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 8
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	*WILLIAM HORAN 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cinques. The visitors desire to thank the Very Rev. H. J. White, M.A., Dean of Christ Church, for the privilege of starting their ringing tour with this famous peal of twelve bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

First Surprise method peal rung on these bells.

WINDSOR.—On Wednesday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: * J. E. Glass 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, * H. H. Hillyer 3, W. P. Cross 4, T. Smith 5, A. R. Pink 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Councillor and Mrs. Messenger.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
* JAMES H. RIDING ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN
* 400th peal. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 2	* HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	* WILLIAM HENLEY ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
* GEORGE MARTIN ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	* GABRIEL GEORGE LINDOFF ... 6
WILLIAM HORAN ... 2	* HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 8
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart.
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

JAMES H. RIDING ... Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
HARRY WINGROVE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GABRIEL GEORGE LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. W. Collett kindly stood out for the visitors.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
First peal in the method on the bells.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	* HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 2	* WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.
* First Kent Royal. † 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

ERNEST PEARSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
MAURICE SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

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

A peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on Thursday, September 8th, was lost after 50 minutes.

A peal of Bristol Surprise at Ambrosden was lost after nearly an hour on Friday afternoon, and an attempt for a peal in the same method at Adderbury on Saturday afternoon came to an end after 40 minutes' good ringing.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, August 31st, by the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. Allsop 1, F. Paulson 2, W. Blagshaw 3, E. Blackwell 4, G. H. Paulson 5, J. Taylor 6, H. E. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. Allsop 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th.

A SURPRISE WEEK IN SOUTH WALES.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing tour in South Wales:—

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
KEITH HART... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Surprise Royal by the association, and first of Yorkshire Royal in Wales.

USE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association and also in Wales.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Wales and by the association.

TON PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

NELSON ELLIOTT... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

First peal in the method rung in Wales and by the association.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

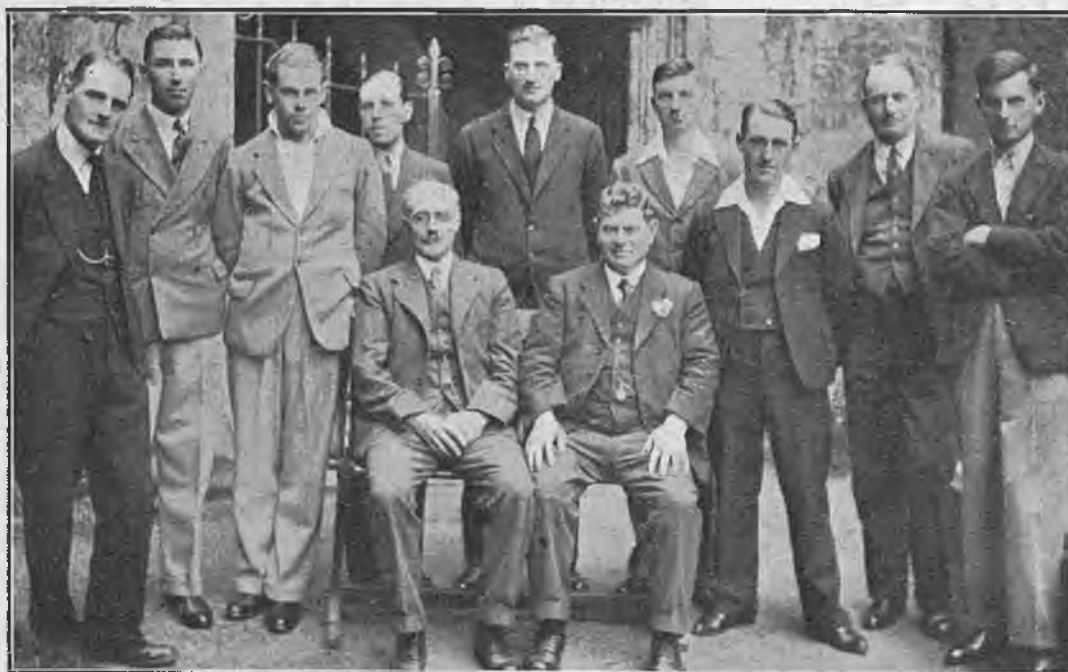
Composed by J. W. WASEBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

The band wish to place on record their appreciation of and thanks for the untiring efforts of Mr. J. W. Jones, the popular secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, who personally accompanied them during the week and made possible the success of the tour; also their thanks to all the local ringers who showed their interest in meeting the band at the various towers, and the incumbents for giving ready permission to ring.

STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: F. Wiggins 1, W. Cowan 2, J. Warrilow 3, H. Evans 4, W. Curtis 5, R. Warrilow 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, G. Booth 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. Evans.

THE RINGERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SOUTH WALES TOUR.



Standing: G. Poppell, A. T. Greenwood, N. Elliott, C. W. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, J. M. Cripps, W. Williams, O. Sippetts and D. Clift. Sitting: K. Hart and J. W. Jones.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The tablet erected at Long Stanton Church, Cambridge, to the memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, is to be dedicated on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school after the service for any ringers who may be present, and the bells may be rung until 6.30 p.m.

All those intending to be present at the dedication of the new peal of bells at Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st, should notify Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, immediately, or at latest Wednesday next, 28th inst., otherwise places for tea cannot be reserved.

We hear that acting for the pictures was more successful than peal ringing when some 'brass hats' visited Lincolnshire recently.

We also hear that a well-known ringer, very much at home at the end of a tenor rope, is equally at home at the end of a skipping rope. Any doubting this may see for themselves when the film is released for public exhibition.

A very fine specimen of a Yorkshire tail-end 'Sally' has been sent to Slough, without the donor's name or address. Apparently it is intended as a memento of the recent Yorkshire tour. We are informed that it will find a place in the South Kensington Museum.

We are asked to request the gentleman who is preparing a book of poetry on bells and ringing to report how he is going on, as several ringers have matters of interest to submit for his approval.

After nearly 150 years, the bells of the Norman Abbey of Romsey, Hants, have been returned to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for cleaning and retuning. They were cast in 1790, and are now to be thoroughly overhauled and rebung.

The Duke of Argyll, whose efforts in connection with the church at Inveraray have recently resulted in the completion of the tower and the hanging of the heavy peal of ten bells, has become patron of the new Scottish Association. The first meeting since the inauguration of the association is to be held at Alloa on October 1st.

The meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association to-morrow has been transferred to Woburn, owing to serious illness near the church at Toddington.

The peal at Downham Market, Norfolk, on April 24th, should have been credited to the Ely Diocesan Association (not Norwich). The peal at Watlington, Norfolk, on September 1st, was rung for the Ely Association.

'Kate' will be interested in the photograph of the ringers who took part in the South Wales tour. All those standing in the back row are bachelors! Oh, Kate, what an opportunity you missed!

A PEAL OF EIGHT WHICH BECAME FIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In an article in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago it was stated that the bells of West Mill, Buntingford, Herts, became five in 1887, and that it was something of a mystery. This is not correct as to date, and there is no mystery about it.

These three trebles were sold for church repairs in 1838. This fact is definitely recorded in a frame on the wall within six inches of the belfry door, on the ground floor of the tower, which was the old ringing chamber.

The old 4th (the present treble) was recast at the same time (1838) by Thomas Mears. It is curious that there is no trace of a peal having been rung on the eight, considering its close proximity to Braughing.

Here is a coincidence. Benington is close by. John Briant put a new treble to the old five at Benington in 1792, and in 1838 George and Leonard Proctor gave two trebles to complete the octave, the same time that West Mill trebles were sold.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTEMHAM BRANCH MEETING.

The summer meeting was held on Saturday, at Cowley, a pretty little spot in the heart of beautiful surroundings. Members from various towers in the district were met by the local company, and soon the tuneful ring of six were answering to the skill of the members present.

Service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Verity, with Mr. J. Harper at the organ.

Taking for the text Psalm cviii. 1, Mr. Verity emphasised the words, 'I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have,' and his address will long remain in the hearts of his hearers.

The hounteous tea was provided by the Rev. W. C. Curtis in premises kindly lent by Mr. Sidney Allen.

At the business meeting an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Davies Memorial Fund was made by Mr. W. Hale.

The secretary was instructed to write and congratulate the branch chairman, Rev. Canon Sears, on his recent appointment to the Archdeaconry of Cheltenham.

Deep regret is felt by the branch on the death of Mr. T. Pendry, one of its most valued members. Mr. Pendry was for some years Master of the Prestbury band, and a very ardent churchworker. He was held in high esteem by ringers generally, and his presence will be sadly missed.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT KNARESBOROUGH.

By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. L. Ogle) and churchwardens, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Knaresborough on Saturday last, the weather being ideal. The bells of St. John's Church, a fine peal of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) were available from 2 p.m., and these were heard to advantage in a variety of methods which produced some very good striking.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m., at which it was decided to send a donation of two guineas to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies memorial fund.

Tea was afterwards served, some sixty members and friends sitting down.

The general meeting followed, at which the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Clark, J. W. Addison, G. Halksworth, A. Walker and G. Lewis.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Chairman spoke of his first visit to Knaresborough, when he participated in a boat race on the river Nid.—In acknowledgment, the Rev. H. L. Ogle assured the members of the pleasure it had given him to welcome the association to Knaresborough, and hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit. He also said that another boat race could be arranged. Should this event materialise on some subsequent visit, it should prove a great attraction, and it would be rather interesting to see how some ringers shaped with an oar in their hands instead of a bell rope.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables.

An invitation from the Vicar, churchwardens and local company to hold the annual meeting at Burley on Saturday, January 29th, 1933, was accepted unanimously.

The Chairman again reminded those present of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held at Sheffield on October 8th, and Mr. S. F. Palmer also spoke of the arrangements which have been made. It now remains for the members themselves to support the event to the best of their ability and help to make it a great success.

There being no other business to transact, this terminated the meeting. In closing, mention must be made of one enthusiast from Rotherham who cycled forty-five miles to attend the meeting, and then had to make the return journey!

EASTERN DISTRICT: PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Patrington on Saturday, September 10th, and was attended by over 30 ringers from Barrow-on-Humber, Beverley, Eastington, Howdon, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea and the local company. The musical ring of six bells were kept going in various methods of Minor and Doubles during the afternoon and evening.

Service, fully choral, was held in the very fine old church of St. Patrick, known as the 'Queen of Holderness.' The Rector, Rev. F. R. Frost, M.A., who officiated, extended a most hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. It was originally intended to have it on the Rectory lawn, but the wet morning prevented this, although the afternoon was gloriously fine.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer. One new member was elected, Mr. Dan Meadley, of Hull. Howdon was chosen as the next place of meeting in December.

Mr. J. H. Howell proposed and Mr. F. Dale seconded a vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company, the choir and organist, also to the ladies of the Parochial Church Council for presiding at tea.—Mr. Pickering, of the local company, responded.

A presentation to the late district secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, then took place. Mr. Cryer referred to the splendid services Mr. Cook had rendered to the district, and in wishing him long life and good health hoped he would come to the meetings as often as possible in the future.

Mr. Cook, in accepting the gifts, referred to the happy times he had spent during his 12 years of office, and thanked the members for their kindness in making him the presentation. He also thanked the members for their support in the work he had been so happy in doing, and hoped the same support would be given to his successor, Mr. H. S. Morley, in the future.

The presents consisted of five books, of his own choice, which he said he should always value, and each was suitably inscribed and signed by the president of the association, Rev. C. C. Marshall, and by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer. They were the new Cathedral Psalter, with chants, Hymn Book, 'Songs of Praise,' with tunes, Oxford Book of Carols, with tunes, the Parish Psalter, with chants, and Nuttall's Standard Dictionary, and, in addition, a trousers press. There was a balance in hand of £1 1s.

2½d., which was handed to Mr. Cook to purchase anything he wanted for himself or his wife, who was also present at the meeting.

Further ringing terminated what everyone agreed had been a most enjoyable meeting in this extreme south-eastern corner of the district.

MIRFIELD REVISITED AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Mirfield on Saturday, September 10th. About 30 members, representing Batley, Bradford, Idle, Queensbury, Almondsbury, Liversedge, Birstall, Pudsey, Armley, Drighlington, Bolton St. James, Keighley, Edinburgh, and the local company, kept the bells going in various methods during the day, several of the younger members enjoying their first touch on ten bells.

Tea was served in the Church Room, and at the business meeting which followed the vice-president, Mr. J. Cotterell, occupied the chair.

Ten new members were elected on the motion of Mr. R. W. Jeannison, seconded by Mr. H. Peel.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also expressed pleasure in seeing young ringers coming forward to take the places left vacant by some of the old stalwarts of the Mirfield company. At the same time he gave a kindly hint for the need of a bell hanger to some of the bells.—Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the motion, and the Rev. T. Marden, in responding, expressed great surprise to learn that it was nearly half a century since the last meeting was held there. He hoped the association would visit them again in the near future.

Mr. W. Barton proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the local company and the ladies who had presided at tea.—Mr. J. Baxendall seconded, and this concluded the meeting. The tower was then again visited for further ringing.

M.C.A. AND WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

JOINT MEETING AT BURBAGE.

A joint meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association and the Warwickshire Guild was held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th, the M.C.A. being represented by members from Croft, Barwell, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, Hinckley, Broughton Astley, Peckleton, Stoke Golding, Wolvey and Higham-on-the-Hill, and visitors from Leicester, Melton Mowbray, Husbands Bosworth, Burton-on-Trent, and Overseale, whilst Warwickshire Guild members attended from Allesley, Stoke, Nuneaton, Chilvers Colon, Rugby, Castle Bromwich, Exhall, Leamington, Warwick and King's Norton, and a visitor from Buckfast (Devon). Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, some 45 members sitting down to a splendid spread.

Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, M.C.A.) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. R. D. H. Pugh) for allowing the meeting to be held at his tower, also to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, at the same time welcoming the members of the Warwickshire Guild and the representatives of the Leicester and Burton-on-Trent Districts of the M.C.A. who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Mr. J. White (Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild) seconded the vote of thanks, and replied on behalf of his Guild, saying how much they enjoyed these joint meetings.—Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and Mr. F. H. Dexter (Leicester) both supported the motion, which was carried with enthusiasm, the Rector suitably replying.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, referred to the death of Mr. Arthur Meek, of Bulkington, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

Stedman Caters and tunes on handbells followed, after which the tower bells were once more made good use of, further members arriving during the evening. The methods rung ranged from Grand sire Triples to London Surprise.

WALLASEY BELLS.

'PATIENTS' IN A SERIOUS STATE.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, are in need of overhaul. In the parish magazine the Rector (Rev. A. S. Roscamp), writing while on holiday at Brighton, says:—

'One piece of bad news has reached me. For some little time past our ringers have reported to us that the church bells are not swinging as they ought to swing. One of them has contracted a habit of "knocking," and of course a bell ought not to knock, it ought to ring. We therefore called in a specialist to overhaul them and report on their condition. This report has just come to hand, and I regret to say that the patients, especially one of them, are in a more serious state than we were aware. We are assured that if life is to be saved an operation is necessary. The cost is estimated at £90 2s. 6d. This is a sad blow and has quite "muffled" my holiday spirits. I don't know to what extent our repair fund can come to our help, but we have such a splendid band of ringers that we must at all costs keep our bells in proper order. What a difference they make! Here at the church where I am serving there is only one bell. It sounds a very miserable half-hearted invitation to come to church, compared with our own home peal.'

FORWARD—OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When the so-called 'peal' of false Treble Bob Minor appeared I thought it another of Mr. Armiger Trollope's jokes—for his is undoubtedly the hand that pulls the strings—but Mr. C. T. Coles' letter attempting to justify it makes the issue clear. In his epistle he uses exactly the same argument and speech that I used at Chelmsford, when I attacked the Cambridge Minor and 'Bob and Swindle' Grandsire Doubles. Eighty per cent. of his letter is spent in condemning—then, when one thinks he has at last seen the red light, he draws the usual herring across the trail and even suggests that the gate should be opened wider still! His attitude is peculiar, and his logic is unfathomable. Why does he always dance to the tune played by his ringing friends? How can a man of his ability endorse falseness on any numbers? His argument is puerile. Read this: 'How can they be false . . . if they contain the same number of changes . . . the same number of times?' Wonderful. The next time Mr. Coles attends a seven-course dinner, I wish the waiter would serve them all mixed into one mess of pottage. They would all be there right enough. Is it necessary to go back to the elements of ringing to show what is falseness? Well, here it is. The circuit of five bells is 120, no more or less. On six, 720; on seven, 5,040, as every novice knows. If a repetition occurs before the circuit is complete, it is false. This is a concrete fact that no casuistry will annul. There can be no tampering with truth. It is the foundation stone of ringing. Peals are not rung for the exclusive pleasure of the conductor, and whether it is more intricate or not does not count. Whether the Central Council agrees to admit such false compositions does not count. The Exercise is older than the Council, and it can be said with propriety here that the Council had better put its own house in order, while asking its members to abide by its decisions, otherwise it will not be long before associations will ask what profit to be affiliated to a body whose standard is lower than their own?

A little while ago Rev. E. S. Powell rebuked Mr. J. Hunt for calling such compositions 'piffle.' That word is too polite entirely. They are rot and rubbish with capital R's, and the Council ought not to spend any more of its money propagating such. The Exercise has already been duped by the Methods Committee. It was never intended to print sixteen pages of false compositions, although I admit it was our fault to let them deliver the goods without first submitting a sample. It should not occur again. One thing is certain, the Council cannot condone on five and six bells what it condemns on eight, ten and twelve, nor is it a matter to wait a year to ascertain. The cost of the annual discussion on 'cranks' is about £1 1s. per minute. It can be settled now. Is the secretary of the Council going to include the 'peal' among those rung during the year or not? And now for the brickbats!

WILLIAM WILLSON.

UNNECESSARY COMPOSITIONS.

Dear Sir,—To my mind the most regrettable feature of this ever-recurring subject of 'Peals of Minor' is the way the Rev. E. B. James' peal of 'Cambridge' is always brought in; chiefly, I suppose, because it was the first composition published where the 720's did not start and end in the usual way.

Of the compositions of this kind since published, none appear to be in the same class as the 'Cambridge,' most of them being absolute rubbish, and, furthermore, not at all necessary.

Now, Sir, you and many others are aware that a scale has been worked out whereby all the 720's in any legitimate Minor method with a Treble Bob hunt can be obtained, and I believe that if you could find room to publish it most of the need for these freak compositions would disappear.

Without wishing to pose as a critic, I know many others like myself are heartily 'fed up' with this subject, and feel that much of it is a waste of space in your valuable paper.

Newton, Cambridge.

CHAS. W. COOK.

ROUNDS AT BEGINNING AND END.

Sir,—Without entering into the merits or otherwise of the Minor compositions which he advocates, surely Mr. Coles has tried to drag a red herring across the path when he endeavours to make an analogy between Bankes James' peal of Cambridge and a peal of Stedman Triples stopped at 1325476. No one, I imagine, would recognise a peal of Stedman rung in that way, and Bankes James' Cambridge certainly is not rung like that. In the Cambridge, as in every other peal, rounds comes at the beginning and the end. It is necessary for a proper start and a decisive finish—but both cannot count in the peal. In Stedman the row of rounds that counts is the one that comes at the end. In the Bankes James' Cambridge the one that counts comes at the beginning; that is the only difference. In both there must be rounds to start and rounds to finish; the peal could not be considered completed without them.

'CONDUCTOR.'

FRINDSBURY.—At All Saints Church, on September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Humphrey (first quarter-peal), 1, W. Easter 2, S. E. Jarrett 3, W. S. Beaumont 4, G. Philpott (first quarter-peal inside) 5, T. Beaumont 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Colshaw 8. A birthday compliment to W. Easter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE.

To celebrate the jubilee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which was formed on September 14th, 1882, a peal was rung at Kingston Magna, where the Guild's secretary is Rector, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Beaminster, Dorset, on Saturday. A peal of Stedman was also attempted at St. James', Poole, but owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers it was brought round at the quarter-peal end: H. R. Mitchell (Bournemouth) 1, J. I. Davis (Poole) 2, W. E. Cheater (Ringwood) 3, Miss M. White (Bournemouth) 4, C. J. Wilborno (Swanage) 5, A. G. Rose (Poole) 6, C. F. Turner, conductor (Poole), 7, L. F. Cox (Bournemouth), first quarter-peal of Stedman, 8. This was also a birthday compliment to Miss White.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

A highly successful quarterly meeting was held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, September 10th. Members were present from Bishop's Caudle, Child Okeford, Hazelbury Bryan, Bourton, Kingston Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Marnhull, Sherborne, Mere, Stourton, Zeals and the local tower, and visitors from Yeovil, Cuckington, Stoke Trister, Bruton, North Cadbury, Mortimer, Evershot, Buckland Newton and Little Bredy, while the Winchester Guild was represented by Mr. G. Pullinger, of Eastleigh. The Guild office was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. Tufnell Barrett, with the assistance of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, general secretary, who preached on the text, 'Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . . ' (Leviticus xxv. 10), with special reference to the jubilee of the Guild, and pointed out that the threefold message of the trumpet of jubilee—the signal for a sacred rest, for liberty from bondage, and for the return of each and all to their family and heritage—corresponded in a spiritual sense to the message of the bells on the Lord's Day.

Besides some seventy ringers, a considerable number of the general public attended the service, and the church was well filled. The vigorous and hearty singing, ably led by Mr. Matthias, the organist, was a notable feature of the service.

Before adjourning to the village school, a photograph of the company was taken outside the church. Seventy-eight members and friends then sat down to an ample tea, kindly prepared by Mrs. Barrett and a band of lady helpers. The business meeting followed, with Canon Digby in the chair. Among new members elected were the ringers of Marnhull, whose fine record in ringing together for 35 years received prominent mention in the press last October, and several of whom were present with their Rector, Canon Hellins.

On the proposition of Canon Digby, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, organist and preacher, and to the ladies responsible for the tea.—The Rector, in his reply, testified to the loyal and devoted service of Mr. Bert Cox, captain of the local band, and referred to the recent death of two former members, John Coombs and Tom Paine, in memory of whom the whole company stood and joined in a brief act of devotion.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then voiced the feelings of all present in expressing their sense of loss at the impending removal of their chairman, Canon Digby, of whose virile qualities and valued service to the Guild he spoke in appreciative terms, and offered him the best wishes of the branch on his taking up work in Kenya Colony.

The Canon, in reply, spoke of the urgent need at the present day of a definite and manly witness for God and the right, and appealed to all for the support of their prayers at the time of embarking upon the duties of his new charge. As a homely act of farewell, the whole company joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The six bells of the Parish Church were busily plied throughout the afternoon and evening. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. A gratifying feature of the proceedings was the good practice obtained by several beginners under the direction of the energetic Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shute.

It is intended to present a copy of the photograph taken to Canon Digby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Cosgrove on Saturday, when there was an attendance of about 30 members. The Guild form of service was used, and an address was given by the Rev. J. A. J. Stockton (curate-in-charge), who reviewed the growth of the associations and guilds of ringers during the past 25 years.

After tea the hon. secretary (Rev. R. Howse) distributed combined practice fixture cards. These practices, which are run during the autumn and winter at 14 towers, are a great help to the learners, and credit is due to the instructors for real progress made.

Some of the company afterwards visited Stony Stratford for their first pull on eight.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus on Thursday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. W. Hinton, jun., 1, T. El. Foster (first quarter-peal) 2, F. W. Hinton, sen., 3, F. Terry (Hemingbrough) 4, F. Cryer 5, H. S. Morley 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, R. Warford (first quarter-peal) 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S PERIGRINATING MEETING.

A departure from the usual stereotyped district meeting was made on Saturday, September 10th, when members of the South and West District of the association paid a visit to three towers in one afternoon and evening. They finished a memorable expedition by ringing in another county! They were invited, of course, to do this, so no question of 'poaching' arose!

The weather was inclined to be stormy, but some 25 members and friends found the programme sufficiently attractive to attend, and spent a very pleasant time. Ringing commenced at St. Mary's, Bedford, where in the quaint wooden belfry hangs a light ring of six. Bedford lies about a long pleasant strip of tree-grown green on the main road at a point midway between Hounslow and Staines. The chief interest is in its old church, which stands half hidden by varied foliage. The famous yew trees were admired, though their likeness to peacocks calls for some exercise of imagination on the part of the observer!

When everybody had rung, the conveyances were mustered, and the 'troop' moved off in column of route to the next tower at Stanwell, nearly two miles distant. The formation was a bit ragged, but this was probably due to the fact that the sergeant (R.M.) was inadvertently left behind! The Vicar of Stanwell (Rev. H. F. Gaster) greeted members individually when they arrived at his tower, and evinced great interest when the bells went into changes. The tenor of this fine ring of five weighs 13 cwt., and was cast in 1788 by Mears. It was quickly found that to strike Doubles accurately on these bells required no small measure of skill and attention.

AN INTERESTING CHURCH

A sumptuous tea was partaken of at the Wheatsheaf. When many hearty (or perhaps voracious) appetites had been appeased, the Vicar welcomed the association to Stanwell. He gave some details of the history of the church. He hoped the visitors would inspect the church. It contained several mural monuments, including one to Sir Charles Brisbane, a gallant seaman of Nelson's time. The most notable was a coloured marble one (1622) to Thomas, Lord Kynvett, and his lady, with lifelike kneeling figures. This was the work of Nicholas Stone, the celebrated 'statuary,' who designed Donne's tomb in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Vicar drew attention to the fact that Thomas Lord Kynvett was the man reputed to have discovered the notorious Guy Fawkes in the vaults of the Houses of Parliament. He did not say whether the '5th' was celebrated in Stanwell with any more fervour! Proceeding, the Vicar related that when Sir John Stainer was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral he approached the Vicar of Stanwell, and offered him a new ring of eight bells if he could be allowed to have the five bells that hung in Stanwell tower to form the nucleus of the new ring of twelve that was about to be installed in the Cathedral by public subscription. Happily, said the Vicar, the offer was refused, and the original five continue to do duty each Sunday. He hoped that a sixth bell would be added at no distant date. He was proud of his bells and ringers, and always visited the belfry twice each Sunday.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), in thanking the Vicar for his words of welcome, etc., said that he and Mr. Pratt, captain of the local band, had evinced considerable interest in the art of change ringing, and it was his (the speaker's) earnest hope that when the association visited Stanwell again the local ringers would be able to join in the half-pull ringing. He had pleasure in proposing that the Vicar should be elected as an honorary member and Mr. Pratt a ringing member.—This was carried with acclamation.

BUCKS INVADED

It was announced that the next meeting would take place at Hillingdon on October 8th, when the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would be invited to meet the association. It was agreed that a further meeting be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on November 12th, subject to the usual permission being granted.

As no ringing could take place at Harmondsworth in the evening as arranged, owing to the death of one of the ringers, an invitation to visit Horton instead was extended by Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This offer was accepted with thanks, and, after some handbell ringing and a further visit to the tower, the convoy of vehicles set out for Horton. Excellent use was made of this pretty ring of six, and the available time slipped by all too quickly. The homeward trek was some compensation for the earlier journeys. The air was balmy and the countryside bathed in moonlight. Such are the vagaries of our climate!

And so to bed, happy in the knowledge that an experiment had proved justified, of fresh ground explored and perhaps another tower gained to the association.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Diamond, a sidesman; F. Graham 1, F. Sharmann 2, H. Marlin 3, E. Morris 4, G. Tillsen 5, A. Skinner 6, B. Barrow 7, K. Lawson 8. Composed by W. A. Cave, of Bristol, and called by Ernest Morris.

ESSEX SURPRISE.

ANOTHER NEW METHOD RUNG AT LEISTON.

Another Surprise method, the production of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, has been rung at Leiston, Suffolk. This has been named Essex Surprise, and is the sixteenth Surprise method rung at this tower by the local band, the first Surprise peal on the bells having been rung on January 8th, 1908. The conductor, Mr. Charles F. Bailey, has conducted two different Surprise peals off each bell: Treble, Lancashire and Superlative; 2, Guildford and Cambridge; 3, New Cambridge and Bristol; 4, Surrey and Dublin; 5, Rochester and Suffolk; 6, Yorkshire and London; 7, Camdon and Essex; tenor, Edinburgh and Norfolk—an interesting and unique performance.

The method and the composition rung at Leiston on Saturday, both by Mr. Lindoff, are as under:—

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE RINGERS MEET

A most successful meeting of ringers from the Lancashire Association and the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild took place at Port Sunlight on Saturday week. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and was continued until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment for tea was made. This was served in the beautiful art gallery, by kind invitation of Messrs. Lever Bros, and 46 ringers were present.

Mr. Claude I. Davies proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Lever Bros for placing the bells at their disposal and for providing a very good tea.—This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Brocklebank and supported by Mr. Ludkin, and carried unanimously.

The bells were kept going until 8 o'clock, and the methods were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, London Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples. Thanks are due to Mr. W. Heskins, who is in charge of the bells, for having everything ready.

AN OUTING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

The Keyworth (Leicestershire) ringers, with their friends, numbering 30 in all, visited the Peak district on Saturday, September 3rd, for their annual outing. Bakewell was reached in good time, and a visit paid to this beautiful church. Tideswell was the next stop, and an inspection of the church (which is known as 'the Cathedral of the Peak') was much enjoyed. Several touches were brought round on the bells, another visiting ringer belonging to the Police Guild from London taking a rope. Eyam was the next objective, where a beautiful light peal of six by Taylor's was found, and Cambridge, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung. After a short stay the party went on to Hathersage, where a tea was waiting; then to Castleton, famous for its Blue John Cavern and Stone. Here the ladies were interested in rings and necklets. Good use was made of the bells for a short period before leaving for home. The ringers wish to thank all clergy and steepkeepers for their kindness and for use of the bells. The outing was a most enjoyable one.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Coward 1, C. Powell 2, H. Keely 3, G. Whitmore 4, W. Shute 5, F. Price (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ?

UNITY IS STRENGTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My recent letter on the subject of a national association has brought forth considerable comment, some of it very interesting. But the question is not, to my mind, whether diocesan guilds are better than county associations, as Messrs. Keeble and Duffield argue. As well have one as the other, for I see very little difference in them, except in name. If the whole country was to be split up into diocesan boundaries to-morrow they would still not be helping each other, either in the way of finance or in this question of overlapping. In Northamptonshire, for instance, the amalgamation of a number of small bodies into what is now the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, took place in 1924. The only territory outside Northants included in the diocese is the tiny county of Rutland, which no one seems to want to interest themselves in owing to its out-of-the-way position and bad travelling facilities. Several branches in this diocese are able to be run without 'trespassing' into other Guilds' territory, but there are areas round Daventry, Peterborough, and what might some day be formed into a Brackley district, all situated so that they cannot possibly go along without this 'trespassing,' unless they confine their meetings to a mere handful of towers. This applies to Peterborough in particular. One only has to go to Woodston (less than two miles from the Cathedral) before they are in the diocese of Ely. What then would it have mattered, instead of naming it a diocesan guild, naming it after the county? When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was formed it was agreed that all should carry on in the usual way, and each conduct their own business, with the exception of all being subject to the general rules; and a rule to this effect is printed in the report books to this day. This is exactly all that, to my mind, would need to happen with the forming of a national guild, except that, instead of linking small bodies into county or diocesan guilds, you would be amalgamating the latter into one national body, with the Central Council as its 'central committee.' The Council would then be the figure head and carry the weight intended. If you are going to have a national Council, then, in my opinion, you must have a national association. Otherwise, I fail to see what the good of a Central Council is. For Mr. Barber to suggest that we already have a 'national guild' is ridiculous. What would he have said if, before 1924, someone had suggested to him that he already had a diocesan association in the old Central Northants area? Under a national body a great many districts, too large and others not covered, would be rearranged, so that meetings could be held more frequently, and in this way help to better the art. For instance, what is more needed than the formation of a Market Harborough Branch? One could name many towers in both southern Leicestershire and northern Northants which never see a meeting because they are considered too wide of the M.C.A. and P.D.G.'s activities. Similarly there are districts in northern Hunts, parts of Cambridgeshire and South Warwickshire one could also refer to in the same way. With regard to Mr. Duffield's arguments about the expense of sending delegates to national committee meetings being prohibitive, and fully representative gatherings seldom resulting, we already have to send delegates to the Central Council, so what is the difference? The interest shown in the two Croydon gatherings, I should think, are sufficient proof of what national interest would do. When all is said and done, other nationally run bodies can make a success of things. Why, then, cannot ringers? With the many problems facing the art to-day, it is pretty evident that it is not in the happy position that it might be, and with some districts flourishing and others having a job to make ends meet, if all were linked together each would be helping the other. Unity is strength.

A NORTHANTS RINGER.

THE DEVON GUILD.

AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, September 17th, when some 50 ringers were present. A service was held in the church, and a warm welcome and most helpful address given by the Rev. T. G. Sheldermine, Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth. Tea was subsequently served in the spacious Village Hall, where local ladies, wives of the Littleham ringers, had set out a very good and very dainty meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman, offered a welcome to visiting ringers from Christow.

The annual meeting of the branch is fixed for December 3rd at Whimble, with the Rector's kind permission. On the proposal of the chairman, the Rev. T. G. Sheldermine and the Rev. F. C. Benison (curate-in-charge of Littleham Church) were elected hon. members of the Guild.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to these two gentlemen, to Mrs. Benison and to the organist for their kindness during the afternoon, and special thanks were also accorded to the local band and their ladies for their most capable assistance, not forgetting the blower and vergor.

The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Amid ideal weather conditions, the quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last at Beaconsfield, and was well attended, members coming from Enfield, Stoke Poges, Chislehurst, Crayford, Harrow Weald and the local band. Various methods were rung from Grandsire to London Surprise on the bells of St. Mary and All Saints' Church. As the Rector, Rev. R. Wells, was on holiday, the service was kindly conducted by the Rev. Bishop and the assistant priest. Tea was partaken of at the Wilton Tea Gardens, and the company was joined by both the preacher and organist.

By kind permission of Mrs. Fletcher, the members held their meeting at 11, Aylesbury End, Miss D. R. Fletcher presiding. Miss E. Brett-Smith, of Chislehurst, was elected a member.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Enfield), general hon. secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Bishop, the preacher, and organist, and also to the Misses Fletcher for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

This concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the church to join the gentlemen in further ringing.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I read Mr. Cobbin's letter, he evidently does not feel comfortable regarding St. Peter's belfry, Nottingham. I have never set foot in this tower, so I may say my remarks do not apply to that, nor to any particular tower or towers of Nottinghamshire. I have accused the body of ringers as a whole and no individuals. I have given causes which seem to me at the root of ringers drifting from the ranks, and will continue to drift while the conduct I mentioned continues. It is not my wish that any individual band should think I accuse them. Ringers become ringers to ring at their particular tower, they learn for their own enjoyment and pleasure, and jealousies, close-mindedness, fault-finding, snobbishness in ringing (such as 'We don't want Plain Bob, it's too common,' etc.) must be put on one side if the Exercise is to go forward.

E. A. WILSON.

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. The weather was kind, and although the attendance was not quite as good as at the previous Wednesday afternoon meeting—also held at Henfield—the mid-week venture again proved successful, 21 members being present, representing Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Heene, Horsham, Lewes, Turners Hill, Seaford, Shoreham, Uckfield and Warham. Ringing took place from 2.30 on the fine peal by Taylor's (tenor 16½ cwt.), and the usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. B. J. Boodie (curate) in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, Mr. Crutenden being the caterer. After the business had been dealt with, Mr. W. Charnan (Warnham) moved a vote of thanks to the curate and the organist.

The bells were kept going continually during the evening to methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise till they were lowered in peal shortly after 8 o'clock, thus bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on September 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, W. J. Ellis 2, T. Kimber 3, J. Thomas 4, R. W. H. Strickland 5, E. H. King 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from J. W. Wushbrook's No. 8): F. Cottrell 1, B. Head, jun., 2, J. Elcock 3, H. Thomas 4, B. Head, sen., 5, E. Foxall 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. W. Overton 8. Rung as a 'trial' for the 6th bell, which has recently been fitted with new gudgeons and ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The 'go' of the bell and workmanship gave every satisfaction.

NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. Bicester bells (8) available in the evening. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. — L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30.—W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1s. each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Riseley and Bletsoe on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at Riseley (5) will be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 at Riseley. Bletsoe bells (6) available after tea. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The meeting to-morrow (Saturday, Sept. 24th) will be held at Woburn. The bells (8) will be available from 3. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available early. Gentlemen cordially invited. — N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—55th Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Festival Service in Cathedral at 1 o'clock, followed by Service of Remembrance at the Ringers' War Memorial. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the Crown Hotel at 2 o'clock, members 2/6, non-members 3/-. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 11 a.m. and the Cathedral and St. John's at noon. St. James' and St. Basil's bells are not available. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wellington (6), on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Schools.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Childrey on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. — Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Finch Hatton Arms, Ewerby, 4.30, 1s. 9d. each. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. The ringers will be entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus) at 5 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Berkhamsted, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers are welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap tickets by train or coach from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HALWILL, near BEAWORTHY, DEVON. — The dedication will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 2.30 p.m., of the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring of six.

CLOWNE, near CHESTERFIELD.—The new ring of six bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and names should be sent in to the Rev. J. Waugh, Rector, Clowne, by Thursday, Sept. 29th. The bells will be available after tea throughout the evening.—J. Flint.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham of the recast peal of 10 bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Dedication service at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea at 5, as the guests of the churchwardens. Ringers of kindred societies heartily welcome to service and tea. Bells open for ringing immediately after tea. All requiring tea *must* notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 26th?—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel, *only* to those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Sept. 29th. General meeting follows. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burnham-on-Sea. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Court's Creamery 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, Sept. 27th? — H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The monthly meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, by invitation of St. John's ringers, 4.30. Meeting to follow. Will tower secretaries please let me know numbers for tea by Sept. 27th? All ringers invited.—W. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Sept. 29th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and help to make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burton-in-Kendal. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. W. Rowbotham, The Square, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth, by Sept. 28th.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilford-on-Avon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stamford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) available 2.45. It would greatly assist if those wishing to attend would let me have names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. Members, please note alteration of tower.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Wel-ford, Rugby.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 1st, *not* Sept. 24th, as arranged. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Buses from Doncaster to the church gate every half hour. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, by Tuesday, Sept. 27th without fail. Please look up your methods and come in crowds.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the two peal boards on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. W. Carey Ward, the Vicar of Faringdon. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Mr. E. Walker, 22, Council Houses, Station Road, Faringdon, Berks, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. and after tea.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Oct. 1st. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Members and visitors are invited to attend. Frequent bus service from Sudbury (10d. return).—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. J. Sherratt, 3, Moss Lane, Orrell, not later than Sept. 27th.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Our autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. Harcourt Arms. Inform me by Thursday, Sept. 29th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Treasurer and Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Welcome Hall, High Street, Wimbledon Common. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Oct. 8th at Kirby. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head. Will all those likely to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 5th?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 and tea in St. John's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing later. Please notify us for tea, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. For tea it is essential to notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th. A good muster is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Writtle on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. H. Kirton, The Causeway, Writtle, not later than Monday, Oct. 10th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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