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**RINGING IN TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.**

The decision to make the bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, into a ring of twelve came as a surprise to many people, but it must be a source of gratification to the members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association that they are to have a ring of this number in their area. Peals of twelve have increased very rapidly in recent years, more rapidly in fact than the twelve-bell bands. Twelve-bell ringing has not increased at the same pace as the new rings of twelve, and, as a correspondent points out in a letter printed elsewhere, there are very few places at which all the twelve bells are rung regularly and rung well. There are, of course, a great many really good twelve-bell ringers in the country, but they are not all in the twelve-bell companies. Always, of course, augmentations are followed with good intentions as to setting up a band, but there are comparatively few places where a twelve-bell company has materialised and been maintained. It is, of course, no easy matter to build up a band of this description, and in looking down the list of twelve-bell towers which we print in this issue, it will be realised that, in a large majority of them, the twelve are only rung on exceptional occasions, and that, in not a few, there is practically no ringing at all.

Without particularising in any way, it can quite honestly be said that there are a number of peals of twelve which have not justified their existence in so far as they have been a help to change ringing. An occasional peal, while providing an opportunity for a twelve-bell practice, is not the entire justification for the existence of a ring of twelve. The increase of a peal of bells to this number may be a matter of satisfaction to the ringers at the time, but unless the weight really warrants it, the extra number does not necessarily add dignity. When, in addition, they are neglected as a complete peal, then, it must be admitted, the expenditure is largely wasted.

Many churches have enthusiastically enlarged their peals to twelve only to find it a matter of extreme difficulty and sometimes an impossibility to increase their band accordingly. Twelve-bell ringing is not easy for everybody; there is a different technique in it to ringing on other numbers which some find hard to acquire and for that reason they do not readily take to it. That makes it all the harder to build up a twelve-bell company, but it is really a matter of regret that for the most part twelve-bell ringing is seldom heard regularly. It may be that some of the lack of interest in twelve-bell ringing is because ringers imagine there is little variety to be had in it. As a matter of fact, among the plain

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methods there is very considerable scope, if only they were taken up. We hope in Newport, which is now to join the goodly company of twelve-bell towers, the new acquisition will be made the most of and that not only will the ringers have a ring of twelve on which occasionally to practise, but that the full peal will be regularly heard.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

 SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

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

CYRIL SMITH ... .. Treble	HENRY S. WILSON ... .. 5
GORDON BACON ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 7
ROY BROWN ... .. 4	REGINALD W. DARVILL ... Tenor

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**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JACK BROTHWELL ... .. Treble	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 6
*JOHN W. SYKES... .. 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

 HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT C. REED ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HOWES ... .. 4
*JACK N. PUMFREY ... .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 5
EDWARD HOWES... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY... .. 4
*JACK N. PUMFREY ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... .. 5
*ERIC DURRANT ... .. 3	EDWARD HOWES... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in eight methods.

OQLWICH, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven extents, different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*FRANK HEELY ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
†JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 2	†EDWARD W. VAUGHAN ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... Tenor

Conducted by R. J. WARRILOW.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**PEALS OF TWELVE BELLS.**

**NEWPORT WILL MAKE THE 59th.**

The decision to increase the bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, to a ring of twelve, is a reminder of the rapid growth of peals of this number, particularly since the war.

Less than thirty years ago there were only 34 rings of twelve (one of them in Australia), now there are 58.

York Minster was the first tower in which a peal of twelve was installed, but York has not had this number continuously. A long period intervened when there was only a peal of ten.

St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, has had a ring of twelve for the longest consecutive period, two trebles having been added to the then existing ten by Rudhall in 1719.

In the list of peals of bells given in Shipway's 'Art of Ringing' there were thirteen rings of twelve. These were in the following towers: St. Bride's; Christ Church, Spitalfields; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark, London; Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury.

Of these, Spitalfields afterwards disappeared in a fire which destroyed the tower and bells. St. Peter's, St. Albans, is another tower which once had a peal of twelve. These were subsequently reduced to the original ten.

It is not uninteresting to note that in Shipway's list of churches with peals of ten bells (1816) eighteen are now among the twelve-bell towers. They were St. Mary-le-Bow, London; Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston, Canterbury, Exeter, Halifax, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Oxford, Painswick, Reading, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Wakefield, Worcester, Yarmouth and York.

The following is the present list of rings of twelve:

	Tenor.	Cwt.
<b>LONDON.</b>		
St. Paul's Cathedral	...	62
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside	...	54
St. Bride's, Fleet Street	...	28
St. Michael's, Cornhill	...	41
St. Giles', Cripplegate	...	36
St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark	...	50
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	...	30
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	...	28

**THE PROVINCES.**

Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, St. Michael and All Angels'	25
Aston, Birmingham, SS. Peter and Paul's	25
Birchington, Kent, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park	15½
Birmingham, St. Martin's	37½
Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe	50½
Buckfast Abbey, Devon	41½
Cambridge, St. Mary-the-Great	28
Canterbury, Christ Church Cathedral	30
Chelmsford, Essex, St. Mary's Cathedral	34½
Cheltenham, Glos, St. Mary's	22½
Christchurch, Hants, Priory Church of Holy Trinity	30
Cirencester, Glos, St. John's	29
Croydon, Surrey, St. John-the-Baptist	37
Exeter, Devon, St. Peter's Cathedral	72
Halifax, Yorks, St. John's	25½
High Wycombe, Bucks, All Saints'	31
Ipswich, Suffolk, St. Mary-le-Tower	32
Kidderminster, Wores, St. Mary and All Saints'	24½
Leeds, Yorks, St. Peter's	41
Leicester Cathedral	25½
Leicester, St. Margaret's	33
Lincoln Cathedral	24
Liverpool, St. Nicholas'	39½
Macclesfield, St. Michael and All Angels'	26½
Manchester Town Hall	42½
Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Nicholas' Cathedral	37½
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft	37½
Oldham, Lancs, St. Mary's	33
Oxford, Christ Church Cathedral	51
Painswick, Glos, St. Mary's	26½
Reading, Berks, St. Laurence's	23½
Saffron Walden, Essex, St. Mary's	24
St. Albans, Herts, St. Peter's Cathedral	23½
Sheffield, Yorks, St. Peter's Cathedral	41
Shrewsbury, Shropshire, St. Chad's	43
Surfleet, Lincs, St. Laurence's	12
Taunton, Somerset, St. Mary's	30
Tewkesbury, Glos, St. Mary-the-Virgin	23
Trowbridge, Wilts, St. James'	24
Wakefield, All Saints' Cathedral	31
Walsall, Staffs, St. Matthew's	28
Waltham Abbey, Essex, St. Laurence's	38½
West Bromwich, Staffs, Christ Church	23
Winchester, St. Swithun's Cathedral	35½

	Tenor	cwt.
Wolverhampton, Staffs, St. Peter's	...	33
Worcester, St. Mary's Cathedral	...	49½
Yarmouth, Norfolk, St. Nicholas'	...	30½
York, St. Peter's Cathedral	...	60

**IRELAND.**

Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral	...	45
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**AUSTRALIA.**

Melbourne, St. Paul's Cathedral	...	31½
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**ARE RINGS OF TWELVE A MISTAKE?**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see by your issue of August 18th that another ring of bells is to be increased to twelve. No doubt it is a very nice thing to have a peal of twelve bells and I fully applaud the energy of the people who take the trouble to get these bells. But, when all is said and done, rings of twelve bells are a mistake, both from the point of music and also from the point of the art of ringing. There are, I suppose, half a dozen twelve-bell towers where there are bands which ring all the bells regularly and ring them well. But in the majority of twelve-bell towers, when all bells are rung, the striking is far inferior to what the same men would do on eight or ten bells. How many twelve-bell rings are there where one can count all the twelve when they are being rung in the usual way? How many towers are there where the twelve bells sound better to an ordinary non-ringing listener than the ten or even the eight? Even when the striking is good the rapid rate at which the bells must be struck and the long drawn out rhythm are too much for the ordinary musical ear. And, as I just now said, the striking is almost always inferior.

I have heard twelve-bell ringing by a band supposed, and with reason, to be first class. They appeared quite satisfied with the striking, but I don't think that they would have been satisfied with the same quality of striking on eight bells.

I think I remember someone saying in your paper that the back eight at York Minster are a bigger musical success than the twelve. I have never heard those bells, but I can well believe it.

Another thing, if the twelve bells are to be rung something like as they should be, you must have a band which rings them regularly week by week and sticks to one method. It is usually Stedman Cinques, which no doubt is a very good method, but I can hardly imagine anyone who wants to go through life week after week ringing Stedman Cinques and nothing else. I am told that the Ipswich men ring a fair number of methods and ring them well, but one swallow does not make a summer.

ROBERT BECK.

**FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET.**

**JOINT MEETING AT STAINES.**

In spite of the international situation, a successful joint meeting of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District), the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) was held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, August 26th.

The Rev. J. R. James, Vicar of St. Mary's, conducted a short service in the afternoon, in the course of which he stressed the necessity for prayer and gave the members a cordial welcome to Staines.

Tea was served to 40 members and friends in the Church Room. The vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. J. A. Trollope) expressed the meeting's appreciation of the Vicar's welcome and his attendance at tea. He hoped that war would be averted and that members would soon meet again in happier circumstances. On behalf of the Middlesex Association he welcomed members of the visiting associations.

Mr. A. D. Barker, Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied on behalf of the visitors, and on his proposition a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist, to the incumbents of Egham, Wraysbury and St. Peter's, Staines, for the use of their bells, to the local tower-keepers and to Mr. W. H. Frisby and his helpers for serving an excellent tea.

Mr. G. L. Grover also replied on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, district secretary, Middlesex Association, and from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who was detained on public duties.

Mr. Trollope referred to the loss sustained by the association by the death of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, of Heston, and the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

The assistant secretary (Mr. W. G. Wilson) announced the dates of forthcoming meetings—Ruislip, September 23rd; Hillingdon, October 7th; and Kingston (a joint meeting), October 23th.

Members were present from Banstead, Beddington, Chertsey, Cookham, Croydon, Ealing, Egham, Epsom, Farnham Royal, Guildford, Isleworth, Kingston, Iver, Leviston, Ruislip, Slough, Stepney, Stoke Poges, Twickenham and West Grinstead, and good ringing practice was obtained during the afternoon and evening at the two Staines towers and at Egham and Wraysbury.

## A LONDON CONTEST, THE COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS IN 1784.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'The Southwark Diocesan Gazette' for last May contains an interesting and well informed article on church bells. The writer, among many other things, refers to the silent bells of South London and mentions a ringing contest which took place at St. John's, Horsleydown, when that ring of ten was opened on January 19th, 1784.

The editor of the 'Gazette,' Canon T. P. Stevens, has most kindly and generously sent me the original newspaper cutting from which the account was taken. It had evidently been cut out of a contemporary newspaper and pasted in a scrap book, a not unusual custom at the time. There is no indication of the name of the paper, but the date is written in ink—January 23rd, 1784. The account is most interesting as throwing light on the relations between the College Youths and the Cumberlands at the time, and also as giving an idea of what the opening of a new ring of bells was like in the eighteenth century.

In the year 1784 the art of change ringing was in a very flourishing condition in London. There were three leading companies, each of which was superior and more skilful than any provincial company except the Norwich Scholars. The three companies were the Society of College Youths, the ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Cumberland Youths.

The first and last of these companies were in the middle of the historical contest for the record lengths of Treble Bob on ten and twelve bells. The College Youths, by ringing 11,080 changes at Shoreditch in 1777, held the ten-bell record. In the same year they had rung 6000 changes of Maximus at Southwark, but the twelve-bell record had passed to the Cumberlands through the peal of 6240 changes rung in 1778 by their Norwich members in that city.

Both companies were now preparing to attack the other's record, and two months after the Horsleydown bells were opened the College Youths secured the record for Maximus by ringing 7008 changes at Southwark and the Cumberlands secured the record for Royal, by ringing their famous peal of 12,000 changes at Shoreditch.

And meanwhile the keen rivalry between the two societies was shown by attempts to beat each other's performances on the heavy ring of ten at St. Giles', Cripple-gate.

The third company, the ancient Society of College Youths, were enjoying the last few years of activity and brilliancy before final extinction in 1788. Their leaders were the three men whose names appear in the title page of the Clavis, William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore; and they included several of the best ringers of the day, among them being Christopher Wells, who was the first man to discover that peals of Treble Bob can have repetitions without the falseness showing at the lead ends.

This company had just rung the first peal of Surprise Major ever accomplished, and two months after the Horsleydown opening they were in a contest with the other and younger Society of College Youths to see who could ring the first peal of 'real' Double Bob Maximus with two Bobs in a lead. The 'junior' company rang 5160 changes at St. Bride's, and two days later the ancient

Society beat their record by ringing 6048 changes at Southwark.

This brief account will show how keen the competition was among ringers at the time.

In 1783 a new ring of eight was rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. The opening was on February 7th, and on that day each of the three companies rang a peal. The College Youths started with 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob. John Povey conducted and the society's best men stood in the band. The Cumberlands then followed with a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by George Gross and was said to have been composed by him, but evidently was a transposition of Holt's Ten-Part. Nine men were needed for this peal, not because the tenor was going badly, but because the tenorman was not up to his job. The ancient Society of College Youths finished the day's ringing with 5216 changes of Treble Bob. No conductor is mentioned, but probably it was John Reeves.

We have no account of this opening, and all we know is from the peal books and the peal board which sixty years ago hung in the belfry, but has since been chopped up for fire wood. There may be some account buried in the files of contemporary newspapers, but none has yet come to light.

Whether there was any formal competition, or whether each of the three companies was invited to ring we cannot say. But we can be reasonably sure that there was no dedication service in the church, and that no money prizes were offered for competition, but the band judged to have rung the best probably were awarded gold laced hats, and the day ended with a dinner.

Just a year after this opening, the bells at Horsleydown were opened and the following is the contemporary account:

'Monday last being kept as the Anniversary of her Majesty's nativity, a grand opening of the new Peal of ten bells erected at the parish Church of St. John, Horsleydown, took place when a Society of gentlemen, who are lovers of the art of ringing, in honour of the occasion gave ten gold laced hats and a dinner to be rung for by different ringers. About ten o'clock a set of *young gentlemen* ascended the steeple, in order to gratify a number of impatient hearers (who were by that time assembled) with a specimen of their *unparalleled* abilities in that art, and so proved in the end; for before they had reached 4,000 changes, all those so lately described platoons, divisions, sub-divisions, grand divisions, &c. were again repeated with large additions, and greater energy than ever, so that they were obliged to quit the steeple through private doors in order to avoid that loud reception which was prepared for them by the auditors, and which they so justly deserved! After this the Society of Cumberland Youths ascended the steeple and amidst the acclamations of upwards of 10,000 spectators rang the first peal complete consisting of 5,399 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 58 minutes; but notwithstanding they had won the hats by a great majority of changes and fineness of striking the before mentioned *young gentlemen*, contrary to all order, were admitted to a second trial, with a view, as it is supposed, to retrieve their lost honour and transmit to posterity a striking testimony of their superior abilities and indefatigable perseverance, but how great was the disappointment when this second attempt proved far inferior to the first and became the object of contempt and ridicule! And although they had been worsted by a considerable odds, yet fortunately for them they had chose for their umpire a squinting oyster man who, being so much infatuated with the glory of his post as to loose his best sense, viz., that of thinking and judging right, and who it is believed was h—d for the occasion gave it in favour of the *select performers*, because they rang *College Horn-book*; and the gentlemen who gave the hats confiding in the *superiority* of his judgment, the supposed victors were, contrary to equity and good conscience, crowned with the laurels they had so egregiously lost and admitted to partake of the dinners provided for the occasion.'

From the peal books we know that the Cumberlands rang the first peal on the bells, 5399 changes of Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by George Gross; and that the College Youths rang on the same day 5040 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, conducted by John

Povey. Both bands consisted of the most skilful ringers the societies possessed.

If we can believe the writer of the newspaper report what happened was that the College Youths had the first attempt and rang under 4000 changes, but failed so badly that they had to slink out of the steeple by a private door, in order to escape the jeers of the listening crowd. Then the Cumberlands rang their peal 'amidst the acclamations of upwards of 10,000 spectators,' but instead of the prize being given to them, the College Youths were allowed a second attempt. This ringing was worse than their first attempt and 'became an object of contempt and ridicule'; nevertheless, owing to the fact that the umpire was incompetent and had been bribed the College Youths were awarded the victory and received the hats and the dinner.

It is a pretty little tale, but not convincing as it stands. The writer, whoever he was, was certainly not impartial. Either he had a strong personal bias in favour of the Cumberlands, or (as is perhaps more likely) simply wrote down what they told him. They evidently took their defeat very badly and the incident does not show that the relations between the two companies were those of 'friendly rivalry.'

It is noticeable that the details of the Cumberlands' peal (the number of changes and the time taken) are given correctly, but the reader is led to suppose that the College Youths did not ring a peal at all.

The writer affects the ironical and sarcastic style which was largely used by newspapers of the time. The College Youths are referred to as *young gentlemen* (in italics) and the quotation about transmitting 'to posterity a striking testimony of their superior abilities' is a sar-

castic reference to a College Youths' peal board, possibly the one then lately erected in Shoreditch tower.

It is an old dodge and not a very sportsmanlike one to blame the judge when the match is lost and to hint that the umpire was unfair and had been bribed. We notice that the charge is not definitely made; he is said to have been 'b—d.' It was a common way of making an accusation and, at the same time, trying to avoid any unpleasant consequences, which might take the form of legal proceedings or, more likely, of a horse whip.

If the College Youths were allowed a second trial after they had failed the first time, it certainly does not seem quite fair, especially as they were awarded the prize. But I think it is quite possible that the band which rang the first time and failed was the ancient Society of College Youths and not the same band as that which rang the peal of Treble Bob. The reporter certainly drew on his imagination for some of the details. We cannot believe that even in the eighteenth century 10,000 people assembled to hear church bells rung, and if so great a crowd, or even a much lesser crowd, had assembled round the church it is difficult to see how the first band could have 'quit the steeple through private doors.' Neither can we suppose that the College Youths of that time rang so badly that they were afraid to face hostile demonstrations from the assembled spectators. And, after all, the 'Society of gentlemen,' 'the lovers of the art of ringing,' agreed with the umpire's verdict and gave the hats and the dinner to the College Youths.

We are sometimes told about preserving the old traditions of the great London societies, and we are told that the relationship between them was one of healthy and friendly rivalry. Incidents like the above throw some light on what the relationship really was.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

With reference to the statement made in our last issue that the peal at Bollington was the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for the Chester Diocesan Guild, we are informed that the first actually was rung on May 8th, 1923, at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, conducted by the late James Fernley.

Mr Stafford Green writes that all arrangements for Masonic peals are cancelled until happier times.

A ringing tour had been arranged to start to-morrow and a good selection of Yorkshire towers had been secured, including, we believe, Sheffield Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Bradford Parish Church and Selby Abbey. Unfortunately it has had to be cancelled.

On Saturday last a meeting of the North and West District of the Middlesex Association had been arranged at Heudon Parish Church. At the last minute the Vicar felt compelled to cancel it, but actually no more than three or four members turned up.

Sixteen years ago to-day the first twelve-bell peal in Hampshire was rung on the bells of Winchester Cathedral, which had just before been augmented by the addition of two trebles as a war memorial.

On September 10th, 1741, John Forster, who had rung in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever achieved, called a peal of Gathrine's Triples on the bells which Theodore Eccleston had lately given to the Parish Church at Coddendam in Suffolk. Gathrine's Triples is, of course, the peal of Grandsire Triples which John Garthorn, of Norwich, had composed and which was rung in that city in 1718.

September 12th is the 95th anniversary of the birth of Charles Henry Hattersley, for so many years one of the best known ringers, whose name is still familiar to even the younger members of the Exercise as a composer. He died on October 15th, 1915.

## IF THE WORST BEFALL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Since you wrote your leading article war has started, but we are not yet going to think that the worst has actually befallen. We shall have to curtail our ringing without a doubt, and a good many ringers will be serving their country as they did in the last war. But we must do our best, each in our own way, to keep the Exercise alive and to make sure that when peace and victory come again, as they will come, our art will again flourish.

I would suggest that some of the meetings should not be cancelled, but should be held as social gatherings even if the church bells cannot be rung. And handbell ringing is an art that will pay to cultivate. Personally I got quite a lot of comfort and satisfaction when I was in the trenches by working out peals and methods and writing controversial letters to 'The Ringing World,' and I recommend the same thing to any ringer who may find himself somewhere in—wherever he may be.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## KENT SCHOOL'S PLAN.

HOW A SUCCESSION OF RINGERS IS SECURED.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with interest your article of August 11th, entitled 'Importance of New Conductors,' in which you discuss the problem of passing ringing from one generation to the next. I thought you might be interested in the unique situation which we have here touching upon that subject.

The comparatively new bells of Kent School, an American college preparatory institution, were first rung in 1932 by Kent boys, under the supervision of I. J. Attwater, a British instructor. Before Mr. Attwater returned to England in 1935, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples had been accomplished. Since 1935 a sixth form student has yearly been appointed chairman and conductor of bellringing. His duty, with the aid of the other sixth form ringers, is not only to see that there is good ringing during his year, but to see that the under-formers are sufficiently skilled to carry on the following year, after he has graduated. So, you see, we meet the problem of new ringers and new conductors not every generation, but every year.

We have been rewarded with reasonable, but modest, success in this method of carrying on ringing, and our prospects look brighter each year, although for five years sixth formers have been our only instructors, and no one has inherited the ability to ring. At present our achievements are confined to the extent of Grandsire Doubles and short touches of Grandsire Triples. Our practice periods are before 'chapel' each evening from 6 to 6.15 p.m. We are the only band in the United States to ring (excepting the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays) daily.

CHARLES GRANGER, Chairman for 1940.  
Kent School, Kent, Conn., U.S.A.

## STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

At their first attempt students at the Theological College, Lichfield, rang a quarter-peal of Doubles in six methods on Sunday. The methods were one 120 each of Wynchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and 5½ 120's of Grandsire, and the ringers were Richard A. C. Brodribb 1-2, Malcolm C. C. Melville (conductor) 3-4, Michael M. K. Warren 5-6.

Wynchendon is St. Simon's with place making in 1-2 and 3-4. Both Wynchendon and Canterbury have a Grandsire Bob except that the bells in 4-5 lie still instead of dodging.

**SERVICE RINGING IN WAR TIME.**

We have received several inquiries asking whether bells should now be rung for Sunday services.

Pending an official ruling by the civil or ecclesiastical authorities we suggest that bells should continue to be rung for church services, except in populous districts, where the ringing might make it difficult to hear any air raid warning.

During the last war all ringing, even the chiming of clock bells, was stopped by authority after sunset. Up to the time of writing, no similar regulation appears to have been issued and it is likely that the particular reasons for that order do not now exist.

**MEETINGS CANCELLED.**

The following meetings have been cancelled owing to the state of war:—

**TO-MORROW.**

- Ladies' Guild at Lowestoft.
- Ely Diocesan Guild at Winwick.
- Guildford Diocesan Guild at Epsom.
- Lancashire Association at Hawkshead.

**SEPTEMBER 16th.**

- Yorkshire Association General Meeting at Ripon.
- Halifax and District Association at Thornhill.
- Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Hursley.
- Yorkshire Association at Whiston.
- Sussex County Association at Chiddingfold.
- Essex Association at Great Yeldham.

**FOUR-PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I may perhaps point out that there is another plan on which four-part peals of Bob Major can be produced. They are based on the ordinary two-part ten-course touch. In any two of these courses a bob before must be called, provided that one will produce a 6-4 or a 6-5 and the other a 6-2 or a 6-3. Then call three Homes in each of the courses and after the third Home W and M to bring the bells back to the original touch.

You will then get a four-part peal, 5,056 changes, with the sixth the extent Wrong and twenty times Right. Reverse it and you will have a peal with the sixth the extent Right and twenty times Wrong.

23456	W	B	M	R	23456	W	B	M	R
52364	—	1	—	—	42563	1	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—	34562	—	—	—	—
45362	1	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—	—
34562	—	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—	53462	—	1	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—	—

Another variation is to use the alternative ten-course block, which is called 2 W. R. 3 W. R. Most, if not all, of the peals produced on this plan have been published and rung at various times and as the work of various composers. I am not, of course, making any claim myself to any of them.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

**SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am not going to challenge the right of the Bushey band to have rung a spliced peal, but, after all, mixed Erin and Stedman is only Stedman rung as the late Rev. H. Law James used to tell us it ought to be rung; that is, with the quick six acting as a bob. Only he wanted it to be rung without any ordinary bobs, in addition. It would be interesting to know if a 5,040 is possible on that plan. Perhaps some of our leading composers will enlighten us on the matter.

'INTERESTED.'

**ANCIENT CUSTOMS.**

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S REPLY TO MR. TROLLOPE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Unlike Mr. Trollope, I am glad to be able to accept his corrections, and hope I may do so with a good grace.

For instance, he writes that 'nowadays there are no parish clerks, and have not been for a good many years.' I am quite sure he means something by these enigmatic statements, but I fear I cannot tell what it is. At the present time every parish with which I have ever been connected has still its clerk. Furthermore, he prescutly refers to Mr. F. C. Lambert, who, as he must know, is the energetic and learned parish clerk of Halesworth.

So far from my 'doubting his statement' of ringing lasting on and off all day, I mentioned having heard the same thing, in Brittany, twice this June. As Mr. Trollope says, this is no evidence of what went on in England. It is, however, interesting to know of what is done with bells, where there is no change ringing.

What I do not merely doubt, but deny absolutely, is that there was round ringing, or call changes, before bells were rung with complete wheels. It could not be done, and no one wanted to do it. Nor would anyone want to have bells properly hung (as we should put it) merely to ring rounds or call changes. No one had such unmusical ears in those days. If Mr. Trollope wants us to believe that this kind of ringing is not a corruption of change ringing, he must produce some very convincing proof.

Mr. Trollope persists in coupling together ringers and candles, because as he says both are mentioned together in some wills. He also says that this ringing was 'for pleasure, i.e., as a sport.' Were candles then a pleasure or a sport?

What I refuse to believe is that the ringing mentioned in wills was either of these things. As we do not know what sort of ringing it was that Bishop Grandison or Martin Bucer were fulminating against, we cannot use their words on one side or the other; it is most unlikely that they were speaking of the same thing. In any case, very similar words are used to-day by those who dislike much ringing for services or for peals.

It would have expressed my meaning better if I had merely said that where there were several towers a society would be formed and would ring at certain towers. I should not have used the word 'responsible.'

It is true that there have been, and alas still are, drunken ringers. Once about Christmas I rang (or tried to ring) with a band, of whom all the others seemed more or less drunk. But this was at the end of the last century. Yet I have never seen beer brought inside the heltry; it is possible that on some occasions this may have been done; but I cannot believe that it was ever the custom. It is most unlikely that food was ever taken there. The ringers' jugs, which Mr. Trollope mentions, are really evidence of this. Would he ever have liked to carry up one of these, with only a small amount of liquor in it, to the ringing chamber, at the top of a narrow winding staircase? Yet he calmly suggests that 'foolish boys' did this! The folly suggested by Martin Bucer was hardly this. Moreover, he would hardly have written of 'superstitious men' if he had been thinking of ringing as either for pleasure or as a sport.

When Mr. Trollope refers to 'sweet bells jangled' he imagines Shakespeare used 'jangled' in the same way that a modern change ringer would. This, of course, is impossible. They knew then, as well as we do now, when a bell or other instrument was out of tune, and knew as little as most people know to-day how they are tuned. This (bells being out of tune) we cannot doubt is what he was referring to. The other meaning, besides being impossible, does not even answer its purpose. I have heard bad strikers called by many hard names by modern ringers, but I do not think it would occur to anyone to call them mad!

HERBERT DRAKE.

**THE HALESWORTH LEGACY.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Rev. Herbert Drake stated definitely that the Halesworth ringers have enjoyed for many years an annual dinner, provided by money left by William Walpole in 1539 and confirmed to them by the Charity Commissioners. According to Mr. Trollope, the original legacy was only for money to be given on the actual funeral day. Those of us who are interested in the history of the old ringing societies would be glad if Mr. Drake would give us further particulars, for, if he is correct, the Halesworth legacy is certainly the oldest endowment of ringing in England.

A. BLACK.

**WEDDING BELLS AT ICKLETON.**

At Ickleton Parish Church, Cambs, on Saturday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. J. Smoothy (first quarter-peal) 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Lilley 3, A. Fleet 4, R. Clements 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Plitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8. This was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss A. M. Welch (daughter of Mrs. Welch and the late Mr. J. Welch, of Ickleton Abbey) and Mr. D. L. Nichols, of Fulbourn. The late Mr. Welch held the office of churchwarden for several years and always supported the ringers. He was the first to give £50 for the restoration of the church bells a few years ago.

## A NINE DAYS' TOUR.

### THE ACTIVITIES ROUND LIVERPOOL.

As recorded in our last issue, the peal ringing tour in Lancashire and Cheshire, which concluded at Liscard on Saturday week, resulted in 11 peals being rung in 16 attempts made in nine days, which was perhaps not quite up to the average of former years. Although they had some failures, however, the party had some good ringing and spent a most enjoyable week. They regretted that Mr. W. H. Fussell, their captain of previous years, could not join them, but they were all pleased to know he was enjoying good health after his serious operation a few months ago. Another setback was the absence of Mr. Harry Parkes, whose business would not allow him to break away. They not only missed him for his ability as a 'back-ender,' but also for the services of his car, which was so helpful last year at Wolverhampton.

Headquarters for the week were the Victoria Hotel at Liverpool. The majority of the party arrived on Friday evening, when the first peal of the tour was rung at Garston, which is now part of Liverpool. Cambridge was the method rung. Naturally those who set out on a peal ringing tour always like to score the first peal, and this was looked on as an augury of success for the remainder of the week.



ST. NICHOLAS, LIVERPOOL,  
where the peal of Maximus was rung.

On Saturday morning they visited Bebington, where they were met by Mr. E. Breeze, who had everything ready for the party. Here a peal of Superlative was tapped off, and then, after lunch, the ringers made their way to Chester, a peal at the Cathedral being the objective. They were met by several Chester ringers. Mr. J. Swindley piloted them to the tower, where, after raising the bells, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was brought round, this being the first peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

On Sunday morning some of the party joined in the service ringing at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and afterwards they paid a visit to the Landing Stage, where interest centred in the departure of the Welsh and Manx boats.

After an early lunch they made their way to Newchurch, where they were met by Mr. J. Leatherbarrow (one of the band who rang in the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major) and his colleagues, who gave the party a cordial welcome. They also had the pleasure of meeting here Mr. T. B. Worsley, the composer of the 17,824, who was accompanied

by his wife and daughter. Quite a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung. Tea at the Harrow Inn was afterwards much enjoyed. On the return home the ringers called at the R.C. tower of St. Francis Xavier's, where courses of several Surprise methods were rung, the method not rung being a new one named Liverpool, although a course was attempted.

On Monday the company sustained a very severe loss by the departure for home of their good friend and stalwart of many previous tours, Mr. George R. Pye. He was not at all himself in the Garston peal on Friday night and did not feel equal to standing in either of the peals on Saturday or Sunday, and to the intense regret of all concerned he felt he must return home. All sincerely hope he will make an early recovery and be able to resume his work in the belfry with the same zeal and enthusiasm as in the past.

### VISIT TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

The peal on Monday morning was at Halewood, a light ring of eight by Taylor. After scoring Cambridge here and lunch at headquarters, the afternoon was devoted to a visit to the new Cathedral tower.

The Dean of Liverpool received the party in his vestry and showed them on paper what we were later to see in iron and stone. They had the privilege of ascending to the tower in the lift, which is in the open and ascends and descends alongside the Cathedral wall. The Dean sent the first half of the party up in charge of a not too efficient attendant, who was greatly relieved when the correct landing place was found. However, all eventually reached the top, where the Dean explained everything that he could. One could not here give a detailed account of the visit. Suffice it to say everyone was greatly interested in and impressed with what they saw, and the Dean (Dr. F. W. Dwelly) was warmly thanked for his kindness.

After tea a visit was paid to St. Nicholas' tower, where the only twelve-bell peal of the week was rung. This was Plain Bob Maximus and there were stars for one or two of the notables in the band, chief among these being the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild.

The party were on the road in good time on Tuesday morning, when a visit was paid to Tarleton. They were received by the Vicar, who expressed his wishes for their success. After a second start for Bristol, and when the bells had been going about 35 minutes, the tenor-man appealed to the conductor to stop, owing to the heavy go of the bell. An inspection of the bell's bearings proved to us that they had not been lubricated. The Vicar had forgotten to notify the towerkeeper of the visit. There was no time for a further attempt, so the party returned to Liverpool for lunch, after which they went to Woolton, which is also now part of the city. Here there is a good peal of eight by Taylor, with a tenor a ton in weight, but rather noisy in the ringing chamber. London Surprise was attempted, but after more than an hour's ringing a bad trip occurred which could not be corrected. The Rector (the Rev. F. B. Hadow) gave some of the party a cordial welcome to the tower, as also did Mr. E. L. Humphriss, the local leader.

Wednesday was a very busy day. They had to get an early start at Poolstock, as they were due at Wigan in the early afternoon. The party were cordially welcomed at Poolstock by the Rev. Dr. Welton and Mr. Sydney Forshaw. The former addressed a few words of welcome and drew attention to his inscribed handkerchief, on which every member of the band left his autograph as well as a piece of silver. This they learned was put into a fund for the upkeep of the bells. A peal of Superlative was completed on this grand ring. The veteran of 82 conducted the peal from the treble, and the tenor was rung with marked ability by a light-weight 60 years his junior. In the afternoon the tourists were met at Wigan tower by the local leader, Mr. J. Majors, and also by two of the local veterans, Messrs. Hall and Shaw, both of whom have upwards of 50 years' service as ringers at the Parish Church. At the church the visitors were successful in ringing the first peal of Double Norwich Royal in the county, as well as the first of Royal on the bells.

### SOME BAD LUCK.

Thursday saw the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid, and they were not only personally missed, but their car also. Without its assistance in the early part of the week the party could not have carried out the programme. The first tower of the day was Prescott, where an early start was made. They were met by Mr. A. E. Reeves, the local leader, and several of his colleagues, but the visitors had extremely hard luck, for after three hours' flawless ringing they lost a peal of Yorkshire Surprise in the last lead. All went well until the bob 'Before' in the last course had been called; one or two then lost their heads and their places, the bells struck round as stand was called by the conductor. In any other part of the peal the blemish would not have been so bad, but occurring at the end there was insufficient time to recover. Some regretted having to lose the peal, but on a vote being taken over lunch it was decided by five votes to three not to count it as a peal. The ill-luck on Thursday was not ended. The party went on to St. Helens Parish Church, and were just settling down to Yorkshire Surprise Royal when a peremptory knock at the tower door compelled them to stop ringing. They were confronted with the Chief of Police and the Postmaster, who informed the ringers of the difficulty, owing to the bells, they were having in the Post Office with their telephone and telegraph messages, which were exceptionally heavy owing to the international crisis. Although the Vicar of St. Helens had given his

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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****KINGSWINFORD BAND ELECTED MEMBERS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, on Saturday, August 26th, in beautiful summer weather. This church contains a peal of eight bells, which were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock and were kept going in various methods until the usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Thompson (Vicar), who also gave a very interesting address.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, and it was regretted that more members were not present to partake of the good things provided. The subsequent business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Kingswinford and his parish. The following names were ratified as members of this Guild, having been proposed previously in the belfry before commencing for a peal: Messrs. J. W. Smith, Bernard Ashford and Fred Bennett.

The Rev. J. H. Thompson, Vicar of Kingswinford, was elected an honorary member. It was proposed by Mr. J. Goodman and seconded by Mr. H. Hill that the members of the Kingswinford band be elected as members of the Guild, and this was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar thanked the members for the honour they had conferred on him and said it was a pleasure to become a member.

It was proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Kingswinford, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master. It was also proposed that the next meeting of the Guild be held at Wednesbury, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Failing that the secretary was asked to try Pensnett.

Mr. Harold Shuck reported that he hoped to have all the peals entered in the peal book ready for the annual meeting.

Mr. H. Sheppard (the hon. secretary) proposed and Mr. Farley seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Kingswinford for kindly giving permission to hold the meeting at his church, also for the use of the lower and bells, for conducting the service and for presiding at the meeting. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies who so kindly gave their time in preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort of the members; to the organist for the musical part of the service, and to Mr. Leonard Lownes for making the necessary arrangements.

**A NINE DAYS' TOUR.**

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permission for the peal, the band felt they could do no other than to refrain from further ringing.

On Friday morning a peal of London Surprise at Ormskirk was the first on the programme. Mr. Pilkington, the local leader, met the party and everything was in order for a prompt start. Some excellent London was rung for 2 hours 10 minutes when two people insisted on doing the wrong work and 'Stand' was called shortly after. Very soon after this disaster the party were in an adjacent hotel consoling themselves as well as was possible and also drinking the jolly good health of their old friend Mr. W. H. Fussell. They all regretted very much his absence, but much appreciated his kind thought and generosity.

The Friday evening tower was Christ Church, Aughton. The bells have quite recently been retuned and rehung and an excellent job made of them. Messrs. W. Gibbons and J. Lunham gave the visitors a kindly welcome. The peal that was lost at Ormskirk was scored here, which put the ringers on much better terms with themselves.

On Saturday morning at Runcorn, which is just inside the Cheshire boundary, they were met by Mr. Allman, sen., who saw everything was in readiness. Here a peal of Yorkshire, which was the first Surprise peal on the bells, was rung, and 'Goodbye' was said to Mr. George Williams, who has such amazing energy for his years.

Returning to Liverpool for lunch, the party afterwards crossed over the Mersey to Liscard, where they had the satisfaction of ringing the first peal of Superlative in the tower where Mr. J. C. E. Simpson received his early tuition. After the peal Mr. Shepherd left in quest of yet another tower; Mr. Lindoff departed on the night train for Dublin. Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. F. White left for London on Sunday morning. Thus ended a strenuous but very enjoyable week. Those who took part would like to thank all who contributed in any way towards the success of the programme, particularly the clergy and church authorities, the towerkeepers and local ringers, whose kindness and help was much appreciated.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The meeting at Hawkshead, arranged for to-morrow (Sept. 9th), has been cancelled.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom, to-morrow (Sept. 9th) will be cancelled owing to present circumstances.—A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District, — Will members please note that the quarterly meeting arranged to be held at Hursley on Sept. 16th, has been cancelled?—W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District. — The meeting at Lowestoft to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 9th, has been cancelled.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gateacre Road, Ipswich.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Now for the Minor methods? All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Macclesfield Branch—A ringing meeting has been arranged at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. — Next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. All welcome.—J. Kay, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at School 4.30. Bus 88 from Centre 2 p.m. and every 30 minutes. Will all requiring tea kindly send me a card?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the Wirral Branch and Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know if you intend to be present. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., Wirral Branch, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A special memorial service will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th, in memory of the late President (Mr. C. D. Potter). Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by a social evening and ringing. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Lovely Ashdown Forest and a nice modern eight (tenor 15½). Come and enjoy both at Fairwarp, Sept. 9th. Ringers, friends and p.c.'s for tea very welcome. Note, next Wednesday meeting, East Grinstead, Sept. 20th.—C. A. Bassett, Sec., 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On 'Bristol' bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at Blyth (bells 6), on Saturday, Sept. 9th. I hope there will be a good attendance, including 'learners.'—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice, but meetings will be held at headquarters on Tuesdays, Sept. 12th and 26th, at 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting at Chiddingfold, arranged for Sept. 16th, has been cancelled.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — The meeting at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 16th, is cancelled.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The general meeting at Ripon Cathedral, arranged for Sept. 16th, is cancelled.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Contest and meeting at Thornhill on Sept. 16th is cancelled, owing to the international situation. — Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —Owing to this country being in a state of war, the meeting, as advertised to take place at Whiston on Sept. 16th, is cancelled.—George Lewis, Vice-President; Sidney F. Palmer, Acting Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 11th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting at Frensham on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 at the Marindin Institute. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville, on Sept. 16th. Ringing (bells 8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names by Sept. 14th. — H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District. — Circumstances permitting, the next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea *must* notify me not later than Sept. 14th. Come along and make a good meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District.—If circumstances permit, it is hoped to hold a meeting on Saturday week, Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Penge (2.45 onwards) and St. George's, Beckenham (from 6 p.m. until dark). Intending visitors should watch the previous day's 'Ringing World.' As the district secretary has been called up, matters concerning the district should be referred to P. A. Corby, 81, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

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