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## Village Bells

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'The learner must be prepared to be only a learner for many months before he begins to realise what the thing is about. And so many of them, just as they are beginning to get over that stage, lose heart and interest, and the belfry sees them no more.'—*Ringing World*, Oct. 6th, 1934.

'Village Bells' has been written to come in precisely at that stage which Mr. Trollope describes.

In the 'foreword' to the book, Canon Coleridge commends this little work to those who 'having no Instructor, find it difficult to make any headway.'

### NOTES BY THE WAY.

There are people who tell us that all is not well with the Exercise. Some ringers, they say, care selfishly for peal ringing and nothing else. Many others are slack and indifferent. Service ringing is neglected. Beginners untaught. When a young man does try to make himself efficient he is discouraged and given no opportunities. While the few who do what they can to improve matters receive no assistance.

Most of the people who talk like this are born croakers, whose nature is to find fault with things they do nothing themselves to put right. But not all. There are men who have long been trying to get together and improve a band, who have given their time, and skill, and money, and who seem to find all their efforts wasted. They have worked, maybe for years, with hopes, and disappointments, and failures, and partial successes; and then perhaps, just as they seem to have achieved something really worth doing, the whole thing goes flop. A quarrel, a death, a departure, or many a lesser thing is often sufficient to undo the work of years. It is not to be wondered that sometimes people seem to lose heart and say they will try no more.

For these men the best tonic is to study the history of the Exercise. They will learn that such things always have happened and may always be expected to happen. But they will also learn that no effort to improve matters is wholly without its value. The story of the last sixty years is one of steady general improvement made up of numberless apparent failures. Sixty years ago the Exercise was at its lowest. Towers were falling into decay. Bells were out of order. Belfries filthy holes full of rubbish. Ringers as a body were a drunken and disorderly lot, men with whom no respectable person cared to associate. The whole condition of bells and ringing was a scandal and a disgrace both to the Exercise and to the Church. Had an impartial man been asked his opinion he must have said that things were too bad for improvement and that ringing was doomed.

And then there arose a few devoted men who set themselves the task of reformation. They were all good Churchmen, and (which for the purpose was equally important) they were all lovers of bells and ringing. They knew how bad things were, but they also knew the vitality of the art, and they knew the good that was in the ringers as well as the evil. Above all, they had patience. They were contented to work and hope, not looking for immediate results, but trusting for the future. Some of them died without seeing any fruits of their labours. Others were getting old before any decided improvement was

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seen. They laboured and it is we who have entered into their labour. Forty years ago the associations put belfry reform at the front of their objects. We do not hear anything nowadays about belfry reform. There is no need. But the work is not yet done or anything like it. The effort must still go on and in the same way. General improvement can only be had at the price of many individual failures and disappointments. The man who does his best and yet seems to fail, can have at least the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts are not wholly wasted. They all go to make up the sum of the force that is carrying forward our art.

For while the tired waves vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain,

Far back through creeks and inlets making

Comes, silent, flooding in, the main.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Five Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

*MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	HAROLD WALKER... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARTHUR BUNN ... .. 8
CECIL J. MAYER... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 10
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5	JACK BRAY ... .. 11
LEWIS SNELL ... .. 6	HAROLD MARCON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BOSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT BROWN ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR ELLIS ... .. 6
ALBERT APPLEBY... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 7
SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 3	HARVEY E. BORRELL... .. 8
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. 9
FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 5	CYRIL R. BORRELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Royal by all except ringers of 4, 5 and 9. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 8
*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
HARRY PRICE ... .. 5	ROBERT LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* 100th peal. Specially rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY ... .. Treble	† ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 2	ERNEST BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 3	GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 8
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 4	JAMES SPALDING ... .. 9
* MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE	5 EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Treble Ten 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 3	* GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of 'old' Cambridge. Rung as a farewell to Dr. Greig, Bishop of Guildford, on his retirement.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* KENNETH FORD ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
* DAVID MACKAY ... .. 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
† JOHN E. METCALF ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JOHN A. C. ABSON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 7
† GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. STADMAN MORRIS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. When this peal was composed, the composer was 15 years of age, and this is the present age of the conductor.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 9th, for Evensong (being the octave of the Patronal Festival) at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: A. J. Mayo 1, L. Baker 2, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Gailoy 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffrey 7, Harry Osborne 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
MARK ROSIER ... .. 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-Half Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL ... .. 5
JESSE W. BEAGLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE UPSHALL ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	RICHARD HASTED ... .. 7
* ALAN HARDIMAN ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to Dr. J. H. Greig, the retiring Bishop of the diocese.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARES ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

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

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK A. BULLOCK ... .. Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5
*ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 6
†VERNON TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 7
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

RICHARD A. POST ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... .. 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
ROBERT GREENE ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

Rung after meeting one short for Osters, G. Holifield, jun., kindly standing down.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. Treble	†A. NUNNELEY WOOD ... .. 5
†JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 2	†RALPH FODDY ... .. 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 3	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. 7
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 4	*ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES**

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

LEONARD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 5
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3	FRED BLOWING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. SPERRING

Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

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

Being 720 each of London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Beverley, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on the festival of St. Michael and all Angels. The band welcomed their old friend, Mr. Daniels, who rang in his usual able manner, after nine months without Minor practice.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... .. 4
J. IVON DAVIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in connection with the church centenary celebrations; also as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. Nedham) and Mrs. Nedham, it being the 19th anniversary of their marriage.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

JOSEPH STANIER ... .. Treble	WALTER LAGO ... .. 4
CHARLES H. WATTS ... .. 2	*RICHARD INSTON ... .. 5
ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal on a working bell. First peal of Minor on the bells, and first of Minor as conductor. Rung for the harvest festival. The band wish to thank the parents of the fifth ringer for their kind hospitality.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	ERIC R. WEBB ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung for the harvest festival. The conductor has now rung each bell to a peal.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, Annable's, London, Ipswich, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JACK RANCE ... .. Treble	*EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	*ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First seven-method peal on the bells.

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## MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfeet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 26 cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

First peal on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1640, and believed to be the heaviest ring on which a peal of Surprise Minor has been rung.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SPICED MORLAND ALLIANCE AND BASTOW LITTLE COURT, 5040 CHANGES;

*BASIL SANDS ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4
WALTER MARSHALL ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 3	JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by A. RELFE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. C. Morland, of Court Lodge, and Miss G. L. Bastow, of Kensington. Also to celebrate the completion of 25 years' service ringing together at this church by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First time the above methods have been rung to a peal.

## CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	*DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

\* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer has now completed the circle.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES—Continued from next column.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On September 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss M. Child 1, F. Townsend 2, A. Rose 3, H. Bennett 4, E. T. Griffin 5, F. E. Pitman (first attempt in the method) 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On September 30th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. Noakes (first quarter away from treble) 4, S. Wood 5, F. Farr 6, H. J. Hunt 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On September 30th, at St. Mary's Church, for 7 a.m. communion, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Puddifoot 1, W. Feasey 2, \*W. Randall 3, \*L. Waite 4, A. V. Good 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. For morning service 720 Bob Minor: W. Feasey 1, \*W. Puddifoot 2, \*L. Waite 3, A. Cutler 4, G. Bruce 5, \*W. Randall (conductor) 6. After evensong, 720 Kent: \*W. Puddifoot 1, \*L. Waite 2, \*E. Upton 3, \*W. Randall 4, A. V. Good 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. \* First in method.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Etheridge 1, V. H. Smith 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, G. Tomsett 4, C. Childs 5, C. E. Smith (conductor) 6, C. Hazelden 7, G. Savage 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 1,440 Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, J. Shynn 2, B. Rawlinson 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On September 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Kippin (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. C. R. Kippin 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, L. Bance 4, A. Arnold 5, C. H. Kippin 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, F. W. Housden 8, A. J. Clayton 9, E. G. Talbot 10.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On September 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*H. C. Cluett 1, H. C. R. Vine 2, W. C. Shute 3, \*A. Chubb 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. J. Gosney 6. \* First quarter.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—On September 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes): H. Crick 1, B. Cornell 2, \*E. Simpson 3, W. Head 4, B. Roper (conductor) 5. Second and fourth ringers from Little Waddingfield; E. Simpson, Shipley, Yorkshire; 1st and tenor were local men. \* First quarter-peal.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

Ringers all over the country have participated in thankfulness for the harvest. We publish this week a selection of harvest touches and quarter-peals.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On October 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, E. Webster 2, A. Heywood 3, J. Yates 4, J. Tyson 5, P. Nuttall 6, J. Nuttall (conductor) 7, J. Leather 8.

PUTNEY.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. T. Elson 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, W. Malins (conductor) 3, J. Herbert 4, A. E. Williams 5, C. E. G. Moody 6, W. Chalk (Colchester) 7, W. Foster 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAM.—On October 7th, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob: Thos. Hand 1, \*Frank Cooke (conductor) 2, \*Gerard Rawson 3, Chas. Cottam 4, \*Leslie Rawson 5, Wilson Dobb 6. \* First quarter-peal.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: W. Leslie 1, E. G. Swift 2, F. T. Bolton 3, E. Parker 4, A. Swan 5, F. J. Bolton (conductor) 6. This was the conductor's longest touch as conductor.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: E. Terry (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bashford 2, R. Tuffin 3, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 4, W. Claydon 5, M. A. Northover 6, R. V. Fuller 7, J. H. Judd 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Kacey 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, G. H. Whitmore (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On October 7th, at the Parish Church, 1,386 changes of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Ron Allsop 1, W. Blagshaw 2, Robt. Allsop 3, B. Allsop 4, G. H. Paulson 5, J. Taylor 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, E. Paulson (first quarter-peal) 8. Also after evening service 504 Grandsire Triples containing Whittington's, Queen's and Tittum's.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On October 7th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Rogers 1, J. C. Dicken 2, H. Price 3, A. B. Moss 4, N. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.—On October 1st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, containing Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Jas. McKee 1, T. Horridge 2, L. Corteen 3, J. Martin 4, John McKee 5, J. Brown (conductor) 6. First in six methods for 2nd ringer.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 1,072 changes of Bob Major for morning service, and 912 changes of Bob Major for evening service: Major S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, E. E. Johnson 3, C. J. Rogers 4, J. C. Newman 5, G. Hayward 6, H. Nicholls 7, F. Fludder 8.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): V. Grayston 1, F. Fisher 2, S. Woodward 3, W. Woods 4, T. E. Edwards 5, J. Woodruffe 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, J. Sawyer 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 720 Grandsire Doubles for morning service: W. Spokes 1, W. Burgess (conductor) 2, E. Roast 3, G. Coppin 4, H. Joyce 5, F. Galley 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Roast 1, D. Roast 2, W. Burgess (conductor) 3, G. Coppin 4, H. Shadrack 5, F. Galley 6. Believed to be the first 720's for service by a local band.

LIVERPOOL.—On September 30th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,283 changes): E. Jones 1, T. G. Horridge 2, W. Fisher 3, T. W. Hammond 4, A. Gorrings 5, E. Caunce 6, G. R. Newton (conductor) 7, E. Boumphrey 8, R. G. Edwards 9, G. R. Edwards 10. A farewell touch to the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, whose last Sunday it was in the diocese.

BARNES, SURREY.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Wood 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. Hunt 4, H. Cook 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On September 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): \*Master Kenneth Simpson 1, Thomas B. Kendall 2, \*Miss Mary White 3, Thomas A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, Frederick Seager 6, William Feather 7, Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTER.—On September 30th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hubbard 1, G. T. H. Walker (conductor) 2, H. Iliffe 3, H. Humphreys 4, J. A. Talbot 5, C. Lowe 6, E. F. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Kept Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Seabright 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, G. Ambrose 3, H. Argent 4, J. Burles 5, R. A. Munn 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, G. Morrad 8. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First quarter in the method by the ringer of 6 for over 30 years.

(Continued in previous column.)

## ANOTHER RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

## PRESTON'S 400-YEAR-OLD BELLS.

The eight bells of St. John's Parish Church, Preston, have been augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles. These are the gift of the family of the late John and Elizabeth Sharp, who for many years worshipped at this church. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the work, and the old eight have been cleaned by sandblasting and tuned. The whole will be hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings and new fittings. A legacy by the late Miss C. A. Gillet will defray the cost of rehanging, etc.

On October 6th the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn (Dr. Herbert) on the floor of the baptistry. The other clergy present were the Vicar of Preston (Canon Wallis) and the Rev. F. S. Makinson (curate). Members of the Sharp family present were Dr. L. Sharp (son) and Mrs. Sharp (London), Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker (daughter, Keswick), and Miss Sharp (Preston). The Rev. H. B. Mack and Mrs. Mack (daughter) were unavoidably delayed on their journey from Leominster and were too late to take part in the service.

The large congregation included many ringers, with the full choir in attendance. The Vicar opened the service, and after the singing of the 150th Psalm a procession was formed to the west end of the church consisting of the donors, clergy and churchwardens. Mr. W. Smirk, the senior warden, then asked the Bishop to dedicate the old eight, and then Dr. Sharp asked the Bishop to dedicate and name the two new bells. In clear, ringing tones the Bishop pronounced the dedicatory prayers and named the new bells 'John' and 'Elizabeth.' The procession returned to their places during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place O God.'

The Bishop, in his address, traced the uses of bells from ancient days, and said that among all the component parts and furnishings of a church, he doubted if there were any more full of romantic interest than the bells. Very often in times past the bells did not even belong to the church. They were the valued possession of the town, which gave them to the safe keeping of the Church because it was the centre of life. He added that the bells of Preston Parish Church had 400 years of continuous history.

The simple but impressive service concluded with the hymn, 'Abide with me,' and the Blessing by the Bishop. An open ringing day will be held as soon as the bells are ready, probably in early November.

## INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

	Diameter.	Weight.	
	in.	cwt. qr. lb.	
Tenor	52½	24 0 18	Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Resurgant. T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1814.
9th	47½	17 0 0	John Green, John Fallowfield, jun., John Grimbaldeston, Henry Heaton, James Middlehurst. On waist: John Harrison, Churchwardens, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Fecit.
8th	43in.	13 1 5	Rd. Newsham, Esqr., Mayor, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Fecit.
7th	41in.	11 1 26	The Rev. Jas. Penny, Vicar. The Rev. Wm. Towne, Curate, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Fecit.
6th	37½	9 0 21	4th June, 1814. Account received of the Treaty of Peace. T. Mears, of London, Fecit.
5th	35in.	7 2 17	4th June. 54th. George III. The King's birthday. Vivat Rex. On waist: T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1814.
4th	33in.	6 0 6	4th June, 1814. Foundation stone of this steeple laid. Top of waist: By Sir Henry. Philip Hoghton, Bart., Lay Rector and Patron. Lower down on waist: T. Mears, of London, Fecit.
3rd	32in.	6 3 21	Venite Exultemus Domino. T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1814.
2nd	30in.	6 0 20	In Piam Memoriam Johannis Sharp, 1845-1922.
Treble	28in.	5 1 26	In Piam Memoriam Elizabethae Sharp, 1845-1931.

## GRESFORD COLLIERY DISASTER.

In memory of those who died in the Gresford colliery disaster, the following have been rung:—

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On September 22nd, at the Parish Church, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by the following: E. Millington 1, P. Cross 2, J. Clutton 3, E. Evans (conductor) 4, W. Jones 5, J. Copper 6, W. Catherall 7, A. Hodges 8.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on September 30th, a quarter-peal (half-muffled) of Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Mitchell 1, S. Walker 2, C. Wilson 3, A. Firth 4, E. Pammenter 5, F. Pickering 6, E. Liversedge 7, H. Mortimore (conductor) 8.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## ENJOYABLE MEETING AT GREAT GADDESSEN.

The Western District of the Hertford County Association had an enjoyable meeting at Great Gaddesden on September 29th. The bells were rung to rounds for beginners, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Everyone was given an opportunity according to ability or desire.

Tea was partaken of at the local hostelry, and Mr. H. Golding presided at the business meeting. Two probationers were elected from Hemel Hempstead, and this tower was chosen for the next meeting on November 10th. The members expressed their pleasure at having the secretary of the district among them once more. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Rance for making the arrangements. Members and friends were present from Redbourn, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Berkhamstead, Northchurch, Tring, Linslade, Luton, Woburn, Bushey, St. Albans, and Willesden.

After further ringing at the tower, handbell ringing was indulged in, the methods being Cambridge Surprise Minor, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, one youthful member from Northchurch showing great promise in the latter methods.

## ESSEX RINGERS AT ST. OSYTH.

Some 30 members representing 12 towers attended the meeting of the North-East District of the Essex Association at St. Osyth on October 6th. The visitors included representatives from Sudbury, Springfield and Broomfield.

An hour and a half of ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Mitchell). Mr. E. Duffield, Master of the association, read the lesson. The Vicar, in his address, thanked the association for what it had done in the way of bellfry reform, for, in his opinion, those responsible for the upkeep of the church usually forgot the bells.

Tea was served at the Institute, and Mr. Duffield thanked all who had helped to make this meeting a success, the Vicar for his helpful address, the organist and choir, and, above all, those who provided and helped with tea.

At the business meeting three new members were elected from the Harwich tower, and the election of a member of St. Peter's, Colchester, previous to a peal attempt, was ratified. It was decided that the annual meeting should be held at Colchester. Mr. Duffield reminded members that as Master of the Association he could not be again elected District Master. All members were asked to consider the selection of a suitable man to fill the vacancy at the annual meeting.

After the meeting, ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8 p.m. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, York and London Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BIRSTALL.  
PASSING OF MR. J. LAWSON.

At the quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at Birstall, on September 29th, Canon C. C. Marshall, who presided, referred to the loss the association had sustained through the death of Mr. J. Lawson, a prominent member of the general committee. A minute was recorded expressing the district's appreciation of his life and service to the cause of change ringing. The members assented by standing in silence. Mr. J. Ambler, of Pudsey, has been elected to the vacancy on the general committee. Mr. E. Betts, of Liversidge, was elected a member of the association.

A vote of thanks to Vicar and churchwarden (it is well known that Birstall possesses a fine peal of bells, and must be unique in the fact that it only possesses one churchwarden) was proposed by the president, who referred to his own initiation to change ringing at this tower, Canon Robinson replying. A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. J. Hogg. Mr. H. Peel responding on behalf of the local company.

About 20 members were present, and various methods were rung throughout the day. Owing to only four members applying for tea, the local company made no arrangements, but, thanks to the caterprise of the local secretary (Mr. H. Peel), accommodation was found in a nearby cafe. Brighouse was selected for the December meeting. The secretary expresses his apology to the members of the Leeds and District Society for the clash of meetings.

## VALUE OF TOURS.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Mr. Alfred T. Greenwood on ringing his 200th peal in the Somerset tour. I have noted that practically all these peals have been rung with his friend, Frederick W. Rogers. It would be of great interest to the members of the Exercise to know how many ringers these gentlemen have assisted to score their first peal. It is some 12 years since I scored my first peal, and I remember how much I appreciated the assistance and help given to me by those ringers who were far more experienced than I was.—Yours truly,  
St. Austell, Cornwall. ALFRED TAYLOR.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT LLANDUDNO.**

The North Wales Association held their half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, September 22nd. About thirty members attended, representing Bangor, Rhyl, Wrexham, Mold, Llangollen and Llandudno. A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Rowlands), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the association to Llandudno.

At the business meeting which followed, the President referred to the terrible disaster that had occurred at Gresford Colliery, and as a token of sympathy the members stood in silence.

Reference was also made to the loss Llangollen ringers had sustained by the death of their captain, Mr. T. Davies. A vote of sympathy with his relatives was passed. An apology for absence was received from the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who also tendered his resignation as vice-president, and expressed his regret that his connection with the North Wales Association had been so brief.

The report for the year was submitted by the Hon. Secretary, who said that the monthly practice meetings had been very successful, and the attendances most satisfactory, especially in the Wrexham district, and had been much appreciated by the young ringers. The balance sheet showed an increase in subscriptions and was duly passed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bangor. A proposal was put forward and carried that at future meetings a charge of 1s. would be made for tea. Twenty new ringing members were elected to the association, also three new life members.

The members were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens at a local cafe. The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his helpful and practical address, for the use of the tower and his kind hospitality.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION AT KINGSWOOD.**

A successful meeting, attended by 30 members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, was held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Dunn) conducted the service, Mr. A. M. Hicks being the organist. Tea was served at the Blue Anchor, Tadworth. Ald. Temple Newell presided at the business meeting, when the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Merstham in December.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. from London Surprise Minor to rounds. Votes of thanks were passed to all who contributed towards such a happy gathering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****A BIG GATHERING AT WOOL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wool, on September 29th, was largely attended, and good opportunity for practice was given for those not so advanced in the art.

The special preacher at the Guild service was the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), who gave one of his characteristic and original addresses. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. E. S. Tarrant). Mrs. G. Hodges was at the organ.

Members and friends were entertained at tea at the Reading Room, the following towers being represented: Bere Regis, Bradford-Peverell, Dorchester, Fordington, Upwey, Wareham, Wyke Regis, and every member of the local company. A welcome visitor was Mr. N. I. Allnatt, of Swindon, who is at present residing in the district.

A short business meeting followed and was attended by 64 members and friends. The Chairman, who presided, welcomed the members and friends to Wool, and remarked on the bond of fellowship which existed between them, and thanked all responsible for such a happy gathering.

The following new members were elected: Life member, Mr. W. E. Troke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London); ringing members, Messrs. N. I. Allnatt (Swindon) and F. Stedman (Weymouth); associate members, Mesdames G. B. Runyard, M. H. Tarrant, H. M. Hodges, M. E. Williams, D. Hyde, M. Smith, H. Stephens (Wool), and A. E. Stedman (Weymouth). The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester after Christmas.

Votes of thanks were further extended to the Rev. A. S. Bryant for his excellent address, and also to the chairman and local band. The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, where further practice was continued.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Twenty-seven members attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Benington on September 22nd, Canon W. F. Hodge (Rector) conducting the service. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carby. Swineshead was selected for the annual meeting in January. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Carby, and the organist. The bells were kept going to various standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Messrs. Walter and Andrew Marshall and Albert Relfe who have rung together at Lamberhurst, Kent, for 25 years.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Taunton, on September 29th, and published last week, was Dexter's Variation of Thurstan's composition. The second bell was observation.

Good progress is being made by the local band on the 12 bells of the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants. With the assistance of a visitor a plain course of Stedman Cinques was rung on October 1st.

The peal rung at Denver, Norfolk, on August 5th, was for the Ely Diocesan Association, and the ringer of the fourth was Victor Bowen and not A. Mason.

Mr. E. Bishop has been a ringer at St. Denis' Church, Rotherfield, for over 50 years. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday greeting on September 30th, Mr. Bishop participating.

Much has been written about the absence of youth in the belfry. A peal of Bob Major rung at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday, was conducted by Edwin Barnett, aged 15. The peal was composed by Mr. G. Stedman Morris when he was 15 years of age.

Two of the band that rung the quarter-peal for the harvest festival at Sutton-on-Trent, on September 23rd, spent the remainder of the night and several hours of the next day walking home—a mere sixteen miles!

Ringings partnerships are always interesting. By a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Everecch, Somerset, on October 3rd, Messrs. Ronald G. Beck and Joseph T. Dyke have taken part in 90 peals together for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Christchurch Priory ringers had their outing on October 6th, when Wells and the Cheddar Gorge and caves were visited. At Yeovil, on the return journey, touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were brought round at the Parish Church. The outing was very enjoyable.

The West Wickham, Kent, band are losing two of their members, who are leaving the district, in Miss I. Vaughan and Mr. C. A. Tammadge. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a farewell compliment at the Parish Church on September 30th by the local band conducted by Mr. A. S. Richards.

Many old friends were welcomed when the Warwickshire Guild met at Hampton-in-Arden on September 15th. Among them was Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former hon. secretary, from Weston-super-Mare, and Messrs. Wheeler and Dean, of the Staffordshire Guild. Useful instruction to local ringers anxious to begin change ringing was a feature of the meeting.

The doyen of Taunton ringers is Mr. William Hayward, who celebrated his 80th birthday on September 7th. For nearly 40 years he was conductor of the Wilton Guild. Birthday compliments were paid him on September 23rd, when a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. George's Church. His son, Mr. A. W. Hayward, conducted, and his grandson, Mr. R. W. Hayward, also participated.

Miss Bevys V. Dobson is not alone in scoring her first peal in participating in one rung in celebration of her 21st birthday. A correspondent reminds us that Miss Betty Cox, a member of the Simpson, Bucks, band, was similarly honoured on March 10th, 1931, when she rang the third to a peal of Bob Minor, it being her first peal and first attempt. It was also the first peal of Minor on the bells in which a lady had taken part.

Omitted from the report of the North Staffordshire Association meeting at Uttoxeter was that Newcastle-under-Lyne were represented. Their three members cycled 18 miles to participate in the gathering. The Newcastle tower makes a point of attending district meetings, and so far this year they had had an average of five members per meeting. Keenness for district meetings is a foundation stone of the Exercise.

## THE INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am quite in agreement with Mr. P. Laffin's views on the above subject. It appears to me that some people are always ready to try and remove a mote out of another folk's eye, forgetting the beam that is in theirs. This question was definitely settled by the Central Council some few years ago, and as all guilds and associations are now affiliated to what is in essence the ruling authority, the question, I submit, is 'non est.' Are not all such affiliated societies compelled to accept and abide by the decisions and rules of the Central Council? There is a rule to that effect in the last annual report of the Essex Association, and I commend that to the notice of one gentleman who raised the point at the last annual meeting of the above association.

Rye Lane, Feering.

W. KEEBLE.



## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

(Continued from our last issue.)

The final instalment of the report of the tour of Mr. Wm. Pye and his party in the 'Delectable Duchy' is given in this issue.

Thursday, September 20th.—Another early start, this time towards where Col. Jerram would say that England lay. St. Nyvett's Church, Lanivet, has a fine, tall tower, with a very nice ring of bells, five of which are stated to have been bought from an old priory at Bodmin in 1538, the price paid being under £40. Two trebles were added and the peal restored by Taylors in 1924. The tenor is also from Loughborough. After a good peal of Bristol Surprise had been rung the whole party were entertained by the Rector, Canon S. Windsor, to a really delectable lunch. The amazing hospitality of Cornwall continued, and was again referred to when the thanks of the visitors were conveyed to Canon Windsor by Mr. C. T. Coles. The Rector of Lanivet mentioned that although this was the heart of the prize-ringing district of Cornwall, he did not allow it at his church. He would like his own ringers to learn change ringing, but the difficulties were great. There were no change ringers nearer than Truro. His own ringers were excellent at round ringing, but his greatest treat was to have listened to the music of the changes rung that day. Many parishioners had commented on the ringing, and he had had to explain, which reminded him of the story of the little boy, listening to the bells, who asked his father who were ringing them. The boy's father said, 'They are scientific ringers.' 'Oh,' said the boy, 'how far off is that?' Canon Windsor said he had no doubt that their visit would do a great deal of good in Lanivet, and, he added, 'I hope you will come again.'

The afternoon peal attempt was at St. Austell, where there is a ring of eight recast in 1902 by Taylors, tenor 19 cwt. London was attempted, but only an hour's ringing took place. As we said before, an inquest might have been held, but the easiest way out is to blame it on to the really nice lunch. A lost peal is just lost, after all.

A pleasant event of the day, however, was the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Kea's Church, with four Truro ringers taking part. This peal commemorated the 25th year of the ministry of the Vicar, Rev. R. H. Sowell, who afterwards congratulated and thanked the ringers. Besides being the first peal in the method on the bells, this was the first of Stedman by three of the band.

Friday, September 21st.—Gulval, near Penzance, was the first place visited. Here there is a nice octave by Warners, and the tower records show two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band. London was again attempted, but only about half a peal was rung. Enough said! There was some recompense, however, for time allowed of a quick trip to Land's End, piloted by Col. Jerram. The Church of St. Sennan, the last in England, was passed on the way, but time did not permit of a ring on the bells, a peal of five by Mears and Stainbank, dated 1889, tenor 6 cwt.

Dr. J. Symons, of Penzance, president of the Truro Guild, was the host at a luncheon at Chirgwin's Restaurant, when the party were augmented by the Vicar of Gulval (Rev. C. H. S. Buckley), Mr. W. Wood (churchwarden), Col. C. F. Jerram, and Mr. A. W. Brighton. After another delightful meal, Mr. Duffield congratulated Dr. Symons on the Bardic honour recently conferred upon him, and said that in taking for his title that of 'Barth an Cleghtour' (Bard of the bell tower), Dr. Symons had done great honour to the art of ringing.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert voiced the thanks of the visitors to Dr. Symons for his hospitality. He said it was good to come down there and be treated so well. He referred to Col. Jerram's remarks two days previously, and said, 'We conquer you at ringing, but it was a proud moment for me when our conductor said "That's all," in the peal of Stedman Triples the previous evening, with four visitors and four Cornish men and women.'

Mr. Hibbert added, 'In these days youth does as it likes, so we cannot help the youngest member of our party, who looks quite likely to build for himself a Cornish bungalow, and take unto himself a Cornish wife.'

The Vicar, in welcoming the visitors, said he was not a ringer. The well-being of ringing in that town rested entirely with Dr. Symons. He had been perfectly charmed with the sound of the bells that day, although several people had said to him, 'They can't beat our boys when they get on top of it.'

Dr. Symons said that the visit of so many ringers was a great pleasure to him. 'You are all College Youths,' he said, 'and I am proud to be one.' He was disappointed at not hearing the ringing at Gulval, but was looking forward to hearing the peal that afternoon. He had been a reader of 'Church Bells' and 'Bell News,' and was now a reader of the last and best of all, 'The Ringing World.' They saw the name of William Pye therein, and he congratulated him on being in the last 100 of his 2,000 peals.

In the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, on a fine octave by Taylors. During this peal, in which the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, took part, those 'resting' returned to Gulval, where several touches of Stedman Triples were rung. It was a privilege for the

visitors to be able to ring with Dr. Symons, Miss Eileen Symons, Col. Jerram, and Mr. P. J. Hitchens, all of whom took part in the ringing. Before leaving, Col. Jerram thanked Mr. Wm. Pye and his friends for their assistance, saying that it entirely disposed of the charge that experts would not give help. Penzance was again reached in time to hear the conclusion of a very good peal, when leave-takings with many Cornish friends had to be made.

Later that evening, at Truro, a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, and Mr. Duffield took occasion to thank Mr. A. S. Roberts, who, with Miss Angwin and Mr. C. Lanxon, were present, for his invaluable assistance in arranging this tour. The bells they had rung were all good peals, and not a badly going bell amongst them. Mr. Coles seconded, and added that he was most pleased with the peal of Stedman Triples with local ringers, although he regretted the failure of Monday, when Mr. Roberts himself was ringing. Mr. Roberts said he was very happy in arranging for the visitors, and hoped they would soon pay Truro another visit.

Saturday, September 22nd, saw the commencement of the long journey to London. A stop on the way to ring a peal of London Surprise at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, the tower which was not available on Monday, gave an opportunity of hearing a fine ring by Taylors. The Rector (Rev. F. E. Gilbert) and the churchwarden visited the belfry to congratulate the party, and the Rector was thanked for his kindness in obtaining an alternative tower for Monday's peal, and for the use of the bells that day. There are two bands of ringers at this church, and both hold first-class certificates for round ringing, earned at 1933 and 1934 festivals of the Mid-Cornwall Ringers' Association, of which the Rev. F. E. Gilbert is hon. secretary. Extracts from the competition rules may be of interest: 'Striking must not exceed 32 rounds per minute. Rise and fall in three minutes. Set bells eight minutes from start, immediately pull off for another three minutes and fall at leisure.'

Exeter was reached at three o'clock, and the Cathedral attended at four o'clock for the service of unveiling a peal tablet, already reported in 'The Ringing World,' and in the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Heavitree. London was reached next day.

This tour was generally considered as being one of great interest. Originally intended entirely for peal ringing, it undoubtedly provided opportunities for education in change ringing and the spreading of the art. There are still parts of Cornwall where change ringing is never heard; another such tour as this would do a great deal of good, and there is not the least doubt of the welcome that Cornish ringers of all kinds will give to any bands who like to make the journey to the 'Delectable Duchy.'

In conclusion, the tourists desire to thank all Cornish folk for their kindnesses throughout the tour, and sincerely hope that the assistance given will have real and lasting good results.

### CALL CHANGES IN CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very amusing to read in 'The Ringing World' the account of the Cornish tour, that the ringers at Roche, Cornwall, were astounded at 'peals' of three hours' duration. The leader of that tower is a very competent change ringer, having rung peals in standard methods up to Stedman Caters, and he has also, to the writer's knowledge, rung in one peal in his own tower, so apparently the locals should know all about peals of three hours' duration. Unfortunately he cannot persuade the others to take up change ringing. I suppose they prefer to 'hold the change.' When one considers that call changes are broadcast by B.B.C. as their call sign from a record made, I am given to understand, by the College Youths, call change ringers must feel rather proud of the fact that the premier change ringing society of Great Britain should, by ringing call changes, infer that call changes are better music than scientific.

The visit of the band to Cornwall will undoubtedly do a lot to help change ringing. The beautiful rhythm of their ringing must have impressed the locals where the peals were rung, but, at the same time, whilst the locals may concede this point, there is 'no' ringing to the stoney ringers of the West Country like the ringing with the tenor behind.—Yours truly,

W. HISCOTT ('DUCHY').

11, Rosebery Avenue, Plymouth.

### ALFORD BELLS DEDICATED.

The five bells at Alford, North Lincs, dating back nearly 240 years, have been recast and a new treble bell added, thus completing the ring of six. On the recast bells the old inscriptions and markings have been faithfully reproduced, the work being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp, against the old tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. A new frame has been provided, together with a sound-proof floor and new belfry floor. The bulk of the money required has come from small contributions given through the weekly collection scheme.

The fine old Church of St. Wilfrid was packed to its utmost on October 5th for the dedication service. Members of the local Civic Council and representatives of the Nonconformist churches attended the service.

**MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 700 PEALS.**

350 AS CONDUCTOR.

By the handbell peal at Leicester on September 17th, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., of Leicester, completed 700 peals. Mr. Morris is the general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association and the author of 'History and Art in Change Ringing.' He has rung in 197 towers (121 of which are in the Leicester Diocese), in 24 counties, for 22 societies. Mr. Morris' record is made up as follows:—



	Rung	Conducted
<b>Doubles:—</b>		
One to six methods ... ..	70	68 (a)
<b>Minor:—</b>		
One to seven methods ... ..	71	66 (b)
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	4	2
Spliced Minor and Doubles ... ..	1	1
<b>Triples:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	74	54
Stedman ... ..	57 (c)	11
<b>Major:—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	55	42 (d)
Little Bob ... ..	3	3 (e)
Spliced Plain and Little ... ..	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure ... ..	2	2
Little Canterbury ... ..	2	2
Spliced Canterbury and Plain ... ..	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob ... ..	32	10
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain ... ..	1	1
Shilton ... ..	1	1
Forward ... ..	1	1
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	23	12 (f)
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	4	2 (g)
Ikeston Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	6	3 (h)
Worcester Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	2 (i)	1
Liversedge Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Granta Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Spliced in six methods ... ..	1	1
Spliced Major and Triples ... ..	2	2
Duffield ... ..	1	—
Superlative Surprise ... ..	34	7
'Real' Superlative Surprise ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	42 (j)	10
'New' Cambridge Surprise ... ..	2	—
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative ... ..	1	1
Bristol Surprise ... ..	19	—
Yorkshire Surprise ... ..	1	—
York Surprise ... ..	1	—
London Surprise ... ..	23	1
<b>Caters:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	16	10
Stedman ... ..	58	13
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire ... ..	1	1
<b>Royal:—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	5	4
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	10	5
Spliced Kent and Oxford ... ..	1	—
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	26	4
'New' Cambridge Surprise ... ..	1	—
Leicester Surprise ... ..	2	—
Pudsey Surprise ... ..	1	—
Goldborough Surprise ... ..	1	—
York Surprise ... ..	1	—
Melton Surprise ... ..	1	—
<b>Cinques:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	3	2
Stedman ... ..	24	1
<b>Maximus:—</b>		
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	7	—
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>350</b>

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**STEDMAN'S BELLS.**

IN DEFENCE OF OLD PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If I may I would like to make an answer to a letter which appeared in your issue of September 7th from 'Ringer,' headed 'Old Principles Questioned.' He writes to ask why many people, keenly interested in old bells and bellringing, desire the preservation of the canons and prefer that bells should be hung on elm headstocks than by other more recent methods.

In his last paragraph he refers to common sense, contrasting it with sentiment. It is perhaps in regard to this last sentence more than to any other that I would ask the patience of yourself and your readers. In my view sentiment is a part of common sense. I believe that common sense is the quality common to all the human sense-approaches, to such problems as bell hanging, architecture and even to life itself. Sentiment certainly is most important in life; to try and live without it would as surely result in failure as to try and live without knowledge (science).

The difficulty that confronts human beings is to apportion rightly the values that should be given to the various aspects of life, and, in your particular world, to bellringing and bell hanging. I will illustrate this point of view by a parallel example.

If efficiency were alone the thing desired by man, and if the only objects of a church tower were to be seen in the distance and to carry bells, and if in regard to that part of the church sentiment were neglected, it would be proper, as old towers fall into decay, to destroy them and frame steel or ferro-concrete structures much lighter than were the old ones and equally strong, or even stronger than they ever were. I would not say that such buildings would be without beauty or interest. But it would surely be against common sense to destroy the old church towers because they are clumsy, uneconomic, and unscientific as judged by present knowledge. It is because these old church towers and the buildings to which they are attached, and many others in England and the world, are valued by human beings that we preserve them, continuing them in use and respecting them. They are works of art because they are the proper resultants of the conditions of the day when they were built—of the then knowledge and ability of man, and of his then material power and wealth.

The answer, therefore, to your correspondent's letter is that there are a great number of people who, besides enjoying the sound of bells, enjoy also these other qualities which they share with the old towers, which qualities, I am quite certain, all your readers love well.

Further, in making additions or alterations to a valued ancient building, it is common sense to pay respect to all the qualities of the existing building, tempering our procedure with our own knowledge and way of doing things, neither stressing functionalism nor archaeology or art beyond the demands of common sense. It seems wise to apply the same reasoning to a bell cage and the fittings of bells, and out of respect for the old work of man (which, like other old works of art, was first rate in its day and which, since its creation, has given, and still continues to give, to man joy in its being), to treat them with a similar respect. This, I think, should be done in the case at issue, (1) by preserving the canons of the bells, and (2) by using elm head stocks, for this preservation and this use does not hinder the full pleasure of bellringing nor harm the sound of bells, and this, although they do entail more thought, more care, and sometimes more work if they are to be secured.

A. R. POWYS,  
Secretary,

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION AT LEITH.**

Rain fell heavily during the meeting of the Scottish Association at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on October 6th, but it did not prevent the members from turning up at what was for most of them their first ring on the oldest ring in the association and the oldest ring in use in Scotland, being an eight by Mears and Stainbank, 1866.

At a short service in the church, the Rector, Rev. William Hall, said that many people thought that the service started when the bells had finished, but this was not so, as their devotion started whenever the bells begin calling the people to the House of God.

Tea was served at Crawford's, after which the president, Mr. W. B. Sampson, read a letter from Mr. Henry Sargent tendering his resignation as joint Master, owing to ill-health. Mr. Sargent was able, however, to be present at the meeting. Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote (ex-Master) was in charge of the ringing, as Mr. W. H. Pickett was unable to attend. The evening concluded with ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

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(a) 6,800 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. record; (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung; (d) 7,488 Northants record, 7,008 and 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 6,720 record; (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (g) 7,840 M.C.A. record; (h) 9,120 record; (i) 9,600 record; (j) 7,008 and 12,896 records.

The above includes 41 on handbells from Doubles to Cinques.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE DINNER.****THE STATUS OF RINGERS IN DIOCESAN MATTERS.**

The second annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held in the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. William Short, the guests of the evening being the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, secretary of the Hereford Guild, and Mr. Herbert Knight, secretary of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Other well-known ringers present included Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, Mr. J. R. Newman, general secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. Harry Mason, Alderman James Hemming, of Evesham, and Mr. Sidney T. Holt. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. T. C. de la Hay, of Bromsgrove, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J.P., M.A., Mr. Frank Perrins and others.

The dinner was followed by a musical evening with not too much formal business, and interposed with the minimum number of speeches.

Mr. Harry Mason, in proposing the toast of 'Kindred Associations,' welcomed the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. Herbert Knight, whose presence was very much appreciated. The Worcestershire Association had always endeavoured to work hand in hand with its neighbours, and would, he hoped, continue to do so. Mr. Mason drew the attention of those present to the various ways one association could help another. He referred particularly to the appeal for funds in connection with the work on Kidderminster bells. Our kindred association, he said, had been doing their bit towards this good cause, and he, the speaker, hoped all members who had not done so would give the matter consideration.

Mr. Herbert Knight replied and said it gave him great pleasure to be present at that gathering, because, apart from anything else, he felt that such social intercourse as was obtained at gatherings of that sort did a great amount of good in the Exercise. The Worcestershire Association had always been to the fore, and so long as it had such men among its ranks as Mr. William Short, Sidney Holt and Robert Matthews, he felt the association would continue to be so. It was up to the younger generation to emulate the good examples of their leaders.

The toast of 'The Worcestershire and Districts Association' was ably proposed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. He said that whether he went north, south, east or west, it seemed that one could never get out of Worcestershire; in fact, he felt, when travelling in this part of the world, that the only part of the country which was not in Worcestershire was Wales and Hereford! The Worcestershire Association loomed largely in the ringing world, and he hoped it would go on from strength to strength.

Mr. Newman, in reply, thanked the previous speaker for his kind remarks concerning the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Newman said he thought the association had justified itself in the way it had carried out its objects, but he would like to see the status and opinions of ringers and ringing associations appreciated more by the 'powers that be,' particularly by the Bishops' Advisory Boards. There was, said Mr. Newman, quite as reliable knowledge among ringers as among the archaeologists, especially on the question of re-hanging or recasting of bells, and it was the duty of all ringing associations and ringers to see that they received the recognition to which they were entitled.

The rest of the evening was given over to musical entertainment and having a good 'chin-vag' with friends one did not meet very often. The musical programme was an 'all ringer' affair, songs being sung by Mr. Geoffrey Hemming and Mr. George King, a monologue by Miss Amy Johnson, and an 'entertainment' by Mr. John Hall. There was also handbell ringing, including an effort by four novices, the latter (a plain course of Grandsire Triples), being appreciated very much, if the applause was anything to go by. It is left to the imagination as to what might have happened if someone had called a 'bob.'

**NEW BELLS AT BISHOP'S LYDIARD.**

Three recast bells of the peal of eight were dedicated by the Vicar at Bishop's Lydiard, Somersetshire, on Sunday, September 30th. The back bells have been going rather badly for several years, the tower not keeping steady. Bells 6, 7 and 8 have been put on ball bearings, and 2, 3 and 4 recast, and the remainder of the peal tuned. Bishop's Lydiard has now a melodious peal of bells, tenor 23 cwt. in E. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on an excellent job.

**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT MEETING.**

About 20 ringers attended the Leatherhead District meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on September 22nd at Christ Church, Epsom. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Tea was served in the Parish Room, thanks being accorded the Vicar (the Rev. L. W. Mylrea) for the use of the bells and Mr. J. Crawford for making the arrangements. The next meeting will probably be held on December 8th to avoid clashing with the Surrey Association.

**SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING MEETING.****NEWINGTON BAND JOIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A successful recruiting meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Newington (Folkestone) on October 6th, when the local band joined the county association. Ringers and their friends gathered from Ashford, Brabourne, Cheriton, Canterbury, Hythe, Sturry and Willesborough to elect the local ringers as members of the Kent County Association.

Some good touches were enjoyed until 4.15, when the ringers' service was conducted by Mr. C. R. Johnson, who gave a helpful address, in the absence of the Vicar. The service was made much more enjoyable by the addition of the organist, the choir and several members of the usual Sunday congregation. The church, too, was decorated for the harvest festival, which further added to the enjoyment.

After the service, an enjoyable tea was served at the Village Hall by ladies of the church. The tea was provided by the efforts of the local ringers in arranging a whist drive, an indication of their keenness.

Mr. Johnson presided at the business meeting, and the hon. secretary proposed that the Newington band, consisting of ten persons, be elected, collectively, members of the Kent County Association. This proposition, seconded by Mr. Ruck, was carried unanimously. The chairman was made an hon. member. Messrs. S. Finn and E. S. Ruck then in turn each thanked all who had in any way helped to make such an enjoyable afternoon. Although the weather was none too kind, nobody enjoyed themselves any the less because of that, except, maybe, those who allowed themselves forty minutes to walk two hundred yards! The help of any ringers who happen to be close to Newington Church on Wednesday evenings between seven and nine will be more than appreciated.

**VALUE OF PROPAGANDA VISITS.**

As the outcome of the visit of Essex ringers to Middleton Cheney, Essex, last June, a peal was rung on the local bells this week. Middleton has a grand ring of six bells, rehung by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough (and reflects great credit on the firm), about three years ago. Standing on the ground floor, ringers found 62ft. of rope without guides, and if the bells had not been hung perfect, the peal could never have been rung. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. B. H. Canton, for granting the use of the bells and congratulating us on the good striking throughout, also the local ringers for having everything ready, and to Mr. J. Mardell, of Sulgrave, for his kind assistance.

**SUSSEX RINGERS' LOSS.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STEYNING.**

The meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association at Steyning, on September 27th, was overshadowed by the death a few days before of Mr. George Phillips, the steeplekeeper of Steyning. During his address the Vicar paid an impressive tribute to Mr. Phillips' loyal services over a period of many years, and to the kindness of his character. 'Many, besides the ringers,' said the Vicar, 'have lost a faithful friend.'

At the business meeting Mr. R. Congreve-Pridgeon presided, and the following new members were elected: R. F. Booker (St. Peter's, Brighton), F. E. Cole (non-resident member), L. G. Burnett (St. Nicholas', Brighton), J. Bussey, T. Shepard and J. Turner (Lewes). The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and to the organist.

Members attended from the three Brighton towers, Shoreham, Lewes, Ringmer, Heane and the local tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. Included in the methods rung was London Surprise.

**DEVIZES RINGERS AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.**

The tuneful ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) at Bishop's Cannings seemed more beautiful than ever on October 6th, when the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting. The rain swamping across the surrounding downs, making everything appear wet and miserable, contrasted with the message of joy the bells were sending out.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. R. Sharp), and after tea in the schoolroom Mr. E. F. White, vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting. The serious illness of Mr. Heginbottom, branch chairman, who is in hospital, was deeply regretted. Devizes was selected as the venue for the branch annual meeting, and the next district meeting will be held at Holt on November 3rd.

Mr. White proposed the usual vote of thanks to those who had made the meeting a success and to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and taking the service.—The Vicar responded.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30, and with a whip round on the 'buckets,' followed by a few 'rounds' on the 'jam jars,' the members dispersed to their respective homes. During the meeting methods were rung up to Kent Treble Bob, and members attended as follows: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, Westbury, Warmminster, Rowde, Longbridge Deverill, Melksham and Bishop's Cannings. Mr. A. Taylor, secretary of the Marlborough Branch, was also welcomed.



## ONE-ARMED CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query raised in Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' of October 5th, anent the peal of Grandsire Caters at Southampton on September 19th, the writer rang in a similar peal at Wednesbury on March 12th, 1912, conducted from the 8th by George Hughes, a resident of that town, who had lost his right arm up to the shoulder, and he has also rung peals from Minor to Maximus, but see 'The Ringing World' of March 30th, 1934, for a resume of his ringing career, page 203.

Bromsgrove.

HARRY PRICE.

Mr. Bert Horton, of Darlaston, writes: Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, has conducted 20 ten-bell peals in the standard methods—Grandsire Caters 8, Stedman 9, Erin 1, and Bob Royal 2.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The inclement weather was the cause of the poor attendance at the annual meeting of the Wilney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Standlake on October 6th. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. F. Pierce), several touches were rung on the bells. Tea was served in the comfortable Village Hall, and at the business meeting the branch secretary (Mr. W. Evotts, jun.) read two invitations to the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Haddenham on October 27th, and to attend Queen Anne's School Chapel, Caversham, on October 20th, to view the memorial aisle to the late Master. The next branch meeting will be at Yarnton. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist and choir, and the ladies who provided an excellent tea.

## RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the views on ringers who are paid, I being the one responsible for the subject being brought to notice. I think both Mr. Amos and Mr. Warrington are wide in their remarks. The argument is, should not those ringers who are paid do their part in ringing for service both as part of their work and a duty to God, instead of chiming, as is at present done? Personally, I am not against paid ringing, but, apart from the money side, enthusiasm is sadly lacking. It is too lengthy to state here all the particulars of the tower in question, but I end with the trust that at some future date things will right themselves.

W. MASSEY.

47, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey.

## INTER-GUILD FRATERNITY.

Fourteen members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Aldershot (9), Worplesdon (4), and Pirbright) had an enjoyable outing by motor coach to Brede on Saturday, September 29th, for the monthly meeting of the Hastings Guild.

At Brede the party were welcomed by Mr. C. A. Lovett (secretary of the Hastings Guild), and the Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon (late of the Worplesdon band, and now living at Chitcombe, Brede). Ringing on the six bells was enjoyed until 5 o'clock, when tea was served in St. George's Schoolroom. The Rector welcomed the ringers and expressed sincere thanks to Mrs. Kingdon for generously providing tea, and to the Misses Kingdon for the interest and enthusiasm they had shown towards bellringers and bellringing at Brede since their arrival. Thanks were also expressed by the visiting party for the splendid welcome they had received, promising a similar welcome to any Hastings Guild members should they at any time visit the Guildford Guild.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On September 30th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. H. Powell (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and rung in honour of the patronal festival.—On September 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung half-muffled as a mark of sympathy with Mr. W. G. Sartin on the death of his wife: H. G. Keeley 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. E. Blackmore 5, F. Price 6.

TRING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. C. Reeve 1, H. Brackley 2, H. Bishop 3, J. Puppelt (Paignton, North Devon) 4, W. Randall (Northchurch, first quarter-peal in method) 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, on September 23rd, 1,050 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Ansell 1, H. W. White 2, F. Springham 3, W. T. Prior 4, H. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Ashbrook 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, Miss D. Lidbetter 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, C. J. Tricker 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8. Rung in honour of Mr. F. G. Goddard's 52 years' membership of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 848 Grandsire Caters, the longest length in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 4: R. Brown 1, S. Jessop 2, F. Leggett 3, F. Dowey (conductor) 4, H. Burrell 5, A. Ellis 6, J. Sharpe 7, H. Barsley 8, C. Burrell 9, B. Jackson 10.

BILLINGSRUST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on September 9th for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Peter Wood 1, Cecil Wood 2, Miss H. M. Darvill 3, J. Burdfield 4, T. Adams 5, A. Feist 6, W. J. Wicks 7, Raymond Wood, jun. (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 7, and conductor's first quarter of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, September 9th, for the morning service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in 49 minutes, by: F. W. Burnett 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. W. Stomp 3, E. Williams 4, L. P. Cook 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, E. R. Warner 7, W. Tate (first quarter-peal of Bob Major as conductor) 8.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: \*W. H. Gorman 1, \*Mrs. G. H. Spice 2, \*G. Kenward 3, W. E. Spico 4, G. H. Spice 5, A. W. Durham (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Surprise. First 720 on the bells since rehanging some years ago. Kindly arranged for the conductor, who was visiting the district as a representative of the N.U.T.S.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, September 30th, at the Church of Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. J. Digby 1, J. Wheadon 2, F. E. Walker 3, E. Brown 4, H. Howard 5, H. Simmons 6, J. E. Bailey (first as conductor and first quarter in the method) 7, R. Jenkins 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor man.

KIRTON, BOSTON, Lincs.—As a compliment to Mr. T. Bishop, a member of the local band, who was married on September 27th, a quarter-peal of Major (Plain Bob) (1,264 changes) was rung the same day by: E. Sellars 1, D. Flatters 2, F. Bishop 3, \*A. Young 4, \*J. Young 5, \*J. Bullock 6, W. Lakin 7, A. E. Flatters (first as conductor) 8. \* First quarter.

LEWISHAM.—On Thursday, Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, sen., (conductor) 1, Charles Walker 2, Harry James 3, Harry Warnett, jun., 4, Walter Tyler 5, John Foskett 6, Jack Duffers 7, Edmund Mounter 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Wm. W. Fox, one of the local band for the past 22 years, who passed away on the previous Sunday.

IPSWICH.—At St. Mary-le-Tower Church on September 18th, a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 528 changes: C. J. Sedgley 1, Miss P. E. Tillet (age 15) 2, W. Tillet 3, H. R. Roper 4, Robert H. Brundle 5, S. G. Moss 6, J. F. Tillet 7, W. P. Garrett 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, H. Shannum 10, G. E. Symonds 11, F. J. Tillet 12. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of R. H. Brundle, the oldest, and Miss Tillet, the youngest, to ring a course of Cambridge Maximus together.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 12th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles in one hour and forty minutes: H. E. F. Harrison 1, H. Harrison 2, J. L. Stanier (conductor) 3, J. Tranter 4, H. Newbrook 5, F. Newbrook 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sime), whose father was interred at St. David's; also as a memorial to Mrs. Shum, widow of the late A. G. Shum, who was interred at Madeley, both on Wednesday afternoon.



## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 18th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The last meeting for the year will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. — G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is hoped that a good number will try and attend to make the meeting a success. Please try.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, together with the bells, will be consecrated by the Bishop of London on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing after the service. Nearest station, Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at White Posts. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, October 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at Bradford Cathedral at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me. —W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds, 6.

**ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Monday, Oct. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Peal restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Names for tea by Wednesday previous to meeting. Half fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Oct. 20th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, 16th. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington (5 miles north of Banbury) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Philcote Street, Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Memorial. — By the kindness of Miss Moore, Principal of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, members of guild and subscribers to memorial fund are invited to hold a ringers' service in the School Chapel, Henley Road, Caversham, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20th, to enable members to see the completed Memorial Aisle. The service will be conducted by the Master, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Reading Branch invite all attending the service to tea at the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading. The towers open for ringing will be notified during the afternoon. It is absolutely necessary for all who intend being present to send numbers or names by Thursday, Oct. 18th, to R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at Yorktown. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Usual arrangements. Please note annual meeting Swindon, Dec. 8th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.** — Dedication of Memorial to John William Taylor, senior. Service on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, Oct. 18th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No arrangement for tea. Subscriptions for 1934 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Prince Regent, price 1s. each. Stapleford bells (6) may be rung during the evening.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District. — The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Curdrige Reading Room 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by Oct. 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.** — On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 6.30 p.m., the two new trebles added to the ring of six by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans. All ringers welcome. Splendid peal of 8. Tenor 23 cwt. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.** — On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of St. Albans will rededicate the ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 27th. Further details later.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be present and requiring tea notify Mr. F. Wilson, The Beverlie Inn, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on or before Thursday, Oct. 25th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows:—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Book your seats early, and not later than Wednesday, 23rd, and come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

**WATFORD PARISH CHURCH.**—To accommodate the large congregation two Sunday evening services are held. Visiting ringers are always welcome, the times of ringing being: Morning, 10.15 to 11 a.m.; evening, 4.45 to 5.45 and 6.30 to 7 p.m. Quarter peals are usually attempted at 4.45 p.m.

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#### LATE NOTICES.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Oct. 20th at Brixham. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend coming please notify me by previous Wednesday?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District. — The next meeting will be held at Enfield (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Further particulars next week. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**GORSEINON, GLAM.**—On September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. M. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, R. Dobbins 4, R. Baird 5, W. Dobbins 6, Wallace Dobbins (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8.

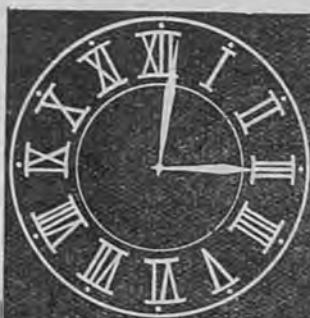
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