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'WHAT'S WRONG?'

There is food for reflection in the letter of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, which appeared in our last issue, in which he points out one answer to the inquiry of 'What's wrong?' in those associations where there is a falling off in the attendance at district meetings. Mr. Whitford suggests that too much is crowded into the time at the disposal of ringers, and that the actual ringing takes but second place. This is probably true of some meetings, and his suggestions for remedying the malice may well be seriously considered in those quarters where they apply.

It must, of course, be borne in mind that meetings are called for the purpose of transacting the business of the associations, and those who attend are aware of this before they go. Often, however, except when it is an annual meeting, there is little more than a few routine items to be disposed of, which, under an efficient chairman, can usually be dealt with in a few minutes. The business portion of the proceedings therefore need not cause any serious loss of time. Nevertheless, there is a way to reduce even the present minimum, and that is for the members to hand over the transaction of all routine business to their committee, leaving the general discussion of affairs for the annual meeting only, in the same way as the business of many organisations is run. What is the use of a committee if they have nothing to do, or are given no responsibility? They might well be entrusted with the conduct of the affairs of our associations and asked to give an account of their stewardship annually—that is, if the members want more time at their disposal for ringing at their ordinary meetings.

Our correspondent's inquiry as to whether it is always necessary to have a service touches a rather delicate point. The practice has grown up as our associations have come in closer contract with the Church, and there are many who would seriously object to forgoing this feature of the meetings. What might, perhaps, be done in some cases is to curtail the length of these services and to omit the sermon. Often the latter is devoted to giving ringers a historical survey of bells, with which they are already well acquainted, or to a homily upon their duties and responsibilities which has now become so hackneyed as to have lost much of its influence if not of its importance. It is rarely that ringers are treated to a discourse which has anything original in it, and if it is desired to add to the time available for ringing at these gatherings the sermon might be cut out without any serious loss, for the act of corporate worship would in itself be sufficient. We put these two suggestions forward as means of, at any rate, partly meeting the objections voiced by the Rev. R. H. Whitford.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	JOSEPH MILNER 7
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3	HARRY A. FOLKARD 8
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
PERCY E. CLARK 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
JOHN W. WOOD 2	HORACE M. DAY 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 8
JOHN W. LAKE 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 5	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	REDDERS F. ELKINGTON 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JOSEPH T. DYRE 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

First peal of Royal on these bells. * First peal of Surprise Royal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ALBERT J. HUGHES ... Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	JOHN PERRY 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
ROBERT PICKERING 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
BENJAMIN GOUGH 5	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung for the festival of All Saints, after meeting short for Bob Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE VEREY ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOSEPH SLADE 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	LEONARD BRADWELL Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The above was arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor as their first peal. They belong to the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

DENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN W. CHANDLER... ..Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
*GEORGE WATSON 4	ERNEST E. LINESTenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

MRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNESTenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is believed to be the first peal of Little Canterbury ever rung.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN DENNERTreble	SAMUEL OAKES 5
JAMES BOLTON 2	*ARTHUR BURTON 6
BEN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ROBERT DENNERTenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. Rung for the coming-of-age of Miss Leah Denner, daughter of Mr. James Denner.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM STURGESS ...Treble	JOSEPH DEAN 5
*J. W. GEORGE WEBB 2	*JACK DOVE 6
TOM TEBBUTT 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER 7
WALTER H. AUSTIN... .. 4	*ARTHUR STARNERTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. PARKER.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN TAYLORTreble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	FRANK PEARCETenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

This peal was rung on the eve of the church festival and especially to commemorate the appointment of the Rector of Corston, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral. * First peal of Stedman. This is also the 50th occasion that Mr. Thomas F. King and Mr. William J. Prescott have rung peals together.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Two and Three-quarter Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

†JAMES BAINTreble	†JAMES H. EVANS 5
†CHARLES W. LEE 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
*JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	†WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. All the above belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and form the youngest band to ring a peal of Stedman in the county of Salop.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR WATERSTreble	FRED. COTTON 5
*HENRY C. WEBB 2	EDGAR VALLANCE 6
*HENRY WRIGHT... .. 3	*GEORGE P. GARNER 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON 4	EDWIN H. STONELEY ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the Feast of All Saints. The ringers convey their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES M. NICKERSON ...Treble	GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. 5
*FRANCIS KIRK 2	FRED STOBBS 6
GEORGE JEFFS, SEN. 3	FRANK KIRK 7
DANIEL REDHEAD 4	LESLIE GROOMTenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. M. NICKERSON.

* First peal, and first attempt. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the rehanging of the peal. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. George Jeffs, after the peal.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

JOSEPH A. FENTONTreble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
JOHN W. CHANDLER 3	WALTER MALINS 7
*RICHARD J. JACKSON 4	GEORGE BROUGHTONTenor

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal. Ringers of 4th and tenor elected members previous to starting. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLETreble	*FRANK MERRETT 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
THEODORE GRANT 4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung on All Saints' Day, and as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

†SIDNEY ELTON Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL 5
GEORGE PEATE 2	EDGAR T. SMITH 6
JOSEPH BIRCH 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	*SAMUEL SHARRATT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung on the festival of All Saints, for the 37th anniversary of the bells and the dedication festival. Mr. G. Peate is on a visit from Melbourne, Australia.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	WILLIAM TILLET Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

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CHERTSEY SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
JOHN B. HESSEY 2	JOHN A. COLE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*GEORGE PETTER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside bell. This was the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
*THOMAS BUTLER 2	WILLIAM CATHERALL 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major in the method.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

†GEORGE HUGHES ... Treble	†CHARLES DYKE 5
†STEPHEN HOARE 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
JOHN H. EDWARDS 4	*ARTHUR BUCKELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. F. L. Bernays, who is leaving Stanmore for Finchley. Also as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble. Mr. G. Spencer and Mr. J. Milner were elected members of the Hertford Association before starting for the peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JAMES BOLTON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Specialy arranged for W. Robinson, of Ambleside, whose first peal of Stedman Triples it was.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method by W. J. Button, and first in any method with a working bell.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	JOHN W. KIRTON 6
CLARENCE BRIGGS 3	WALTER WHITE 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells, and for the festival of All Saints.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. A. SALTER ... Treble	F. BRADLEY 5
*H. F. CLULOW 2	†J. A. BARRATT 6
L. CHADBORN 3	*A. J. CHAMBERLAIN 7
G. WEST 4	*G. B. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. G. B. Wright, who was proposed a member before starting, obliged the band, after they had met short for Stedman. Rung in commemoration of All Saints' Day. First peal on the bells since 1908.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART No. 1.

HARRY RABBITT ... Treble	THOMAS SMITHERS 5
LEONARD S. PARIS 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 6
*JAMES VANNS 3	TOM SAUNDERS 7
ARTHUR H. READER 4	*ALBERT PIPER Tenor

Conducted by TOM SAUNDERS.

* First peal.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SIX BELL PEALS.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	RONALD BECK 4
REGINALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
ALEC MUNDY 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

FINCHLEY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Colledge Single, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK CHERRETT ... Treble	ERNEST H. TUBB 4
FREDERICK S. TUBB 2	BERTRAM F. TUBB 5
*WILLIAM P. BLAKE 3	FREDERICK J. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. BARKER.

* First peal. The above peal was rung as a farewell, and a mark of great esteem to the Rector, the Prebendary W. St. Hill Bourne, on his retirement, after 25 years as Rector of Finchley. The above are all local ringers, and join in wishing him all happiness and comfort in his retirement.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE LARGE Treble	LEWIS WRIGHT 4
WM. B. BISS 2	FRANK J. BAILEY 5
FREDK. J. BAILEY 3	FREDK. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. B. BISS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, and in three methods, by all except the conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. Harrington for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	WALTER F. SERMONS 5
HARRY HOWARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

HENDON, N.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Carlisle, Beverley, York, Cambridge and London Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4
*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* First peal in more than one method. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since restoration by Mears and Stainbank. Rung on All Saints' Day.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM COOK Treble	CHARLES KILICK 4
*HERBERT WOOD 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
FREDERICK W. RICE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size (approx.) 17 in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
Witness: MR. W. H. CLARKE.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. S. Needham for having the belfry in order, and for the use of the ancient cup handbells. This was the conductor's 25th peal of Stedman.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**A 'RINGERS' OPENING' AT OLD CLEEVE.**

At Old Cleeve, Somerset, where the bells have just been augmented to eight, the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held their autumn meeting. The visit formed the 'ringers' opening of the increased peal, and a company of about 85 was present, including Preb. Harman and the Revs. T. S. Dawson, Carhampton (chairman of the branch); E. P. Stanley, Wootton Courtenay; H. G. McTaggart, Monksilver; H. P. Boulton, Exton; and F. E. Walton, Biddisham; and ringers from Minehead, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Williton, Monksilver, Exton, Wootton Courtenay, Stogumber, Wiveliscombe, Chipstable, St. Audries and Porlock, as well as the local band. There were visitors from Huntspill, Milverton, St. James' and St. Mary's, Taunton, and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater) and Mr. E. Burgess (general secretary of the association, from Taunton) were among those present. The tower was open at two o'clock, and during the afternoon there was some very good ringing done by mixed bands, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Everyone was delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, and the splice was pronounced perfect.

After this spell in the tower, the association form of service was held in the church. Preb. Harman officiated, and was assisted by Mr. Dawson, who gave an inspiring address from St. John xvii. 19. He dwelt not so much on the subject of the new bells which had been dedicated to the use of the church and to the glory of God, but on the duties and conduct of ringers. He enlarged on the spirit of self-consecration and self-sacrifice which was involved in the duties of the ringers, and he emphasised that point that, if it was necessary to consecrate a bell, how much more desirable it was that ringers should re-dedicate their lives to the service of ringing. Mr. H. W. Tomkins presided at the organ, and a number of the ringers formed a choir.

After the service the company were entertained to tea in the Village Hall, the tea being provided by the Parochial Church Council and prepared and served by local ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Harman.

The usual business meeting followed. Mr. Dawson presiding. The following new members were elected: Mr. Chas. Moore, Monksilver; Messrs. J. Roberts, R. Huish, and A. Arnold, Porlock; and Mr. L. Facey, Selworthy.

As a result of an invitation from Mr. Boulton, it was decided to hold the next meeting in January at Exton. During the proceedings thanks were expressed to Preb. Harman for his invitation to Old Cleeve, to the ladies who had served tea, to Mr. Dawson for his address, and to Mr. Tomkins, the organist. Mr. Dawson took the opportunity of congratulating Old Cleeve and its parishioners on the addition of the two new bells to the peal.

Mr. E. E. Burgess, after congratulating Old Cleeve on the addition of the bells and paying a tribute to Mr. Sully's work expressed the opinion that it was a very good splice, and he hoped that they would soon have a band at Old Cleeve able to ring the bells.

Mr. Coles endorsed Mr. Burgess's remarks, and added a few words of encouragement to the young ringers. Preb. Harman also congratulated the local band of ringers on their progress, which he said was very satisfactory.

BREAKING TIME RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I would like to say a few words in reply to 'Normal Time' with regard to the recent quick peal of Cinques rung at Sheffield, as from his letter it would appear he has got a bad impression of same, and this, if left unchallenged or without some explanation, will probably tend to create a feeling amongst the Exercise at large that peals are rung here without any respect to striking, or anything else.

In the first place, let me say at once that I agree with him in principle, that to get the best music out of bells, no matter what their weight, they should not be struck too closely, but to hint that such a thing as firing or even jumbling took place is far from what actually occurred.

The ringers of Sheffield took precisely a similar view on the quick peals that have been rung at Southwark, and such performances could not be fully credited until the fact was brought home to them by their own achievement.

However, I wish to say emphatically that such a thing as breaking time or making records was not sought after or even thought of. The thing just happened, as other things often do.

I can honestly assure my friend, whoever he is (and I believe they are all friends in Birmingham), that the peal in question was a good peal, or it would certainly never have been completed, let alone published. I cannot say what it sounded like outside, although we were complimented at the completion by various listeners (and we have some critics in Sheffield, you know), but inside the beats were clear and distinct. In fact, it had to be a good peal, or it would have 'gone up' like a cartload of rotten apples on a refuse heap.

As my friend compares it with the 'Twelve-bell week' peals, which occupied a longer time on lighter bells, I may say that I had the honour to take part in the first one at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and although I personally consider this was slightly the better peal of the two, I am sure that the great 'A. W.' himself would have been delighted to have been under the one at Sheffield.

Previously, our normal time was somewhere round about 3.50, but if an explanation is necessary I would like to point out that circumstances alter cases.

Firstly, no doubt my friend is aware that we have a very short draught of rope to contend with; secondly, that our bells have recently been rehung on the modern ball-bearing principle, both of which in my opinion are conducive to quick and accurate striking, and last, but not least, we had some young and hefty lads on the back end, who instinctively, without word or warning, commenced at a brisk pace, and being physically fit, kept it up to the end, the little bells ringing to the big bells, as they should do.

In conclusion, I would like to add that although the unexpected took place on this occasion, record breaking peals are not encouraged here, due respect to quality always being our consideration, and the very joy and pleasure of getting the best out of the bells is for ever uppermost in our minds.

If a thing is not worth doing well, we don't attempt it; but if the result is sometimes a surprise, it is not justice to condemn it unheard. Let those that hear, speak. That's all!—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

A LISTENER'S OPINION.

Dear Sir,—With regard to remarks by 'Normal Time,' re the peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield, I cannot let the occasion pass without a strong protest. I heard the whole of the peal, and excellent striking was maintained throughout. One has only to look at some of the eminent names of the men taking part to know that if any clashing took place the ringing would soon have stopped. I am not a Yorkshireman, but nowhere have I heard more consistently good striking than I have in peals in Yorkshire. It is the one thing they pride themselves on. I know that the friendliest feelings exist between the ringers of Sheffield and Birmingham, but remarks like those of 'Normal Time' have a tendency to cause ill-feeling, which I for one would much regret.—Yours truly,

180, The Cross, Ecclesfield.

GEO. LEWIS.

ST. CLEMENT DANES, LONDON.

Visitors to London for the College Youths' Dinner will be welcomed at St. Clement Danes Church on Sunday. There will be muffled ringing from 10 to 11 a.m. for a church parade of the Legion of Frontiersmen, when a memorial to the members of this corps who fell in the great war will be unveiled. During the service, offerings of remembrance will be laid on the war shrine, and a wreath will be laid on behalf of ringers.

In the afternoon there will be ringing from 2.15 to 3.15 for the oratorio service. These services have made St. Clement Danes Church famous in musical circles, and two oratorios will be performed on Sunday. At 3.15, Rossini's 'Stabat Mater' will be given, and at 6.30 p.m., Mozart's 'Requiem.'

TEN BELLS IN THANET CHURCH.

The dedication of two new trebles to make a peal of ten at St. Lawrence, Thanet, will take place at the morning service on Nov. 9th. The new bells are to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the war; one bell will be of thanksgiving and be named the bell of 'Peace,' the other is in memory of the fallen, and will be the bell of 'Remembrance.'

The Mayor and Corporation have promised to attend the service, which no doubt will be most impressive. The bells will be rung after the service. In the evening they will be half-muffled for the Armistice memorial service.

ANCIENT HANDBELLS.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Leicester, is believed to be the first ever rung on cup handbells. This set of 21 were given to the Leicester Scholars on their achieving a 10,080 of Grand-sire Caters at St. Margaret's, by Squire Portrey, about the year 1777, and were cast by Hare, of Kettering. They are now in the care of Mr. G. S. Needham, and are in good condition. Mr. Needham had them repaired by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of several pounds. They have ball clappers made of box wood, about 1½ in. in diameter. These make them emit a rather harsh sound, and it was a considerable time before the band ringing the peal felt 'at home' with them.

FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

ILMINGTON'S FOURTH CONSECUTIVE COMPETITION VICTORY.

The half-yearly meeting and competitions of the Four Shires Guild was held at Quinton on Oct. 25th. Ringers were present from Moreton, Campden, Ebrington, Ilmington, Aston Cantlow, Wootton Waven, Bretforton, Stratford-on-Avon and Wolford, and the local band. The competitions commenced at 2.30, and were ably and impartially judged by Messrs. W. Largo (Stratton-on-Fosse) and J. Hemming (Hampton), who made their decisions as follows: Ilmington, 266; Campden, 260; Moreton, 259; Wootton Waven, 236; Ebrington, 224; Aston Cantlow, 179. Quinton being the non-competitive band, was allowed the average number of points on the day's ringing—237.

At the close of the ringing, which was not up to the standard usually heard at these meetings, owing to the very bad 'go' of some of the bells, a service was held in the beautiful old parish church, when an inspiring address was given by the Rev. A. N. Warner (Rector of Ilmington).

Afterwards the party adjourned to the Schoolroom and partook of an excellent meat tea, provided by the generosity of Mr. J. Frost, of Quinton, to whom the ringers are most grateful for this unexpected kindness shown to them. About one hundred ringers and friends sat down to an ample repast.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Gordon H. Poole (Vicar of Quinton) said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Quinton. He referred to the interesting history of Quinton bells, and to their being recast at different times. He also spoke of a local legend about the churchwardens of Quinton and Long Marston playing cards, the stakes being the bells of their respective churches. Long Marston unfortunately lost, and so they were left with only two bells in their steeple. The Vicar went on to say that upon the completion of the restoration of the church it was his intention to have the bells put in ringing order, and, if possible, to have the ring increased to eight.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. George Pugh, of Stow-on-the-Wold. The meeting showed its respect and sympathy by standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy from the Guild to the widow of the deceased.

The challenge shield of the Guild was presented by Mrs. Frost to Ilmington, that band having obtained the highest number of points on the year's ringing. Moreton, being second, was awarded the Guild's certificate of merit.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Gordon H. Poole, the Rev. A. N. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, and all the ladies who assisted. The meeting closed with the hearty singing of the National Anthem. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 9 o'clock.

It is interesting to note that this is the fourth consecutive win of the Ilmington company. Until 1922 they had only five bells in their tower, and rang rounds and call changes. On joining the Guild they took up change ringing, and by going in for the competitions they have arrived at a leading position in their association.

BELL RINGERS' SUNDAY.

Bell Ringers' Sunday was observed at St. Giles' Parish Church, Rowley Regis, on Sunday, when special sermons were preached, and collections made for the bell ringing fund.

Before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: R. J. Hackett 1, G. H. Detheridge, junr. (first with a 'bob' bell) 2, W. H. Detheridge 3, E. Homer 4, H. Dowell 5, T. Clarke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, A. Timmins 7, A. Taylor 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Feering on Saturday last, when, despite the pouring rain, there were 25 ringers present from Feering, Kelvedon, Braintree, Witham, Romford, Chelmsford, Mistley, Stisted, Greenstead Green and Earls Colne. The bells were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Ringers' Office was said in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Dalton) extending a hearty welcome to the visitors to Feering.

After the service, a tea was arranged at the Bell Inn, with the Vicar in the chair. At the business meeting, apologies were read from the District Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) regretting his inability to be present. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), therefore, presided in his stead.

The Secretary gave a digest of the progress of the district during the year, pointing out that 18 peals had been rung on tower bells, and two on handbells in the following methods: London Surprise 3, Superlative 2, Cambridge 1, Double Norwich 1, Kent 3, Oxford 4, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 3, seven 720's Cambridge Minor, and seven 720's Minor in various methods. The peals were rung at Feering 7, Braintree 3, Earls Colne 2, Sible Hedingham 2, Bocking 1, Halstead 1, Foxearth 1, Ardleigh 1, Witham 1, Stisted 1; W. Keeble conducted 17, J. Fluet 1, J. Claydon 1, and S. Evans 1. The secretary also gave particulars of the financial and numerical position of the district.

The elections of Mr. Gofton, of Monkseaton, and Mr. W. Beeson, Walton-on-Thames, were confirmed. The Rev. Prebendary Dalton was elected an hon. member. One ringing member was elected, and the election of Mr. Rogers, of Northampton, as ringing member, residing out of the county, was carried.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen was re-elected District Master for the year, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Prebendary Dalton (Vicar) for allowing the use of the bells, and for holding the service, also to Mrs. Dalton for presiding at the organ.

During the day, the following methods were rung viz., London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob.

A NON-CONDUCTED 720.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on October 28th, 720 Plain Bob was rung, non-conducted: C. M. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, G. Morrad 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, H. Argent 6. First 720 non-conducted by all, and rung at the first attempt.

A SUFFOLK TOUR.

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the Lavenham company held their annual outing, when travelling by saloon bus, they made a tour of some Suffolk towers. At St. Mary's, Coddensham, they were greeted by Mr. H. English, and touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung. St. Mary's, Helmingham, came next on the list. Here they were met by Messrs. Last, Pryke and Wightman, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent were rung. The Rector (the Rev. — Garrett) pointed out the splendid monuments of the Tollemache family, which are in this church. Upon the monuments are many well-executed figures in marble by Nolckens, and other eminent sculptors. Afterwards, on the invitation of Lady Mary Tollemache, the party visited Helmingham Hall to partake of refreshments, wending their way through the lovely park of 375 acres, and inhabited by two herds of deer, red and fallow, and many wild water fowl. The large and handsome quadrangular mansion, the home of the Tollemaches, was built in the time of Henry VII, and is surrounded by a moat crossed by two drawbridges. A valuable collection of famous paintings in the mansion were inspected with interest, especially one by Vandyke; another of interest being a painting of Queen Mary Tudor at the age of six. All these and some ancient armour and old oak panelling were explained in detail by her ladyship. Another item of interest was a pair of leather jugs, 'Black Jacks,' which were used as beer jugs when Queen Elizabeth visited the hall. Bidding adieu to their generous hostess, the visitors continued their journey to Framden St. Mary's, where touches of Grandsire, Oxford and Superlative were rung; then on to Debenham, where dinner was served. Mr. E. Grimes piloted the party to St. Mary's Church, where they rang Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, and a course of Cambridge, Mr. G. Cross, Norwich, standing in the latter. At Stonham Aspal, the next call, good touches of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were brought round. Stowmarket was reached at 5.30. After having a 'pinch' and a 'fresher,' Mr. W. Souter and the Stowmarket band greeted the visitors, also Mr. E. Poppy, of Eye, and with these friends, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative were brought round. A visit to the Rose, and then to the music of the handbells and of the songsters at the rear, a safe hunt was made to Lavenham. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the churches visited, the towerkeepers, and other friends, who made this outing a most enjoyable one.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Wednesday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: Reg. Dobbins 1, R. Baird 2, W. Dobbins 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams 5, H. S. Willis (conductor) 6. First 720 by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An announcement made in the 'Stamford Mercury' in the year 1799 was as follows: 'On Monday, Nov. 11th, 1799, will be opened at Glington, near Peterborough, a peal of six new bells, the tenor in the key of F, cast and hung by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, in Norfolk. Six hats will be given to the company who ring the best round peal for the space of 30 minutes.'

The first peal on eight bells at Coddendam was 5,040 Bob Major on Nov. 8th, 1742. On the same date in 1800 the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in Liverpool was rung.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark on Nov. 10th, 1766.

On Nov. 13th, 1786, a peal of 6,000 Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

A record length of Stedman Caters was put up on Nov. 13th, 1797, when the Junior Cumberlands rang a 6,003 in 4 hours 15 minutes at Christ Church, Spitalfields. It was composed and called by John Noonan, but many years afterwards it was found that the composition was false. In the Junior Cumberlands' peal book the performance was described as 'a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle.'

The Huddersfield Society rang a peal of 'New Triple Bob Major, 10,080 changes, in thirty-six courses,' at Huddersfield in 5 hours 45 minutes on November 13th, 1820.

The peal of six bells at Brockenhurst, Hants, are to be opened on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m.

The peal of London Surprise at Chichester Cathedral on Oct. 18th was the first in the method on the bells.

We were a little previous in our announcement of Mr. William Rock Small's birthday. The Tipton veteran will be 85 on the 12th of this month.

Although now in poor health and unable to climb belfry steps, Mr. Small's interest in ringing remains very keen. It is nearly sixty years ago that he rang his first peal. This was at Wednesbury on April 29th, 1865, the band being all natives of Wednesbury. Mr. Small is the only survivor of that company.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

Ringings will be general throughout the country on Armistice Day, which will be commemorated on Tuesday next. There is now more or less general agreement as to the most fitting way in which the bells should be rung, the lines suggested by the Chester Diocesan Guild in the circular below being commonly accepted as the most suitable.

The following is the letter from the Chester Diocesan Guild circulated to the towers in the diocese:—

'An attempt is to be made this year to establish uniformity of practice with regard to ringing throughout the diocese on Armistice Day (November 11th), and the Guild recommends the following procedure:—

'It should be remembered that while Armistice Day is a day of commemoration of the lives of the fallen, it is also a day of rejoicing for the victory which Almighty God gave us over our enemies in the war.

'Where possible, therefore, bells should be first rung half-muffled and afterwards in open peal, and the Guild hopes that ringing on these lines will take place in all its churches on that day, with, of course, the concurrence of the incumbent.'

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.—'CURFEW.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry to see that the committee have recommended St. Ebbe's as a suitable tower for the Washbrook memorial bells.

As I said in a former letter, the experiment has already been tried there, and found so unsatisfactory that the trebles were afterwards disposed of. A peal of eight, with a 5-cwt. tenor, may be all very well for feats of change ringing, or for practice; but the result to the ears of the outside public can never be satisfactory. I do hope that even now wiser counsels may prevail.

With regard to a totally different matter referred to in your issue of this week, I quite agree with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards that it is not desirable to drop old customs; but I greatly question whether the ringing of a bell at 8 o'clock in the evening (commonly called the 'curfew') can be traced back continuously to the times of William the Conqueror. In most cases, where this custom exists, I believe that it will be found to have originated in mediæval times. There is generally some story connected with it of someone having lost their way on a dark night on some trackless moor or common, and being directed by the sound of bells which happened to be ringing at the time in the tower of some town or village, thus found their way home; and that they left money to pay for the ringing of an evening bell to direct travellers for the future.—Yours faithfully,

October 31st, 1924.

J. E. JERRAM.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY GROOMBRIDGE RESIGNS.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held on Saturday, October 25th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the assistant priest (the Rev. Allen), and a helpful address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. K. Wilson). The organist and choir were also present. The service was followed by a splendid tea in the Church Institute, kindly supplied by the churchwardens and others.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. No new members were elected (which is very unusual), but the ratification of five members elected previous to peals took place.

The secretary's report for the year was read by T. Groombridge, senr. (hon. district secretary), and adopted.

The next business was the election of the district secretary. Mr. Groombridge announced that he could not consent to re-election, as he could not do the necessary writing. He, therefore, regretfully resigned his position, and thanked the members for all the help he had received during his term of office. He hoped the members would be as loyal to his successor as they had been to him (hear, hear).

The president, in reluctantly accepting the resignation, congratulated Mr. Groombridge on 21 years of able and willing service. He said they all regretted the severance of so long-standing a connection.

It was then proposed that A. G. Hill, who had assisted the secretary during the past year, be appointed to the vacancy. No other nominations were forthcoming, and the proposition was carried.

Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and L. Emery were then re-elected district representatives on the general committee, also without a division.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate, churchwardens, organist and choir was carried with applause.—The Vicar responded, and stated that Mr. Dunn (churchwarden) was responsible for the tea.—Mr. Dunn replied that the contributions came from the clergy, churchwardens and choir, he only did the asking.

This concluded a successful meeting, the tower being revisited for further ringing.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Chatham on Saturday, October 25th, and over 50 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening. The bells were going in standard methods from 3 till 5, when the Rector (the Rev. F. Wiltshire) conducted the association service taking as the text for his address, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' A collection at the close for the benevolent fund realised 13s. 6d.

Tea followed in the Scouts' Hall, at which 46 sat down, and at the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided, supported by the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell).

One new practising member was elected, and the election of Mr. G. Basford, of Northants, who was proposed previous to a peal, as a non-resident life member, was confirmed.

The District Secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet, which were unanimously adopted. The report showed the same number of towers in union as last year; one practising ringer less, three more hon. members, and four additional non-resident members. Sunday service ringing had been fully maintained, and 39 peals of 5,000 changes and upwards had been rung in the district, one on ten bells, 28 on eight, and ten on six, and Mr. J. H. Cheesman headed the list of conductors with 16 peals. He was pleased to see the younger ringers taking an interest in the affairs of the district, and welcomed them to all meetings.—The balance sheets showed receipts of £21 1s., and the expenses at £4 13s. 10d., leaving a balance to general funds of £16 7s. 2d.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the district secretary and representatives for their valued services during the past year.

Sittingbourne was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, in January, 1925.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the kindness he had shown the association during the day, and the Rector suitably responded.

The tower was again visited, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative rung, and, judging by the harmonious way the business was conducted, the meeting proved a distinct success.

Rochester Cathedral was also open after the meeting, and the following cutting from a local newspaper will give some idea of a 'novice's' opinion:—

'A party of ringers then journeyed to Rochester Cathedral where, led by Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, they rang the Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and the rounds for nearly two hours.

'A "News" reporter, who was privileged to accompany the party, writes: "We crawled along tortuous passages and mounted the narrow, slippery stairs which led to the tower. Mostly in pitch darkness, we stumbled along our way, up and up and up, it seemed, our

heads almost touching our knees, until we reached the parapet outside. Looking down off the weather-stained gargoyles and crumbling buttresses, we could see the lights of the City, twinkling like pearls in a bowl of ink. More 'incredible rafters overhead' were crawled under, until, exhausted and grimed with the dust of cobwebs, we ultimately reached the bell tower. It was a grim place—all oak beams and grey walls, shadowy with Time and the peace of solitude. There were ten ropes, covered with red plush, and for more than an hour the men heaved at these, lovingly and silently, producing the sweetest music in the world."

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday, a meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Grimsby District) was held at Barton-on-Humber and Barrow-on-Humber. Ringers were present from Grimsby (St. James' and St. Andrew's), Bigby, Burton, Stather and Ulceby, and those of the Barton and Barrow bands commenced the proceedings by ringing on the bells of Holy Trinity, Barrow, an open touch of 360 Bob Minor. Other touches included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Coming to Barton, ringing in various methods on eight bells took place. An adjournment was then made to the Assembly Rooms, where tea was provided.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby, and vice-president of the Grimsby district) taking the chair.

After the election of four new members and one honorary member, Mr. H. Rushby proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Barton and Barrow for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. T. Smith for the tea.

The members then adjourned to the tower of St. Peter's for more ringing, the bells being lowered soon after nine p.m., after a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. It is hoped that the district will always be able to report such good meetings and fellowship as was evinced at this gathering.

EASTERN BRANCH AT SWINESHEAD.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Swineshead on Saturday, November 1st. Members attended from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Wigtoft, as well as the local band. Ringing friends were also present from the Elloe Deaneries branch. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Gurnhill), and afterwards the members and friends partook of a very substantial tea, ably provided by mine host of the Griffin Inn.

The usual business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the president (the Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick).

The Rev. C. J. Gurnhill (Vicar of Swineshead) was elected an honorary member, and one new ringing member from Wigtoft was also elected.

Sibsey, near Boston, was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the annual meeting in January next. This beautiful peal of eight bells have recently received the attention of Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and now 'go' splendidly. It is hoped that a good number of members will endeavour to be present at this meeting.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited, and ringing was kept up until about 8 p.m. The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the back six), and Bob Major, and also a touch of sixteen changes by the local band, who are not yet very far advanced in the art.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Excellent support was given to a meeting of the North and East District held at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, and All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, on Saturday, November 1st, some 40 members attending during the afternoon and evening, in spite of the persistent rain. A short service, with address by the Rev. T. Welland, was held in St. Olave's Church at 5 o'clock.

At the subsequent business meeting, votes of thanks were accorded to the preacher, both for his address and for permitting the bells to be rung; to the Rev. P. B. Clayton, Vicar of All Hallows', for the use of his bells; and to Mr. H. T. Wilson for making the very necessary arrangements.

Some good practice in all sorts of methods was obtained on both peals of bells, and as very little time was 'wasted' on the business meeting, all present were able to ring as much as they wished. At St. Olave's, touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Minor, and Kent and Oxford Spliced, were rung, whilst at All Hallows' the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and London and Bristol Surprise Major.

WITNEY, OXON.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Thursday evening, at 7.30, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: C. Wheeler 1, L. Oliffe 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, N. Spindlow 7, G. Harris 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not really, in my letter of October 17th, claim to be infallible. I did not really write, 'I do not think, I know.' What happened was that the printer put a full stop for a comma, and so materially altered my meaning. It was like this. Mr. Parker had written about two schools, one of which consists of those who say that places are the method; and the other of those who 'think they have progressed far beyond that stage.' And I retorted, 'I do not merely think, I know I have progressed far beyond that stage.' It was a claim to be progressive, not to be infallible.

I can assure Mr. Parker I realise to the full, the force of the arguments he uses. I have used them myself. But I can also assure him that beyond a certain point they break down and mislead you. His last letter affords an interesting example. 'Look at London Surprise,' he says. 'As the bells come below the treble they are hunting forward. Each bell, however, must make a place which effects a change, and the bell is said to be hunting backward. If the place is not made the bell continues to hunt forward, then does the place bring about the changed condition?'

Now look at London Surprise above the treble. Here, from the lead and, and previous, the bells are hunting backward, until the fifth change, where they turn to forward hunting. Is this brought about by a place? Is it even accompanied by a place? Look and see. There is no place at all made in that change, either internal or external.

Why I object to the axiom, 'Places are the method,' is because it prevents you from realising what really does operate in the construction of methods. I must not argue further about the position of time in method construction. It raises matters which can hardly be dealt with in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' But I may remind Mr. Parker that there is sequence in logic, i.e., in our explaining a thing, and also in our apprehending it. But that sequence is in our own brains, and not in the thing itself. And he must read in that light the quotations he gives from my writings.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BED ROCK STATEMENT WANTED.

Dear Sir,—Credit where credit is due!

Mr. Powell and I have not always seen eye to eye in the past; but his letter in your issue of October 24th contains an exposition of fact in method construction, put more clearly and truthfully than anything one has observed in the correspondence columns for some time past. I refer specifically to what is included under his 'definitions.' (Although the second needs qualification.)

It is a great pity that so much valuable space and time have been utilised recently in wandering all round these points at issue. I have several times protested against the sort of half-truths which cloak the facts in a kind of mysterious superiority; and only last week appears a concrete illustration of the outcome of the dire results of that vicious practice: I refer to the perfectly reasonable requests of 'Interested.' Now, I have no desire whatever to 'butt in,' but I fear that 'Interested' runs the risk of getting nothing more than another abominable dose of that vile medicine!

The fact is that the fundamental truths of the 'Theory of Method Construction' are, like those of most of the sciences, beautifully simple; and while all this bickering is going on over nomenclature of details (after all, what's in a name?) the actual principles themselves are not being enumerated. The concise and straightforward statement of these principles would go a long way towards composing, for example, the differences between those now arguing over such questions as the naming of Shunts; for after all, they are advancing, if by widely divergent routes, towards a common goal.

I am not proposing, Mr. Editor, to proceed to lay down those principles; but at the same time I feel that the time has come when the bed-rock of the whole business should be set down in plain English, something like this (which may, perhaps, satisfy 'Interested'):

1. Changes are produced on a basis of what is known as 'hunting'; or the regular exchange of neighbouring positions, in cyclic order, of ALL units in a given series.
2. This 'hunting' may proceed in either a direct or a retrograde fashion.
3. The process may be carried on as 'whole hunting,' i.e., the complete traversing of the series by each individual unit; or as 'bi-partial,' 'tri-partial,' or even 'quadri-partial,' etc., hunting; i.e., the partial traversing of the series by some units, while other units traverse the remainder of the series.

Examples:—

Whole hunting.	Whole and bi-partial hunting.
12345678	Whole { 12345678
21436587	{ 21436587
24163857	{ 24163857
42618375	{ 42618375
46281735	{ 46218735
64827153	Bi-partial { 64127853
68472513	{ 61427583
86745231	Whole { 16245738
etc.	again { 12654378
	etc.

It will be observed that the breaking up of the 'whole hunting' into 'partial huntings' results in the 'making of places.' It might also result in the 'making of dodges,' producing a 'dodging hunt,' thus:—

	12345678
	21436587
Tri-partial	24163857
including dodging	42156875
	24318657
Whole	23481567
	etc.

From this we clearly see that it is the breaking up of the hunting which results in place-making and dodging; and neither of these two last mentioned can be said to 'cause' the other; since either (or both) can—and do—depend on the varying of the hunting.

4. Method Construction proceeds by means of the variation of whole-hunting with partial-hunting either direct and/or retrograde.

Now, on these four basic statements hang 'all the law and the prophets' of the THEORY of METHOD CONSTRUCTION. I said above that Mr. Powell's 'Definition 2' needed qualification, and the following words might well be added:—

'But if the hunting direction of ALL the bells is to be reversed then partial hunting must be introduced.'

This is obvious, otherwise falsehood results, thus:—

Whole hunting.	Whole and partial hunting.
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635*	241635
426153	426153
241635* repeat row.	241635
etc.	etc.

Direction of all bells reversed.	Bi-partial hunting results in no repeat.
426153	426153
241635	241635
etc.	etc.

In the examples which 'Interested' gives the different positions of the place-makings and dodgings are simply the result of the varying of whole-hunting with partial hunting at different points in the traversing of the series of units.—Yours faithfully,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Division was held on Saturday, October 25th, at the six-bell tower of Balcombe, thirty ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan) held a short service in church. A collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 10s. Afterwards all proceeded to the Church Hall for tea, which had been provided in a very generous manner by the Rector, Mrs. Secretan also being present.

The business meeting which followed, was mostly of a routine nature. Mr. Thos. Hogsflesh (Bath) was elected a non-resident member, and the election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: Messrs. Ernest Morris (Leicester), Wm. Rogers (Northampton), Geo. Pullinger (North Stoneham) and Morris Smith (Barking).

At the close of the meeting, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality, for the use of the bells, and also for his eloquent and helpful address at the service, coupling with this the name of the gentleman who presided at the organ.—The Rector and organist having replied in suitable terms, the proceedings terminated.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods practised included Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Henfield, Keymer, Lindfield; also members of the local branch who did much towards making the meeting a success.

The next meeting of the division will be held at Hurstpierpoint, in January.

A SHROPSHIRE 'RECORD.'

The youngest band to ring a peal of Stedman in Shropshire, brought round Heywood's transposition on Saturday at Church Stretton. The ages of the ringers were respectively 16, 18, 16, 16, 17, 21, 50, 28. They were all members of St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, and the 'official timekeeper,' Mr. H. Hall, congratulated them on the striking. The time occupied was 3 hrs. 2 mins. 45 secs. Thanks are tendered to Mr. J. Hughes for having the bells ready.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—For practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bennett 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, H. Knight 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. H. Knight hails from Clapton.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE OXFORD GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter in your last issue, with the signature of A. D. Barker, is mischievous, and liable to misconstrue the actions of the Wycombe men: hence this reply.

In May of the present year an application was received from the then branch secretary, for the use of the Wycombe tower, and asking assistance in arranging for a branch meeting at High Wycombe. This was readily granted, and service, tea, etc., fixed up. A letter of appreciation was received, thanking us for our efforts, and confirming the arrangements. In the course of a few days, however, another letter was received, in which the branch secretary explained that he had been expressly forbidden to hold a branch meeting at Wycombe, and, therefore, he had no option but to call the meeting off, much to the regret of himself and others.

In July, at the annual meeting of the Guild, at Reading, a proposition by a member of the Wycombe belfry was turned down, the chairman ruling that Wycombe (though members were still affiliated) was 'out of court.'

In August an application was received from the recently-elected secretary for a branch meeting and practice. His request was carefully considered, and a courteous reply sent, expressing regret that, in view of the fact High Wycombe had been 'ruled out of court,' the request could not be complied with. We had also been notified that the tower would probably be closed in about a fortnight for repairs, and this reason was also given to somewhat 'tone down' the refusal. To this Mr. Barker replied:—

..... Understand I do not consider the Master's ruling applicable to any meeting or practice of this branch. 'I have made a rule for myself, and I expect all members to follow suit.' 'I do not expect any questions from any other of our members.' This arrogant epistle was, of course, ignored, it being obvious no good purpose could be served by further correspondence.

In view of the rulings quoted above, the Wycombe men, feeling it was inadvisable to arrange a strictly 'official' meeting, have taken the opportunity (before their tower is closed) to organise the meeting for November 8th, inviting all members of belfries within the area of the branch to meet together and discuss the position in a friendly manner. Invitations have also been extended to the clergy in the area. That is the reason, sir, why the meeting has been arranged; and we hope it will be successful.

The stupidity of Mr. Barker's autocratic presumption in his last paragraph, as to authority of the meeting, is apparent if the latter part of the suggested motion is read aright: 'To attend and vote for at the annual festival.'

We wish the branch secretary all success; and if Wycombe representatives have been absent from meetings, it has been unfortunate—not purposely. We much regret that this official of the branch should endeavour unjustifiably to prejudice a meeting called for friendly intercourse, by rushing into print, and indulging in 'mud-slinging,' and 'reading between the lines' things that are not. The recent advent of Mr. Barker as secretary of the branch will, we hope, be beneficial, and the good comradeship and freemasonry for which the district has been noted be cemented. Tact, courtesy, and the policy of 'give-and-take' are far preferable to a 'high and mighty do-as-I-tell-you style.' Guild members of 30 or 40 years' standing are working as hard now as ever they were for what they consider best for the Guild, quietly and unassumingly—without any 'flourish of trumpets'—but, nevertheless convinced, in their own minds, as to the justice of their cause.

May we take this opportunity of thanking the clergy and others who have sent sympathetic and encouraging letters, and wishing the meeting all success.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE TWITCHEN

Hon. Secretary, Wycombe Belfry.

NEWCHURCH RINGERS' VISIT TO WHALLEY.

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, the ringers of St. Nicholas' Newchurch, and a few friends, had an outing to Whalley. Leaving Newchurch by charabanc they arrived at their destination about 2.45, and were met by one of the local ringers. Whalley Church contains a peal of eight bells, the old six having been recast and a new treble and tenor added. The peal has been rehung, and is one of the finest in the county. Soon the bells were going to Grandsire Triples, a touch of 840 being rung by J. Taylor 1, T. Harrison 2, J. H. Haydock 3, L. Taylor 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Omerod 8. After tea, further ringing took place, and the bells were 'fired' several times. The inhabitants of Whalley were very pleased with the ringing, and spoke in praise of the performance of the visitors. The ringers wish to convey their thanks to the Rector, wardens and local ringers for permission to ring, and also for having all in order.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Monday, Oct. 6th, before harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Lamb 4, F. Dafters 5, H. Richards 6, J. Dafters 7, B. Heisterman

YORKSHIRE VETERAN RINGER DEAD.

SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS AT BURNSALL.

There has passed away at Skipton, in the person of Mr. John Pickersgill Birch, of Burnsall, one of the best known characters in Wharfedale. For no less than 77 years he had been a ringer at his native village, and he was also known in Leeds and Bradford.

Mr. Birch was admitted to hospital at Skipton on Sept. 24th last, and had been in failing health for some time. He celebrated his 89th birthday on the day before his death. Born and bred in Burnsall, Mr. Birch's ancestors had resided in the village for a great number of years, and the name of his great uncle, Richard Pickersgill, together with the date 1762, is to be found scratched on a small pane of a latticed window at his late residence at Burnsall.

Mr. Birch was best known as a carrier between Burnsall and Skipton, and, on occasion, between Appleton and Craven's ancient capital. He had fifty years' experience in this duty, and could recall many a memorable occasion when his cart was held up in snowdrifts on Barden Moor.

A postman for many years, he tramped his 20 miles a day with unfailing regularity, carrying the letters at 1d. a time and receiving a pittance of 10s. 6d. a week for a long period before the Government recognised his position.

Mr. Birch was only twelve years of age when he learned to ring on the six bells in the Burnsall Parish Church. In 1877 he was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Birch had come to Skipton on show day, almost without a break since the first Skipton show was held, and he always assisted in the change ringing on that occasion on the Skipton Parish Church bells, which is one of the old customs still preserved in connection with the exhibition. In 1921, Mr. Birch was the only ringer present who assisted in the celebration on the occasion of the first show.

Mr. Birch's wife died about 17 years ago. He was the father of eleven children, six of whom are living. He had 40 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

ICKLETON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Oct. 11th, the ringers of Ickleton, Cambs, with some of their wives and a few friends, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Ickleton shortly after 9 a.m., the first stop was at Wilburton, in the Isle of Ely. Here they were welcomed by the Vicar, and the bells, a musical ring of six, were soon going merrily to Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Woodbine. The next call was at Haddenham, where there is a heavy ring of six. The back bells were not in good ringing order, so several short touches were rung. A move was then made for Ely. Unfortunately the bells at St. Mary's Church are in need of repair, and, therefore, could not be rung. The Cathedral was visited, and the roll of honour inspected. Afterwards a move was made to Soham, where the ring of ten were at the disposal of the visitors. Touches were rung on eight and the back six, and the ten were rung in rounds. At the White Hart Hotel a good meat tea was provided, to which full justice was done. The party then proceeded to Fordham, where there is a good ring of six, and several touches were brought round. Newmarket was the next call, and here again the heavy ring of six at St. Mary's could not be rung, as they were under repair. An application for permission to ring on the eight at All Saints was not answered; and, as it was getting late, it was decided not to go there 'on spec.' Consequently tracks were made for home, which was reached shortly after nine o'clock, all agreeing it had been a most enjoyable outing.—Votes of thanks were passed to the respective Vicars for the use of their bells; to steeplekeepers and ringers for getting the bells ready; and to Major Routh for the use of his lorry. P. W.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 28th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, J. Evans 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. T. Goodfellow 8. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Mayor and Mayoress of Shrewsbury. Councillor and Mrs. Bates Maddison.

BRISTOL.—Clifton Guild.—On Monday, Oct. 20th in 47 mins. (practice), a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): *Mrs. W. Thomas 1, *A. E. Parker 2, C. Gordon 3, A. E. Wilkins 4, W. Thomas 5, C. T. Rawlings 6, J. Jones 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th. 720 Double Court: C. M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt, as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Seabright 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Burles 5, G. Morrad 6. Also another 720 Kent, with S. Baker and H. Argent, vice F. Seabright and G. Morrad. First 720 Treble Bob by F. Seabright and S. Baker at the first attempt.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, eight courses of Stedman Cinques (1,047 changes): W. White 1, H. Creed 2, A. Wyatt 3, S. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, P. Merson 7, W. Coles 8, T. Smith 9, F. Sadd 10, J. Hunt 11, W. Thorn 12.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. Overall 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by R. Foddy.

RAYNE.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at All Saints', for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in six variations: A. Ridgwell 1, H. Richardson 2, F. Ridgwell 3, Basil Ridgwell 4, H. Ridgwell (conductor) 5, L. Hance 6. First 720 for all except ringers of 2 and 5.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For evening service, on Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Cornish 1, H. Smith 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, H. J. King 4, C. A. Gray (conductor) 5, W. J. Kemp 6, A. Coles 7, J. L. Loyd (first quarter-peal) 8.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: A. Hall 1, T. Preston 2, L. Ward 3, T. Jordan 4, L. Jordan (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Hall 6.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Faulkner 1, W. Bates 2, R. Boulton 3, Miss E. Foulk 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Warrington (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

SHILDON, Co. DURHAM.—At St. John's Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for afternoon service (preacher, the Bishop of Barking), 1,440 Bob Minor, with tenor covering.—For evening service, 840 Bob Minor, with 6, 8 covering, the following members taking part: E. Elliott, T. Robinson, W. Vickers, T. Wick, J. Beck, R. B. Robinson (conductor), S. Bryant and J. Henderson.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Tuke 1, S. Briggs (conductor) 2, T. Sarel 3, C. Lake 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison 7, H. Hirst 8.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung for the special services held on this day: J. Coldrick 1, G. Gaunt 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith (conductor) 4, H. Lofthouse 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Hey 7, J. Thackray 8. Longest length as conductor, and by ringers of treble, 2, 3, 5, 6.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, 720 College Single and 720 Bob Minor, in 50 mins.: T. Knowles 1, E. Mullender 2, F. Swain 3, A. Sharman 4, F. W. Knowles 5, W. Swain (conductor) 6.

ROCK FERRY.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Withers 1, F. Amos 2, W. Dean 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for the children's fruit and flower service, in the afternoon, 503 Grandsire Triples: and for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Irving 1, Mrs. Baker 2, C. Tribe 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Maker 5, W. Button 6, K. Pattenden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Mitchell 8. Messrs. Irving and Pattenden are from Rye, Sussex.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, for the children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. Ridyard 2, J. Howarth 3, J. Freeman 4, W. Jones 5, F. Grundy (longest length as conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Grundy 1, F. Grundy 2, W. Jones 3, J. Freeman (first quarter of Stedman) 4, J. Ridyard 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, A. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service (1,296 changes), in 45 mins., being 216 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Woodbine and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bradshaw 1, J. Beresford 2, W. Cornwell 3, H. Cornwell (conductor) 4, J. H. Beresford 5, E. Edwards 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Sibley 1, W. Rogers 2, H. Marlow 3, H. Key 4, J. Motherell 5, W. Sibley 6, J. Dove 7, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 8, F. Wilford 9, A. Monk 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by 1 & 7.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival (morning service), 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Green 1, C. Bowkett 2, P. Blisset 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, T. Lane 6, J. Bachelor 7, F. Griffiths 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Cross 1, G. Wines 2, H. Page 3, H. Davies 4, F. Lasbury 5, J. Cross 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Mary Abbots, for harvest festival, 855 Stedman Caters: Miss Chapman 1, W. E. Garrard 2, Miss Orre 3, G. W. Frayne 4, Rev. C. Crew-Cox 5, A. B. Bennett 6, A. E. Bradley 7, P. H. Miles 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, P. H. Smith 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, 576 London Surprise: W. W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, F. L. Fisher (Uford) 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, G. Wilson 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—For evening service, 640 Rochester Surprise: C. Sampson 1, A. Keeble 2, Geo. Bailey 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, G. Wilson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tyler (first attempt for 720) 1, S. Mutton (first attempt 'inside') 2, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5. Rung with muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. R. Brett, who was churchwarden at this church.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, 720 Double Court: W. Wise 1, Geo. Mansfield 2, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 3, G. F. Lucas 4, A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray 6.—For evening service, on Sept. 21st, 360 Double Court.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), in 45 mins.: A. Thornton 1, W. Leaning 2, E. Godfrey (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Love 1, F. Howson 2, R. Marsh 3, F. Love 4, H. Love 5, G. Love 6, W. Howson (conductor) 7, A. Calver 8.

BLACKBURN.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, in 37 mins., 1,008 Stedman Triples: H. Chambers 1, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 2, F. Chambers 3, T. Stancliffe 4, T. Chambers 5, R. Stacliffe 6, W. Robinson (Ambleside) 7, F. Bradley 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 576 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, E. Bishop 4, W. Trueman 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. Hussey 8, S. Palmer 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. F. Doel 1, E. Chandler 2, H. Mitchell 3, H. G. Frampton 4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, W. Simmonds 6, W. H. Bennett 7, F. Longman 8. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from London. * First quarter of Stedman.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,080 London Surprise Minor and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, by the following: W. Oliver, R. Park, W. Cook, F. Cook, W. N. Park, F. W. Lupson, G. W. Park (conductor). Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the daughter of Mr. F. W. Lupson.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, as a farewell to the Rev. P. H. Hill, who has left for Ryhope, near Sunderland, 840 Cambridge Minor, 360 Bob Minor, and 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, by the following: W. Oliver, W. Cook, F. Cook, R. Park, W. N. Park, F. W. Lupson, — Spencer, W. H. Porter and G. W. Park (conductor). Mr. Spencer hails from Staindrop.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for Matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, G. W. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Matins, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Hendley 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Green 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Collins 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Hendley 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, R. Jenkins 8. The latter was arranged as a birthday compliment to E. Collins. First quarter-peal for the ringer of the tenor, to whom great credit is due, as he only learnt to handle a bell quite recently.

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SHALL WE REVIVE PRIZE RINGING?

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with greatest interest the suggestion put forward by 'W. W.' in his most excellent article. 'Shall we . . .?' My emphatic answer is—without wishing to be dictatorial—No, sir; the very adjective 'prize' condemns the suggestion.

Yes, with a broad mind we see the suggestion is worthy of consideration. But first of all let us delete that abominable prefix. Ah! now it looks better, it smells better. Now then, one has not got to look twice to see what our friend is out for, not for personal gain, but an all-round improvement in the striking. Bravo! 'W. W.' and my comments are, 'Unhappy is the ringer who does not entertain that view.'

Yes, 'W. W.' we are with you to improve striking, but—proceed with caution! We must do no injustice. Of course we all realise there has been a reformation in the belfry. We realise that, standing on the dead (or dying) ashes of prize ringing, we have the true conception of a church bell ringer to-day! We must also realise that we have some pioneers of belfry reform with us to-day; we must remember that the belfries of to-day are the 'Monuments' of those pioneers who have passed! To preserve that sacred trust, is our bounden duty as we go forward—unquestionably that is 'W. W.'s' honest ambition; but if we revert to the abomination of the past, shall we advance? No! we shall, like the ringer of old, 'come a cropper.' In what? Why, a vaulting, inordinate ambition, for nothing but worthless gain, 'The Prize'!

The competition of the 'Four Shires Guild,' so lucidly explained by Mr. Horace Perry, is worthy of the notice of all who are anxious to bring about a general improvement in the present day striking.

The objects of the F.S.G. is, in my (genial) heathenish, not Puritanical! opinion, pure, unalloyed, fraternal, rivalry! No money; no personal gain, one tower out to defeat the other—without hope of reward—is certain to be successful, and bring about the desired effect in the striking, no matter whether it be 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 bell tower. That is the fundamental fact that meets my view, that ringers, who compete will compete for what they can 'add' to ringing, and not what can be extracted from it.

Why, then, should not we as one great scientific fraternity take up the subject on those very grounds? Looking at, and taking the situation from an ecclesiastical standpoint, we have in the South the province of Canterbury, and in the North that of York (as every ringer is aware). Those provinces are divided into dioceses.

What I should suggest is, that each diocese competes for a diocesan championship 'without money and without prize.' Let 5-bell tower meet 5-bell tower, 6-bell meet 6-bell, 8-bell meet 8-bell, 10 meet 10, and 12 meet 12. Then, let them thrash the matter out in the diocese who are the 'best strikers'—5, 6, 8, 10, or 12 bell ringers. The tower with the highest grand total of points would be the champions of that diocese; it would not signify whether it was a 5-bell tower, or, to go to the other extreme, a 12-bell tower; they would be the champions, and, as our friend 'W. W.' suggests, no test piece; let hands select their own method, whether it be Grandsire or London, the points to be awarded for the striking alone.

Now then, what should we do? We have the champions in the diocese of A (let us assume) a 5-bell tower, in diocese B a 12-bell tower is 'champion'; let the 'champions' of A enter the lists with the champions of B, either A or B will become conqueror, at the same time the 'champions' of diocese 'C and D,' 'E and F,' etc., will be fighting for the coveted honour; let conqueror meet conqueror, till we have only one left in the province of Canterbury, and likewise one in the province of York.

Then for the 'Grand Finale'! Possibly the champions of one province would be 6-bell ringers, while their opponents from the other province were 10, or even 12 bell ringers. What does that signify? Six bells want striking properly, and so do 12 bells.

Don't tell me that the 6-bell tower would have any advantage, they would not! Every bell in even a peal of six wants handling, and they want striking! On the other hand, if we turn to the 12-bell peal, what applies? exactly the same thing, 'handling for striking'! And that's that! And it's from practical, and not theoretical knowledge. We arrive now at the stage (imaginary) when one of the ecclesiastical provinces, having conquered the other, has become the 'Champions of All England.'

Now then, what about the reward? Let the publication of the fact—which would be published in 'Our Journal'—be the only laurel! And there you are! Ringers in any and every diocese would fight for diocesan laurels, and subsequently ringers of the two ecclesiastical provinces would do battle for provincial and 'All England Championship.' One feels that only good results would ensue, and without 'a prize,' so just consider this, ye campanites.

ALPHA DE ILCHESTURE.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. Hallows (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Sperring (conductor) 2, H. Lewis 3, Ed. Harrison 4, F. Fox 5, J. W. Davies 6, G. R. Jones 7, A. Newell 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.45; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Magnus, St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4.45 p.m. — W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Pickering on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from one o'clock, or earlier, if desired. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Nov. 8th (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Man). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The usual travelling allowance will be paid to members attending.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The last meeting of the year will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 8th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 6th at 5.30. All ringers welcome and their friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea, Parish Room, 5.30 p.m., 9d. each.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (Cathedral 12 and St. Marie's 8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. (revision of rules, etc.). — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All requiring tea please notify F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gaileywood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at Horse and Groom.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8). Service in the church 4.30. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend? Special business.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Free tea at the Church Rooms at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting in Manchester Hall, Middle Street, at 7 p.m. Preliminary Notice: The Crofts dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on January 31st, 1925.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LONDON.—ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday 6.30 to 8 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings, 10 to 11 o'clock. Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m., for Oratorio Service. Other particulars relating to Sunday next will be found in another column.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. All ringers invited. — C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 8th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names not later than first post on the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.15 and 6 to 8 p.m. Short service in church at 4.15. Tea will only be provided for those who notify E. H. Stoneley not later than Nov. 12th. Members are invited to attend the opening of six bells at Higham-on-the-Hill at 3 p.m., Nov. 8th.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 15th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Institute for those who inform me by Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Hull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Tea can be arranged (1s. each) for all who send me notice by Wednesday, Nov. 12th. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare, on Nov. 15th. Service in the evening, tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged in due course. — H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Short service at usual time. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 15th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Michael's City on Saturday, Nov. 15th (Emmanuel, Clifton, not being available). Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Nov. 10th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton (by invitation) on Nov. 15th, when the bells will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided. I shall be pleased to know the number beforehand for tea. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pentrich on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Nov. 15th at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Everyone invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GREAT BADDOW.—The recast ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be reopened on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Dedication by the Bishop of Barking at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for visiting ringers who send their names to the churchwarden, Mr. F. Howard, Oak Lodge, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Essex Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Long Eaton on January 17th, 1925.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

ACTON.—Practice at Acton is changed to Wednesdays.—Robert Holloway.

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