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THE PASSING OF THE PIONEERS.

The death of Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, removes from the Bedfordshire Association one of its founders and one of the pioneers of change ringing in the county. Mr. Herbert had reached an advanced age, and, therefore, his name was not so well known to ringers of the present generation, but those whose memory goes back forty or fifty years will recall the enthusiasm and energy with which Mr. Herbert assisted in fostering the art.

The passing of these veterans, whose death it is our melancholy duty from time to time to record, reminds us that the Exercise is gradually losing a body of men to whom it owes much more than is often realised. It was between thirty and fifty years ago that the majority of our diocesan and county associations were formed. Prior to that time the only societies were those like the College and Cumberland Youths and the St. James' Society in the Metropolis, who had members in various parts of the country, and provincial societies, like the St. Martin's Guild and the Painswick Youths. Then came the time when change ringing began to be more widely practised, and when there arose a desire to reform the belfries and put the ringers on a better footing. In the different counties and dioceses men of standing and zeal became interested in the movement, and gradually there evolved the modern associations which we know to-day.

It must not be imagined that the organisation and development of these associations was always an easy matter. It was a simple thing for a few enthusiasts to meet and pass a resolution to establish a county or diocesan body, but to bring the ringers in all the towers in the area within the fold and to gain their adhesion to the principles for which these associations were formed, was a totally different task. The tone of the belfries, as a whole, was then a very low one, the art of change ringing, except in a few places, was largely unknown, and the pioneers of those early days had not only to break down prejudice, but to carry reforms which many of the ringers at that date did not welcome. Moreover, in their efforts to promote change ringing, it has to be remembered that they had not quite the same type of men to deal with that we now find in the belfries. Education was at a far lower ebb, and consequently the average ringer was less intellectually equipped for grasping the mysteries of an art which, after all, requires an alert mind. The struggle of the pioneers of a generation and more ago was an uphill one, with many discouragements and rebuffs; but they persevered, and the outcome of these labours is to be seen in the healthy and vigorous ringing organisations which to-day carry on the work which they began and the foundations of which they so well and truly laid.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

* HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	* CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
* JOHN WILKINSON 2	† JAMES MARTIN 8
* WALTER FISHER 3	† EDWARD CAUNCE 9
* ERNEST JONES 4	* A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 10
† GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
* CLAUDE S. BENWELL 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	CYRIL PEASE 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
* REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
† ERNEST MORRIS 6	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 250th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	CHARLES R. W. GRIMWOOD 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	* JOHN HOYLE 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS CLARKE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* First peal of Royal. First of Treble Ten as conductor, to whom the peal was rung as a birthday compliment.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM O'HARA Treble	† HENRY NAYLOR 5
* COLIN HARRISON 2	WILLIAM T. CHOWN 6
FRANCIS WARD 3	JOHN THORPE 7
ROBERT HARRISON 4	HAYDN THORPE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. * First peal on a working bell.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
RAYMOND PHILPOT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Burdock, of the Holy Trinity Society, to Miss K. E. Pangbourne.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 5
JOHN FEIST 2	THOMAS STRINGER 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	KEITH HART 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST JONES Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
* ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Kent Major.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

* RONALD G. BECK Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
* HERBERT W. PEARCE 2	CHARLES ANDREWS 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM BAXTER 4	SYDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

* First peal. Messrs. J. Francis, W. Baxter and S. Francis were elected members of the association before starting.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* BASIL GUY Treble	WILFRED G. COOK 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN HOPE 7
* GEORGE J. WINTER 4	* ERNEST TELLING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Arranged for ex-Sgt. J. Williams, of Newent.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE TULLETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
JOSEPH FARMER 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
GEORGE NORRIS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 5
* JAMES REYNOLDS, JUN. 2	HARRY DICKENS 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	† BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JAMES REYNOLDS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	* GEORGE MORRAD 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED BROOM Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. W. CLARKE Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	* EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. J. E. Sykes, who was proposed as a life member before starting.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty and a half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
LEONARD TUFFREY 4	HARRY MILES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

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SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Free Estimates and Drawings, also photographs of designs, sent on receipt of full particulars to Jones, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

BEDWAS, MON.—On Thursday, Sept. 6th the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: A. G. Martin 1, G. H. Martin 2, A. Martin 3, A. E. Slatter (conductor) 4, A. J. Hurford 5, Rees Ridout 6. First quarter of Doubles for all the band except A. E. Slatter.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Tenor	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Woodiss and the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... Treble	WM. T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
ERNEST BISHOP ... 2	HARRY A. HEARL ... 6
*ROBERT W. HYNER ... 3	†THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal on eight bells. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Wm. T. Beeson, jun., who hails from Reigate, and was elected a member before starting.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	*CYRIL PEASE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,800 changes, each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Treble	*DAVID PARRY ... 4
ALFRED BACON ... 2	†A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN MCKEE ... 3	†ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal on these bells, which are of steel, cast by Vicars. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Mayson, M.A.), and as a compliment to Mr. E. F. Bennett, on the 13th anniversary of his wedding. * First peal. † First peal of Minor. This was the 50th tower in which the conductor had called a peal in 17 counties.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*WILSON ALLIN, JUN. ... Treble	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... 2	*CHARLES ALLIN ... 5
GEORGE E. ALLIN ... 3	JOSEPH LORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BIGGS ... Treble	*WILLIAM W. WELCH ... 4
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 3	HERBERT J. TAYSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	JAMES FLEETY ... 4
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 2	JAMES FRENCH ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the induction on the previous day of the Rev. J. Dunn, formerly at Newcastle-under-Lyme.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD G. BEARD ... Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	PEARL INSKIP ... 5
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, vice-president of the association, who was interred on the 14th, and was one of the pioneers of change-ringing in Bedfordshire. The peal arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Cambridge. * First peal in four methods.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... 4
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN COOKE ... 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

This is the first peal on the bells which have been in the tower since 1859. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for so kindly allowing them to use the bells, also Messrs. Hargreaves and Hancock for meeting them and having everything in readiness.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

LESLIE HIGGS ... Treble	MISS ALICE PRESTON ... 4
JOHN W. WALKER ... 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 5
CHARLES PRESTON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. WALKER.

This was J. W. Walker's first peal as conductor. L. Higgs hails from Biddulph, C. and Miss A. Preston from Bucknall, the others belong to Norton. J. E. Wheeldon has now taken every bell in this tower through a peal.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES:

*ARTHUR BISBY Treble	FRANK COLE 4
BASIL LATHAM 2	GEORGE LATHAM 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	*FRANK HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble who has joined the R.A.F. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY (TRIN) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4	J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANCES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAN 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. A. T. SCRIVENS.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION

THE CONDITION OF BEDALE BELLS.

The autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 8th, members attending from Saltburn, Shildon, Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John and Holy Trinity), Northallerton, Sharow, Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees and Wath Bedale. Several short touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but good ringing was out of the question on account of the condition of the bells. They are a beautiful peal of eight, placed in a magnificent, spacious tower, with tenor about 24 cwt., but are greatly in need of the attention of a bell hanger. Tea was provided by Migson's Cafe, and laid out in the chantry room, kindly lent by the Rector of Bedale, over twenty sitting down. The Rector of Bedale presided, in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson) who was away from home, and was supported by the vice-presidents (Mr. W. Pick) and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

During tea the bad condition of the bells was explained to the Rector.

The Rector gave the association a most hearty welcome to Bedale, saying that it was about twelve years since the association visited them. He hoped they would see their way to visit Bedale again soon. He had been told that since the association last visited them the bells had got into a very bad condition, and did not go well. If that was the case he hoped the secretary would send a report to him. He would bring it before his parochial council to see what could be done to remedy the state of affairs. He was very sorry to hear these things said about Bedale bells, as they prided themselves very much upon them, but he hoped the ringers would make the best use they could of them. He wished the association every success.

The Rector was assured that a report of the condition of the bells would be sent him as soon as it could conveniently be got ready, and it is hoped it will have the desired effect.

A NEW SPLICED EXTENT.

At Norbury, Cheshire, on Thursday, Sept. 13th, a 'spliced' 720 (Fotheringay Castle, Skipton Castle, Queen Victoria and Chepstow Castle): J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6. First extent in these methods yet rung. Also 720 Dover Castle (No. 42, 3rd's Place Delight), being the first extent rung.

PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whether the publication in the 'Ringing World' of my two compositions was a waste of space, is a question of whether the space would have been better left blank or what else there was to fill it. Fortunately the decision was not with Mr. Walker, but with someone more sympathetic, who desired to make the paper useful. If thousands of such peals have been composed, that is a good precedent, and no harm has been done by my adding two more. They are original and equal in merit with the others excepting the first produced on the plan. It is nonsense for Mr. Walker to say such peals are merely arranged and not composed, as an arranged composition must have a composer, and very often a re-arranged peal is superior to the original production. The two peals are sufficiently divergent from published compositions to give me a good title to them, so far as I know, or I should not have published them.—Yours faithfully,
G. T. DALTRY.

A TRIP IN THE POTTERIES.

These men are all as brothers,
And may they never fall,
Till God the Great Conductor,
Shall cry to them—'That's all!

These lines (author unknown) are symbolical of the great brotherhood of ringers, and indicate the spirit which makes their outings so enjoyable and invariably a success. It is always the predominant feature on these occasions, when old friends reunite for an all too brief period, and new friendships formed. Some weeks ago as already recorded in these columns, the combined companies of Bucknall and Burslem, visited Norbury, and in response to a hearty invitation from these two bands, the Norbury men and friends spent half a day in the 'smoky Potteries,' on Saturday, Sept. 1st.

Two charabancs were commissioned to convey the party, which totalled thirty-three. 'Go' was given at 1.15 p.m., and although rain was falling heavily everyone was in good spirits. Burslem was reached some three hours later, Mr. Wm. Wheelton, senr., who had made all arrangements, being there to meet them. Without loss of time he conducted them to the church, and soon the bells were going to a variety of methods. After ringing, Mr. T. Hilditch (Burslem) photographed the party.

Tracks were then made for Bucknall, where a 'Ringers' Delight,' in other words, a good meal, was awaiting the party. No pains whatever had been spared to make the visitors welcome, and the sight of a nice fire in the room, after travelling some thirty odd miles on a wet day, was much appreciated. Not only can they ring, but they can 'stoke.'

The Rector of Bucknall (the Rev. — Birch), with his warden, was present at the festive board, and the former expressed his pleasure at being able personally to welcome the visitors.—Mr. H. Langley replied, on behalf of the visitors, thanking the Rector for his kindness and the use of the bells also the Burslem friends for the use of theirs. The tower was then visited, and items from the extensive repertoire of the visitors were rung.

After a quiet half-hour in a cosy corner, the return journey was commenced at 8.15 p.m., Bullock Smithy (alias Hazel Grove for those not up in the history of this locality) being reached soon after 10.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HARWICH.

A very successful meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 8th. A short service was held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas. The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Mills) officiated, and gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association). By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was provided at the Norfolk Restaurant. Forty members were present from Mistley, Great Bromley, Tendring, Ipswich, Thorpe, Great Bentley, Colchester, Braintree, and Harwich.

The meeting was subsequently held in the same room. The Master presided, supported by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master, N.E. Division), Mr. E. W. Stannard (hon. sec. N.E. Division) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (Master N. Division).

Mr. R. W. Stannard made feeling allusion to the death of Mr. A. Morris, and complimented the Harwich band on their reorganisation, mentioning the pleasure it gave him to hear that the bells were now rung regularly by a promising young band, assisted by older men who had rejoined the band.

On the proposition of Mr. Ellis, a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. Morris was passed.

The Master thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for the tea.—The Vicar in responding, said it gave him a great pleasure to welcome the association to Harwich, and spoke in high terms of his ringers.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung. The local band possess a very fine-toned set of handbells, and several touches were rung upon these.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

'What's the use of anyfink?' the late Albert Chevalier used to sing; and he answered it himself, with the comment, 'Why, nuffink!' And that is what occurred to me when I saw the opinion expressed by Mr. Albert Walker upon the publication of some peals of Stedman Caters. Now what is the use of spending one's time composing, compiling, concocting, arranging, or adapting peals in any method, only to be told that you are in a queue containing thousands? Why, it is worse than waiting for a quarter of mace in war time. When we know that there are actually hundreds of thousands of peals of Stedman Caters in existence, I should not be surprised to learn that the two which we saw in print the other day, were already classified somewhere in the list. It would be a mystery if they were not, however 'original' they might be as the creation of the new claimant. Stedman Caters, above all things, seems to have been done to death, what with John Carter's broadsheet of over seven thousand, and Gabriel Lindoff's collection of a hundred and 'umteen thousands. Here, however, is a recipe for the would-be aspirant in the collection of courses of Stedman Caters:

Mix the bobs in a starting course to make a merry jingle.
Add other courses, twenty-three and don't forget the single.
Borrow the final twenty-four, they are easy to be found,
And splice the lot together so that presently they come round.

But what applies to Stedman Caters, applies with almost equal force to the majority of other common methods. It is not an unusual thing to see, for instance, a footnote to a peal of Double Norwich. 'This composition is now rung for the first time.' I have always got my doubts whether it is strictly correct. It may be the first time it has been rung as the composition of that particular composer, but the 4-5-6 combination and the 6th twenty-four times at home stunt—well, neither is new. Some of the older generation knew all about this business, and as the variations have their limitations, it would surprise me if there is anything to be got on these lines that has not been obtained before. But this leads to that other question, which the Editor has pressed more than once: who is really to be the judge, and where shall we look for reference? Unless the man who claims a composition to-day has some place accessible to all in which to put his claim on record, others will come and filch the credit from him in future, when they 'discover' the same figures and ring them as an original composition, in the same way that he may have arrogated to himself—quite honestly, of course—the credit which originally belonged to some past master in the art. That reference list of compositions will have to come, and I would add my small voice in urging the Central Council to get on with the job.

And this reminds me of those two other recent compositions in a method not so frequently rung. Why is it we see so few peals of Double Norwich Caters or of Double Norwich upon any number above eight for that matter? Ringers will ring Grandsire or Stedman Caters, 'till the cows come home,' as I have heard it said; but why not ring Double Norwich Caters? Is it that the music is not good enough, or is it only that hide-bound conservatism that prevents ringers striking out into anything a little bit off the beaten track? Personally I do not think the ringing of this kind of thing is encouraged enough, or else it is there is no enterprise among ringers. Perhaps it is both, although I must admit I am a little at a loss to suggest who should do the encouraging. Double Norwich Caters, as a method, is hurried in 'Shipway,' and very few ringers have a copy of that century old work. Moreover, I know of no ringing publication since Shipway's time that has troubled to give the Exercise any collection of methods above the eight-bell limit. Could not the Central Council—it is always the Central Council—give us a little pamphlet with Cater and Royal methods, including the Surprise Royal methods, so that ringers could have something to get on with? There are many hundreds, if not thousands, of ten-bell ringers, or men capable of ten-bell ringing, to-day, and I believe some such little publication would find a ready sale.

The letter, published the other day in these columns which emanated from the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures, must have been read with somewhat mixed feelings by ringers. With much of this letter all who care for the preservation of ancient towers and bells will agree, but the general effect of that letter, if it is accepted wholly as it stands by Diocesan Committees throughout the country, seems to me likely to put obstacles in the way of effective bell restoration in many places. With the object lesson of Taunton before us, where, with the best expert advice possible, the task of converting the powers that be to the practicability of increasing the number of bells was well-nigh insuperable, I can easily foresee the trouble that will arise in the future in some of the old towers, when it is sought to add a couple of trebles. As well as informing church authorities of the dangers of augmentation, the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures would have done an additional service if they had pointed out that a properly designed bell frame would not only prevent damage to an old tower, but would add to its strength, and that,

under proper conditions, an increase in the number of bells could be made with advantage, where this said additional strength could be combined with the augmentation of the bells. But somehow, in these official documents no one sees—or cares—that this kind of information is given. And so this particular letter goes out to uninstructed church officials, and effectually frightens them from touching a dilapidated peal in an ancient tower. Ah me!

CRITICUS.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A WELCOME TO RYE.

The above society held their September meeting at Rye (East Sussex). Most of the local ringers attended and welcomed the party, which numbered about thirty. Mr. and Mrs. E. Curd and their daughter kindly invited the members to tea at the Railway Hotel. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Fowler) occupied the chair, supported by the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor J. L. Deacon, J.P.). The Mayor (Councillor A. Truelove) had promised to be present, but was unable to keep the appointment. Following the meal came the business meeting, and the writer feels that in summing up the speeches, he is not penning too elastic a phrase when he says that during the four-and-twenty years of his ringing career he has never listened to more suitable addresses to a company of ringers, and others who were present, if asked to express an opinion, would take a similar attitude.

The Vicar took the lead, and commenced by voicing thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Curd and their daughter for their kind hospitality. On concluding his references to the donors of the tea, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Rye, and there was no doubt about the genuineness of that welcome. Kind, sincere and homely were his sentences, and everyone present realised to the full that it was a great pleasure to the Vicar to allow the Guild to come to his church.

The Deputy-Mayor supported the Vicar in his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Curd and their daughter, and he, too, in turn, extended a very cordial welcome to the members, and said he was proud to be a member of the society. His announcement that he was presenting each tower in union with the society with his latest illustrated book of Rye, was received with applause, and later on in the proceedings, the books, autographed by the donor, were handed to the representatives of the towers represented at the meeting. The speaker also invited the members to come and spend a day at Rye and he would be pleased to show them over the places of interest in the ancient town, including the town hall. In explaining how this little town, noted for its antiquity, attracted visitors, he mentioned that thousands of people come to Rye in the summer season.

Mr. Curd suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of Mrs. Curd, himself and their daughter.

The following were admitted into the Guild: Honorary members: Mrs. Curd (Rye) and Mr. G. Capeling, Ashford; practising members: Mr. Hodrau, Frampton and Farr, Rye; and Mr. Jordan, Wye.

Thanks were accorded to the Deputy-Mayor for his gifts, and the Deputy-Mayor moved a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Balcombe) for his services, which was carried unanimously, and to which Mr. Balcombe made a suitable response.

Unanimous thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

After further ringing, which finished about eight o'clock, the party disbanded, returning home to their respective parishes with pleasant and happy recollections of their visit to Rye, and the hearty greetings and kind hospitality extended to them will remain in their memories.

BACK FROM AFRICA.

REV. CANON RIDOUT VISITS GAINSBOROUGH TOWER.

On Monday evening, Sept. 10th, the ringers of All Saints', Gainsborough, met in the ringing chamber for the purpose of welcoming the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout, Vicar of St. Albans, Ferris, Johannesburg, S.A., and formerly assistant priest at St. John-the-Divine, Gainsborough. This is his first visit to England for over 17 years, and although it is between 23 and 24 years since he left Gainsborough, the names of the ringers at that time (some of whom have since passed away) are still fresh in his memory.

In spite of having been a thousand miles from the nearest peal of bells, while on the African Continent, he still retains his campanological abilities and love for the art of change ringing. During the evening touches were rung in various methods, and recollections of bygone days brought back to memory, a very pleasant two hours being spent by all.

Only three of the old company are now connected with the tower, but they are supported by a strong band of the younger generation, who are real enthusiasts and capable of proving their ringing abilities in the future.

F. S. W. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday, Sept. 15th, at Wraxall, near Bristol. Ringing began at 3 o'clock, and touches in various methods were rung. The captain of the tower extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors. A good tea was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting.

Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), president of the Guild, presided, and the following officers were elected: Secretary, Miss E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset; committee, Mrs. Edwards, Portishead; Mrs. Knight, Clapton; Miss Smith and Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol; district representatives, Mrs. Harvey, Portishead; Miss Williams, Bath.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Portishead on December 8th.

Many thanks are due to Miss Smith, who has so successfully fulfilled the office of hon. secretary for the past four years and great regret was expressed at her inability to continue in that post.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting was held at Limington, near Ilchester on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock). The Rev. E. Glanfield (Rector of Limington) gave an address, in which he said it was the first time he had heard the bells rung. They were rung on his wedding day, in June, and that he believed was the only time they had been rung for about two years. He hoped the practices would be resumed this winter, and that the ringers would join the association.

There are in the tower six bells, which go fairly well. They are hung in two tiers, all swinging one way, causing considerable movement of the tower. During the ringing a stone fell from between the wall and a beam on to the floor of the belfry with a bang, which rather 'put the wind up' some of the ringers present.

The president presided over a short business meeting, at which the Rector of Limington was elected an hon. member, and Curry Rivel was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business.

Midsomer Norton, Yeovil, Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Martock were the towers represented, and the methods practised were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

HISTORIAN AND REGISTRAR REQUIRED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note, with pleasure, your suggestion that Mr. Fussell should be 'Official Peal Historian,' and heartily commend the idea. No one could do the job better; W. H. F. is thorough in all he undertakes.

At the same time the Ringers' Parliament might get on with the job of appointing an official 'Registrar of Births and Deaths' of compositions. Week by week your pages show more and more how urgently it is needed.—Yours faithfully,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Carlton-in-Cleveland, where the bells, a fine peal of eight, are a joy to ring. Most of the towers in the district were represented, and the meeting proved a great success in every way.

During the afternoon a short service was held in the church, and the Rev. I. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton, and former president of the Cleveland Association, addressed the ringers, encouraging them in their work, and emphasising particularly the need for unity and goodwill amongst them in their own belfries as well as in the wider circle of their association work.

A business meeting was held immediately after tea, the vice-president, the Rev. E. Drage, presiding.

Miss A. L. Henderson was unanimously re-elected as secretary of the division for the next three years.—In thanking the ringers for the confidence shown in her, Miss Henderson spoke of the loyalty and ready help she had always received from her fellow ringers, and trusted the next three years would continue to show the increasing number and the marked progress that had been made in the Northern Division of the Association since its reorganisation in 1920.

The following committeemen were also elected: Mr. Barker, Mr. Blakiston (Middlesboro'), and Mr. G. Peck (Saltburn).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. I. L. Kyle for the many kindnesses he had shown the ringers, and the warm welcome he had given them to Carlton.—In replying, the Vicar, in his jovial manner, had some amusing anecdotes to tell.

Provided necessary permission is obtained it is hoped to hold the next meeting at Thirsk on October 20th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is every prospect of a large and representative gathering at Sheffield on Saturday, on the occasion of the second dinner in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.

Ringers who are visiting Plymouth for the Church Congress will find in our notice columns particulars of ringing which may be had.

Those who propose to attend the Winchester Guild meeting at Old Woking on Saturday may be glad to know that motor-buses leave Woking Railway Station (up side) at three minutes past each hour, and return from the White Hart, Old Woking, at 40 minutes past the hour.

The Sussex Association (Western District) meeting which was to have been held at Shoreham to-morrow, has been postponed on account of illness near the church.

The death took place last week of Mr. S. Wesley, a well-known Midland Counties ringer, who was steepiekeeper at Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham. The deceased was 74 years of age, and had rung a large number of peals. The funeral took place on Saturday.

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Sept. 22nd, 1894.

A peal of Dublin Complex Major was rung for the first time on Sept. 27th, 1913, at Gosforth.

Matr. Wood, of Bethnal Green, was born on Sept. 22nd, 1826. He lived to be nearly 86, and many still living recollect him as one of the leading ringers of the Metropolis.

The first peal on the bells at Bootle has just been rung, and we are told that the band that puts up a better show will have to train on 'stewed horseshoes,' and that is what the bells are made of.

There bells are of cast steel, and were put in by Vicars, of Sheffield, over forty years ago. There are, happily, very few rings of this material, but there is a peal of eight steel bells at St. Clement's, Hastings.

'Why is it,' asks the author of the peals of Double Norwich Royal, printed in another column, 'that more peals in this musical ten-bell method are not rung? Perhaps some of your readers can explain.'

Sussex week is fixed for October 13th to 20th, both Saturdays included. Four of the old Brighton 'veterans' will be among the gathering—Messrs. G. Williams, F. Bennett, K. Hart and R. J. Dawe.

COMPOSITIONS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

THE MOST MUSICAL POSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I venture to think that you would be doing a service to composers, conductors, and the Exercise at large, if you would give a fuller publicity to the late Sir Arthur Heywood's conclusions on the above subject, as published by him in 'Duffield.'

Reviewing the most musical combinations and positions on different numbers, he says:—

'Coming to nine bells, the best positions for Caters ringing are known, so far as regards 7, 8, 9, these bells giving incontestably the best effect when in the tittum position. If 6 is after 9 the finest Cater music is obtained; the next best being with 5 after 9. Of the four remaining bells there is little to choose between 2 3 and 4, as all these three harmonise with 9, but 1 after 9 should be avoided as a most discordant interval. In the Stedman method particular attention is necessary, as the sequences are different when the bells come behind in the middle of the course, to those arranged for the course-ends. Owing to the lack of attention to this point composers have, almost without exception, fallen into the grievous error of fixing the treble in 2nd's place throughout their peals. The result of this is that 1 is behind 9 in the middle of the course, and thus the most disagreeable discord of which nine bells are capable is made to recur continually. A little examination will show that if 1 is replaced by 6, not only will 9-6 be behind together in every course, but also 6-8; the latter being a beautiful combination otherwise unattainable at backstroke (at which a musical termination is most effective), and indeed only coming at handstroke at rare intervals. Having fixed 6 in 2nd's place, 5 will be the best to place after 9 at the course-end. The next best music is had by placing 5 in treble's place, when the sequence 9, 7, 5 will come at backstroke in the middle of the course. This, finished by the tenor, is one of the finest terminations obtainable. Of all methods on nine or more bells, Stedman Caters, when properly treated, lends itself to produce the best variety of musical combinations. As commonly rung, with the treble a fixed bell, it is small wonder that critics decried the music as inferior to that of Grandsire.'—Yours faithfully,

W. A. CAVE.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST RING OF TWELVE.**IMPRESSIVE SCENES AT MACCLESFIELD.**

The scene presented at Macclesfield Parish Church on the occasion of the dedication of the new ring of twelve bells by the Lord Bishop of Chester, on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, was one that will not be forgotten by those who were present. Although the time for service was not until 7.30 p.m., a queue of the public seeking admission had formed by six o'clock, and eventually the church was filled to its utmost capacity; whilst in the Market Square opposite a huge crowd eagerly waited to hear the first ringing of the bells. During the singing of the opening hymn, the Mayor and Corporation, with full insignia, walked in procession, and took up position in the nave, followed by the choir, clergy, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

A shortened evensong comprised the service, and the formal dedication took place at the foot of the tower, the ringing loft being open to the south aisle. His Lordship preached a most eloquent sermon, in keeping with the occasion. Following the dedicatory prayers, the bells rang 'Queen's' until the procession returned to the chancel.

A collection was taken for the bell fund, which amounted to £34 15s. 5d.

As the congregation dispersed the bells were again rung in rounds and queens, the Rev. A. C. Clements (Rector of Grappenhall) and Mr. Denison Taylor (taking part with the local ringers. Afterwards 395 of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following: J. Swinfield (Burton) 1, J. Oldham 2, G. Bottomley 3, S. Dean 4, W. Walmsley 5, A. Burgess 6, Pryce Taylor 7, T. Mottershead 8, J. Norbury (conductor) 9, J. P. Fidler 10. A plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major brought the ringing to a close.

After service, the bells were again rung until 10 o'clock, 'Rounds' and 'Queen's' on the twelve, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Major on the back bells.

The Bishop and Vicar visited the ringers to thank them for their services. His Lordship particularly inquired from which parishes the various ringers present hailed. Beside the local men there were some from Burton-on-Trent, Bollington, Grappenhall, Norbury, etc., also Mr. E. D. Taylor, representing the founders.

Some fourteen years ago, the old tenor at Macclesfield cracked so it was resolved to have it recast and the number increased to twelve, but various causes prevented the accomplishment of this plan. At a public meeting held in the Town Hall on July 11th 1922, it was decided to have the ten bells recast, a treble and tenor added, and the whole hung in a massive cast-iron frame. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work, which has been carried out with their usual thoroughness. The bells are of splendid tone, and the tenor is worthy of special note. For its weight (26 cwt.) it is exceptionally fine.

To the listener outside, the peal is evenly heard; to the ringer each bell is audible, chiefly owing to an arrangement whereby the trap-door in the ceiling can be raised or lowered at will.

Besides the restoration of the bells, the tower has been repaired, the clock overhauled, a new flagstaff set up, and the weather vane improved, bringing the total of the amount required to at least £2,700. An effort to clear the debt will be made in November when a grand bazaar will be held in the Town Hall.

After much patience and with no little courage in facing a big task, Macclesfield is thus at last rewarded by having a peal of twelve as perfect as they well can be.

It is hoped to have an open ringing day on October 13th, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The weight of the new tenor is 26 cwt. 0 qr. 13 lb. and the inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—In memory of the old scholars of Duke Street and Beech Lane Schools who fell in the great war, 1914-1918.

2nd.—The gift of W. Whiston, Esq., Langley, April 1891, recast 1923.

3rd.—The gift of David Clarke, Esq., Park House April, 1891, recast 1923.

4th.—Praise the Lord.

5th.—Fear God, honour the King.

6th.—Lift up your hearts.

7th.—We lift them up unto the Lord.

8th.—Glory to God in the Highest.

9th.—On earth peace.

10th.—O come let us worship (on bells No. 4 to 10, 'recast 1923').

11th.—Ring out the false, ring in the true. Cast 1822 recast 1923.

Tenor.—Presented by the ringers: J. Norbury, leader; H. L. Paget, Bishop of Chester; E. Eaton, Mayor; H. E. Stevens, Vicar; J. B. Hughes and T. Cartwright wardens. The peal increased from 10 to 12, and old bells recast 1923.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL RESTORATION FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £3 2s. 6d.: Worcestershire Northern Branch meeting, collection, Halesowen, £1 11s.; Mr. Hector Bird, Old Hill 2s. 6d.; James George, 5s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, 'Elma,' Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**NEARLY 600 MEMBERS.**

A most successful practice meeting of the Woodbridge district of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ufford on Saturday, Sept. 15th. By permission of the Rector, the bells (8) were at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon and evening. The bells were first set going to Stedman Doubles, and it was noted that the band included the Rector (the Rev. H. Drake), one churchwarden, the parish clerk and a sidesman, the touch being successfully brought round. After this, in spite of the fact that Ufford is on one side of the district (by the way, there is no other tower containing a peal of bells between this one and the East Coast, a distance of about ten miles in a direct line), ringers began to turn up in force, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise being indulged in. When tea-time came there was something in the nature of a crowd for this rather remote part, and 'more chairs, please,' was the order of the day. Tea was very kindly provided and served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Drake, assisted by lady friends, to which full justice was done.

The District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Drake for providing tea. Afterwards the Rector, who is also the general secretary, welcomed the ringers, and briefly described the work and progress of the new Guild which was satisfactory to all.

It was learned during a friendly talk that one band consisting of sixteen performing members, had by their energy secured twelve honorary members, an example of what can be done.

Ringings were afterwards resumed, and it was a pleasure to listen to the excellent striking in various methods, including Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise by mixed bands. Everyone seemed to have spent a most enjoyable time while the enthusiasm which abounds for the new Guild is most noticeable. There are now 570 members enrolled.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION VISIT ROYSTON.**

One of the most successful meetings ever held at Royston took place on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison), who gave a stirring address on bells and ringers. Afterwards the Vicar conducted those who wished over his church, showing them some interesting photos of the building as it was when he first became Vicar some 48 years ago. He informed the party that the chancel was modern, and that the church originally ended where the present nave began. This seems to infer that the church originally was much larger, and probably what is now the nave was the choir or chancel, and the present tower might have been a central tower with the nave westward beyond. The oldest remains consist of portions of an arcade, and a window of the 13th century, with clustered columns, and tooth ornament between the mouldings of the arches, and these have been exceedingly well copied in the modern chancel. There are traces of a chapel or chantry on the north side of the church, but unfortunately (as the Vicar said) no history or records about the building can be found.

Tea was served at Beale's Restaurant, and was followed by the meeting, over which the Vicar presided.—One new member was elected, and a vote of condolence was expressed with Mrs. F. Furr and family, of Hitchin, in their bereavement. The late Mr. Furr was for years a member of the association and an old chorister.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for his presence, for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist for supplying the music at the service.

This meeting was honoured with the presence of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, the association's representative on the Central Council, and formerly district secretary for this division. In all, some 29 members were present, and the ringing, which included Cambridge Surprise and the standard methods, terminated at 9 o'clock.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dexter is evidently confusing the coming round at hand of the above method with that of Stedman Caters. If he will examine his course of the method (which is the same) he will find when the treble leads at hand 5th's place is made, which gives the homing change 123457698 not 124365879, as he implies. The method is very false internally, there being 13 false rows against each lead. I may add that in the peals in question the bob is made in 3rd's when the treble is in 5th's hunting up.

21, Warleigh Road, Brighton.

F. BENNETT.

Mr. F. H. Dexter has now written that it has been pointed out to him that, although the places given in his letter last week, are correct, they will, if reversed, 'home' at hand from the last 5th's. On again looking at the lead he quoted from, or at least the last half-lead, he found that the last 3rd's and 5th's had been omitted, giving the lead end 129785634, which, of course, would not allow homing at hand.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.**ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.**

On Saturday, Sept. 15th, the members of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, together with their wives and sweethearts, numbering 24 in all, had their annual outing. Meeting at 8.20 a.m. they journeyed by charabanc to Basingstoke, which was reached at 9.30, and a visit paid to St. Michael's. The bells were soon tapping off a first-rate touch of Stedman Triples. Other touches in this method and Bob Major followed, and the party left at 11 a.m. for Winchester, which city was reached soon after 12 noon. Before dinner the visitors had a look round the ancient and beautiful cathedral, and in the afternoon were very kindly received and conducted to the tower which, without the aid of a guide, they would not have been able to find. After a most arduous climb, which several of the ladies were obliged to abandon, while others remarked 'never again,' they found themselves in the tremendous belfry, with its most noble peal of twelve. After pulling up the tenor, a fine bell of 30 cwt., ringing commenced with rounds on the twelve, most of the party never having heard twelve bells before. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were also rung. After tea the visitors had a short look round the city, and left at 6 p.m. for Basingstoke, where, at All Saints' Church, with its very handy ring of nine bells (what a pity it is there are not ten!) the best ringing of the day was indulged in. Some first-rate touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round. The ringing terminated with a splendid touch of Grandsire Triples, by the local ringers, to enable the visitors to hear the bells outside. This was conducted by Mr. J. Ballard, of Basingstoke. After refreshments, Mr. G. Cook proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned for the splendid arrangements made for the day's outing.—Mr. H. Eghy also added thanks to the Basingstoke friends, and to those at the Cathedral of Winchester for granting permission to ring on such a noble peal. Reading was eventually reached soon after 10 p.m., after an enjoyable and successful day.

A VISIT TO CHICHESTER.

On Saturday, Sept. 15th, the ringers of North Stoneham had their annual outing, under the able conductorship of Mr. G. Williams, and accompanied by the Vicar and curate who are both ringers. The trip was made by charabanc, and the first tower visited was Soberton, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Hambledon was the next tower, and touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Cambridge Minor brought round on the nice-toned ring of six by Mears. Chichester was the next objective, where a splendid tea was enjoyed at the Anchor Hotel. After tea a move was made to the campanile, where the party found Messrs. Rogers and Tate, of Portsmouth, waiting for them, and touches of Stedman Triples and London, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major were rung on the Cathedral bells. Havant was the last tower on the programme, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative and London Surprise Major rung. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the party are tendered to the various incumbents and ringers who helped to make the outing so enjoyable, particularly to Mr. Blake, who made all arrangements for the tea.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS AT BEVERLEY.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th the Rotherham Parish Church company, and friends from the neighbouring tower of Rawmarsh spent a most enjoyable day on a trip to Beverley, the journey being made by motor. The route lay through Doncaster, Askern and Selby. Here the Abbey was admired, but time being short the party pushed on to Beverley, arriving there at 12 o'clock. After dinner, the visitors were met by the Minster ringers, who, after showing them round the interior of this grand edifice, led the way up to the belfry, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters. Everyone having had a pull, the party made their way to St. Mary's Church, where further ringing took place. Tea followed, and a quiet hour was spent with a few Beverley friends who had been with the visitors during the afternoon. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples on handbells completed the all too short visit. Rotherham was eventually reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. This opportunity is taken of thanking the incumbents of the Minster and St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and also Beverley friends who helped to make the outing a real success.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, the ringing company of SS. Peter and Paul, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, had their first annual outing. Starting at 1.15 p.m. the charabanc made for Knodishall and Leiston, where the other members and friends were taken aboard. The happy party then proceeded to Winthorpe where some nice touches of Cambridge Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung on the good-toned old peal of six. Some of the party then amused themselves with the handbells. Much time was also spent in surveying the very many items of interest in this quaint old church, before starting for St.

Edmund's, Southwold. Here the band were met by other ringers from the district, and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were greatly enjoyed. Much fun was caused by the chauffeur's remarks after his visit to the bell chamber. A substantial tea, the generous gift of a kind friend, was much appreciated, in the fullest sense of the word, and the car was then steered for Wrentham. Here a course of London touches of Cambridge and Bob Minor were rung. After enjoying a few moments on the handbells, at the residence of Mr. Naunton, the homeward journey was begun in the cool air of the beautiful evening. On reaching Aldeburgh all agreed that this outing was one that would be remembered for many years to come. Chief thanks are due to the 'clerk of the weather' and those friends who met the party and had everything in readiness; also to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

A TRIP TO LEICESTER.

The idea originated quite a long time ago with the wish to ring a peal with some of the 'cracks' of the Midland Counties Association, some of those whose exploits of the past year or more have added to the many fine performances put up by that society. The good offices of Mr. Ernest Morris were sought and eventually permission was obtained to ring a peal on what is undoubtedly one of the finest rings of twelve bells in the world. 'Don't forget to ask Fred Dexter, Harold Poole, Harry Broughton, etc.,' was the pertinent request, but alas! the first named was unable to take part owing to a domestic bereavement, and his disappointment was shared by the whole of the band, who also sincerely sympathise with him in his trouble.

However, it is an ill-wind, etc., and the champion 'peal merchant' from Birmingham, having heard there was a 'twelve-bell peal on,' wired asking if the band was made up, and luckily fell into the vacant place. Of course the band was not complete without him, and the omission to invite him in the first place is really surprising.

Punctually at 4 p.m. 'go' was called, and a fine peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in 3 hours and 46 minutes.

'What do you think of the bells?' was the query of the local (dare we use the word!) men. 'Very fine indeed,' was the general reply.

After the peal a move was made to another sort of 'local,' where a room had been reserved, and quite a large number of ringers met for handbell ringing, reminiscing, etc. Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were the order of events, and the company was further entertained by the Birmingham globe-trotter, who appears to excel not only at ringing, but at such widely different games as bagatelle, bowls, and goodness knows what else.

Sunday morning at 10 found the company at St. Martin's, where two courses of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung, the conducting being shared by Mr. Harold Poole and Mr. C. T. Coles. A motor-bus ride to Anstey, passing en route the scene of Old Bill's 'night out' by almost exactly two years ago was followed by a well-struck peal of Bristol Surprise. A hurried tea very kindly prepared by Mrs. Elkington, and a return ride to Leicester, brought the time of parting, after a very pleasant but all too short outing.

Sincere thanks are due to the incumbents of the two churches for allowing the peals to be rung, and to Messrs. Morris, Poole, Broughton and Elkington for their excellent arrangements and hospitality.

CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if any of your readers could give me any information with regard to the laying in of a concrete floor in a tower, about 20 feet above the ringing chamber.

Would this prevent the bells being heard in the belfry, or would the sound penetrate through the trap door, through which the bells would be taken up, and also the rope holes? Would the weight of the floor be of any danger or risk of any kind?

Perhaps some of your readers may know of the existence of a floor of this kind.—Yours faithfully,

Minchhead, Somerset.

GEO. STACEY.

TWO 5040's DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. R. Lewis 1, F. Baldwin 2, W. J. Mardell (Sulgrave) 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, W. Tandy 5, R. W. Burrows 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impey 8. Believed to be the first quarter-peal for service on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. Martin 3, R. Edwards 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church on Sunday, Sept. 16, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Holder 1, C. Harman 2, H. Hammond 3, H. M. Smith 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Holder 8.

MORRISTON, GLAMORGAN.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Doubles: Ivor Matthews (longest touch) 1, C. Davies 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzer (longest touch on an inside bell) 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, D. Williams (longest touch) 6. L. Pelzer has only his left arm to ring with.

IDLE, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Davison 1, G. Duck 2, R. Umpleby (conductor) 3, F. Kilshaw 4, W. Feather 5, H. Davison 6. For evening service, 992 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Buckley 1, T. Hill 2, H. Davison (conductor) 3, G. Duck 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Davison 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: E. Brogdale 1, A. Chamberlain 2, F. Priestley 3, J. W. Priestley 4, W. Brown (conductor) 5, E. Chamberlain 6. For evening service, 720 Single Oxford: E. Brogdale 1, F. Priestley 2, E. Chamberlain 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestley 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, J. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, T. Read 8. G. Green ringing tenor for morning service. Longest length of Triples by all except the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, J. D. Harris 8. Also 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Welham 1, F. Sparrow 2, W. Souter (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, R. Brundle (Ipswich) 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copeland 8.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Gwendoline, for morning service, 120 each of Morning Star, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Old Doubles. For evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, the following ringers taking part: D. Bennett, C. M. Davies, E. J. Fowler, W. D. Griffiths, L. S. Griffiths (conductor), D. Moore, C. Powell, W. Pritchard. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by E. J. Fowler 1-2, L. S. Griffiths (conductor) 3-4, W. D. Griffiths 5-6. The above was arranged for Mr. E. J. Fowler, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, who was on a visit to Talgarth.

TURVEY BEDS.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Allen 1, W. Freeman (Olney) 2, G. Ette 3, H. Ette (Wellingborough) 4, H. L. Harlow (Bedford) 5, P. C. Albert Stapleton (Broughton) 6, H. Stapleton (conductor) 7, C. Wadsworth 8. Ringers of 1, 7 and 8 are local men. Arranged for P. C. Stapleton, who was home on holiday.

EXETER.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th at the Cathedral for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by J. Howes), in 52 mins.: F. Rogers 1, J. C. Oke 2, R. Hebditch 3, T. Laver (conductor) 4, F. Gardner 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey 7, C. G. Glass 8.

HANLEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for morning service at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Alcock 1, P. Shuker 2, P. Dale 3, H. Cordall 4, S. Cardell (conductor) 5, J. Prohett 6, S. Sargeant 7, W. H. Degg 8. On Friday, Sept. 8th, 668 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Yandon 1, H. Alcock 2, S. Cardell 3, S. Sargeant 4, P. Dale 5, H. Cordall 6, G. Jones 7, J. Prohett 8, C. H. Page (conductor) 9, W. H. Degg 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, on Monday, Sept. 3rd, to commemorate the wedding of Fernetta, daughter of Mr. John Goddard, to Mr. H. Longdon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Griffiths 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Bullen 3, J. Goddard 4, R. Lewis 5, J. Buller (conductor) 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8. Also during the evening touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major.

THE OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The figures given by the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn in your last issue are confusing. The total number he gives is 201. The secretary's report in 'The Ringing World' states: '115 members attended the business meeting in the Chapter House.' Thus there is a difference of 86. The Master states that Oxford, Bucks and Berks were represented by 104. If the radius figures are meant to show how this total is made up there is a discrepancy of 7; if they are in addition then, as I have pointed out above, there is a wide margin. The reverend gentleman says the majority in favour of Oxford was 60. The report gives the number of votes recorded, as 92—which means that, if we take the secretary's figures, 23 votes were unaccounted for. If the Master's figures are accepted, 109 non-voters; or if the grouped counties only, 12. Perhaps a more lucid explanation may be forthcoming. There are, I believe, somewhere about 2,000 members of the Guild, and however big a majority at Oxford, surely one would hardly contend that 79 votes is representative of the feelings of the whole. Why not a referendum?—Yours truly,

High Wycombe.

GEO. TWITCHEN.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Harrold on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The bells were set going about 2.30, and after tea, at the Wheatsheaf, to which 30 sat down the business meeting was held, with Miss E. Steel in the chair. Members and friends were present from Bedford, Biddenham, Clapham, Kempston, Turvey, Roxton, Dunstable, Risely, Olney, Desborough, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Bozeat, Wollaston, Cambridge, Easton-Mauditt, and the local company.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Willington, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Northampton friends then gave a selection on tunes on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Major were rung. During the afternoon, touches from Doubles to London Surprise were brought round on the bells, and a pleasant time was spent.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Please turn up in good numbers to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Hon. Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Tea will be provided, and a hearty invitation is given to all ringers to attend. All those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Pleasant Terrace, Dunmow, not later than September 27th.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 58 mins.: E. Bishop 1, W. C. Lampard (conductor) 2, J. W. Elkins 3, F. Smith 4, F. Cox 5, H. Cook 6, R. Paine 7, C. Russell 8, W. Andrews 9, G. Noice 10. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. H. Lampard, son of the conductor and a member of the Cathedral band. First quarter-peal by E. Bishop, and the first in the method by F. Cox and H. Cook.

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NOTICES.

CHURCH CONGRESS AT PLYMOUTH.—Sunday, September 23rd, ringing for Service at Charles, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Emmanuel, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m. Practice, Monday, Charles, 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, St. Andrew's, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Emmanuel, 7.30 p.m. Any members requiring further information, or any who would like a peal arranged, please communicate with E. M. Marsh, Hon. Sec. S.W. District Branch, Devon Guild, 13, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a good number will attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—Inaugural meeting Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing, St. Thomas' (new 8), 12 to 1; St. Petrock's (light 6), 2 to 2.45. Service at Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church House; also ringing at Cathedral (12) from 6 o'clock. All lady ringers invited.—Information Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, September 22nd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at Oldham Parish Church. Business meeting 6.30. All are welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, near Cheltenham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Utoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, September 22nd. Business meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Staindrop (6) on Saturday, September 22nd, to assist the new band. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Saviour's, Shanklin, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, 5.30., business meeting after.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Postponement of meeting at St. Nicholas, Wallasey, from 22nd to 29th September. Arrangements as usual.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—Cyclist Church Parade and Harvest Festival at Mayfield, Sussex, on September 23rd. Tower open 2.15 and 5.30. Service 3.15. Tea in Vicarage garden free to those attending Church Parade. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea write to A. R. Miles, Captain, High Street, Mayfield?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for September.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock to all those who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Tuesday, September 25th. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Methmal on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to those who send word on or before Monday, Sept. 24th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5, meeting directly after tea. Those requiring tea please write by September 26th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, September 29th. Service Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hut 5 p.m., free. All ringers welcome. Bells available, Littleham (6), Withycombe Raleigh (8).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A combined practice will take place at Ringwood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., Christchurch.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Newmarket and Mildenhall District.—A practice meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells (8) at the Memorial Tower, will be available from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—P. W. Fordham, Dist. Sec., Mildenhall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at King Henry VIII. after Service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea (1/- per head) must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, September 25th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Kindly notify me by 24th those requiring tea.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, September 29th. Meet at St. Oswald's (10 bells) at 2.30. The bells of St. Aidan's (8) and Stranton (8) will also be available. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, not later than September 27th.—G. S. Taylor and A. Hunter, Secs.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—The bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September.—Fred R. Borrett.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingtonborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, September 29th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested so that a hearty welcome may be extended to the new Vicar into this district.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingtonborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 29th, to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells which took place on September 25th, 1922. Tower will be open for ringing at 2.30. Short Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 4.30, business meeting to follow tea. A good attendance is required. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, not later than Thursday, 27th September? Three bus services pass the Church from Nottingham.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

DERBY.—The ring of ten bells at St. Andrew's Church will be re-dedicated on Sunday morning, September 30th next. The service will commence at 11 a.m. and all ringers will be welcome. A day, to be notified later, will be set apart for a meeting of ringers at St. Andrew's Church.—W. Wallace, Hon. Sec. to Bells Restoration Fund, 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., at William Grix, Limited, Dining Rooms, White Lion Street, Norwich; tickets 2/6 per member. The general business meeting will follow the luncheon for the election of officers, etc., and other important business in connection with the affairs of the Suffolk branch of the association. The ring of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), and St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Tuesday, October 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave

Writtle 7.20 and 9.20. Will all members requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, October 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs; bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Service 6. Tea arranged for those who notify me, H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March. All ringers welcome.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, October 2nd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by October 3rd.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD, Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, October 3rd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Owing to illness near church the quarterly meeting at Shoreham is postponed till a later date—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 20th. Two new trebles have recently been added to this Peal by Mears & Stainbank. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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