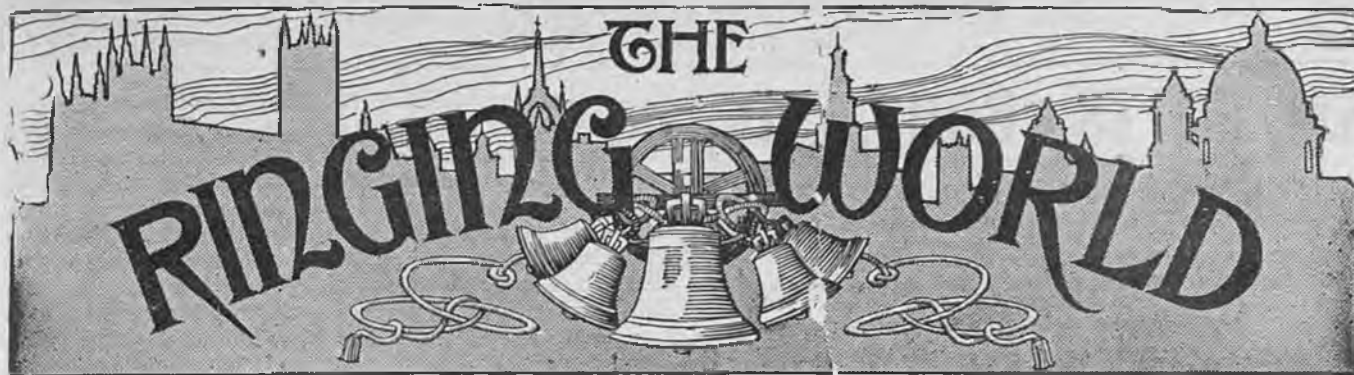


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A DEFINITE OBJECTIVE.

'Summer time, 1932,' is fast approaching its end and its passing marks the definite advent of 'winter' evenings when, with outdoor attractions no longer possible, ringers should turn with new zest to the belfry. There are a large number of towers where practices are entirely suspended during the summer and there are very few where the attendance is not affected during those months when the call of open air pastimes so much outweighs the claims of ringing chambers. Only the most enthusiastic seem prepared during the summer to give up an hour or so on one evening a week to the practice of ringing, and even their attempts to carry on are frequently frustrated by the less keen members who are loth to surrender even this short time for the purpose. There are two views of this break in the continuity of practice. One is that it is a serious interference with progress, in that it interrupts the work and, as a result, the band begins the winter more or less where it began just twelve months before. The other view is that after the summer break ringers come to their task with a new vigour and keener interest. There is doubtless truth in both these opinions, and which is the more applicable to any individual band depends largely on the ringers themselves. One thing, we think, is noticeable, and that is that, after a summer interval, it is often difficult to get the young and not over-keen ringer back to the fold.

Whatever the effects of the summer 'vacation' may have been, however, now is the time to fill the gaps and to set about the task of making good, as rapidly as possible, any lost ground. Every band, setting out upon the winter's work, ought to have a definite plan of progress before them; it ought not to be sufficient just to meet and practise what they already know. Perfect striking should be the first aim of every ringer and of every company, and the mastering of at least one fresh method should form the minimum objective. In these days there is ample scope for ringers to advance by easy stages and text books are provided for them which render their path much less difficult than it was a generation ago. The six and eight bell ringers, even if their capabilities are at present confined to a comparatively elementary field, can find in the Collections published by the Central Council a variety of methods which will prove well within their capacity and yet enable them to advance while giving them a new interest. If they need more explicit help than is to be found in the compact form of the Council's publications, there are the books of the Snowdon series, which, wisely followed, will take them from rounds to London Surprise. Even those ringers who have reached the

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higher standards of Surprise ringing need not pause in the general advance; the 'splicing' of methods is open to them, and this most modern phase of change ringing is particularly to be commended to six-bell ringers, who will find the book 'Method Splicing' a fascinating study and likely to provoke a keen desire to put this form of producing extents into practice. Whatever rung of the ladder has been reached, there are few ringers who can say they have no further room to advance and, with the coming of the longer evenings, now is the time to lay down a definite objective for the winter and set about attaining it.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	JOHN NEAL 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	GEORGE F. YENDELL 10
GEORGE E. LARGE 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN 11
HECTOR G. BIRD 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

This peal has the first 28 courses in seven-course blocks in the titlums position, with the 6th the full extent at home, and ten courses in the handstroke home position.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
*GEORGE E. LARGE 2	†THOMAS HEMMING 8
JOHN BASS 3	†ALBERT H. WARD 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	FRANK E. PERVIN 11
CYRIL TANSSELL 6	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells and 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Four Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANK E. DARBY 8
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOHN WAUGH 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5	CECIL W. PIPE 11
GEORGE CROSS 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the 5th.

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TEN BELL PEALS.**NORWICH.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,****A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. John Souther, of Diss.

SWINDON.**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT Treble	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	NEAL ALLNATT 7
W. W. T. DANIELL 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 8
ERNEST BISHOP 4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 9
JOSEPH T. DYKE 5	W. A. BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	JOHN R. RODWELL 8
GEORGE POLLINGER 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5	EDWARD C. WHEELER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

This peal was arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset. It was also the eve of the harvest festival at the above church.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ALFRED B. PECK Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 8
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9
PERCY E. CLARK 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Martin-Jones; also to Messrs. W. H. Pasmore and H. W. Hawkins.

BANBURY, OXON.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, September 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WAYSON Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
HARRY MILES 2	†FREDERICK SELWYN 7
†WILLIAM TANDY 3	JOHN SIMONS 8
†FRANK BALDWIN 4	†HERBERT IMPEY 9
†ERNEST PEARSON 5	†ROBERT HIGHAM Tenor

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

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
STANLEY ARMSTRONG 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ALBERT D. STONE 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARV,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

*ALAN FORSHAW Treble	†JOHN TODD 5
†GORDON WHITAM 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
†ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 3	†WILLIAM LANGHORNE 7
NICHOLAS NEWBY 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GEOFFREY C. RICE 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
RICHARD G. RICE 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

First peal on the bells since being restored and increased to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,****A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLY Treble	FRED ROBSON 5
ALFRED COATES 2	JOHN W. DOWSON 6
HARRY TAYLOR 3	ADAM DEAS 7
SIDNEY BREEZE 4	ERNEST BORNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. BORNETT.

Ringers of 4th and 5th are from West Hartlepool, 7th from Gosforth, tenor from Kirkby Stephen, and the rest local. Rung to celebrate the refurnishing of the church with oak panelling, through the generosity of Miss Mary Baron, the dedication taking place the following day.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Sunday, September 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALFRED G. GRANT Treble	EDGAR HANCOX 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	FRANK CORKE 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	THOMAS PITTHAM Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Specially arranged for Messrs. Lucas, Hancox and Corke, of Uxbridge. 50th peal by E. W. Tipler.

ARKSEY.—On Saturday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Lee 3, H. Arrand 4, J. McCluskey 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burditt 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
*GEORGE SCHLEUTER 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
ARNOLD HAIGH 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	*CHARLES GILLOTT 7
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First attempt for a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	*AMBURN WILSON 6
*NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	*THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE THREE-PART, No. 86

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	T. ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of New Cambridge by all except the conductor, on the bells, and, it is believed, by the Guild.

STEDMAN CATERS AT CIRENCESTER.

On Wednesday, September 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, Glos, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), composed by Albert Walker: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, H. Gassor 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, H. S. Parsons 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. G. Cook 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by a local band, also first as conductor, and believed to be the first of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LUFF Treble	KENNETH KNOWLES 5
ARTHUR HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	† WALTER PERKINS 5
*FRANCIS BALL 2	AMOS SMART 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
ALBERT J. GREEN 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 350th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW Treble	ARTHUR E. BEAMISH 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	FRANK W. PERRINS 6
MRS. BEAMISH 3	ALAN W. RANDS 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. A. E. D. Disney, wife of the former Rector of Stoney Stanton.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by WM. BARTON. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. C. Foote, B.A., Vicar of Queensbury, on his appointment to a canonry of Bradford Cathedral.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
GEORGE WEITING 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST E. LANHAM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged for Messrs. Bradley and Daniels, who were on holiday in the district.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Ward, of Cambridge.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
WILLIAM HALFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the association, and on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 3
HARRY L. SMITH 2	EDWIN CATTELL 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants, and Gayton, of Harrold, Beds.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	JACK BRANCH 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Walter Charman on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Also rung for the birthday of T. Adams, and the wedding anniversary of the Vicar of Warnham, the Rev. F. S. Farebrother.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	WALTER BINGHAM 3
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	THOMAS E. LEE 6
JOHN W. SYKES 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	*NORMAN FISHER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 399)

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Miss Jean Grant, of Dore, and Capt. Brook, of Swansea, which took place at Dore on September 3rd.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JAMES T. STEVENS Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
JOHN WERADON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
†CHARLES E. UDELL 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the laying and dedication of the foundation stone for the new Parish Church Hall by the Lord Bishop of Rochester prior to the commencement of peal; also on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST Treble	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
ERNEST J. OLIVER 2	†WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 6
JAMES W. KNIGHT 3	*HERBERT V. YOUNG 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Kent Major. † 25th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse College, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

*REGINALD CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM J. CARTER 4
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	*RALPH PARTON 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	*ERNEST CALCUTT Tenor

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal in seven methods. Arranged for Miss Cawthorne, of Sheffield. First peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAWKINS Treble	FRANK FLOWER 4
EDMUND KING 2	REGINALD PARFREY 5
FREDERICK FEAR 3	WILLIAM WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK FLOWER.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven true extents.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4
*CHARLES BURTON 2	WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT 5
*AMBROSE MASON 3	*CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Croft) on completing ten years' ministry in the parish, and to celebrate the 71st birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elliott (who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal), and also the 79th birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, of Broad Green, Great Tey.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CEAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 2	WALTER LAGO 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	RICHARD INSTON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Completes Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the method for the conductor in Shropshire. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. First complete peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, in the county, for the association and by all except the conductor. The visitors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. R. Inston for having everything ready, and his parents for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

GEORGE WHYBROW Treble	* WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
ERNEST WAKELING 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
ROBERT SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Rung with tenor covering after meeting short for Major.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild:—
HEREFORD.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
JOHN G. NASH 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the diocese and by the Guild.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 144). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the diocese and by the Guild. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method, in the diocese, and by the Guild.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
JOHN G. NASH 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal, and has now rung peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1932, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 141). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

On Friday, September 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 80). Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First Surprise peal on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	* EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
ROBERT RICHARDSON 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Creswell on Saturday, September 24th. Only a few members attended, but with the greatly appreciated help of the gentlemen most of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mrs. Bacon, who had so kindly prepared the tea.

Information was given about the next meeting, which is a joint one with the Lincoln District at Loughborough on Saturday, November 19th. Mr. Denison Taylor has kindly offered to provide tea. As it will be the first 'Ladies' Day' there, it is hoped that all members will make a big effort to attend.

Members and friends were present from Nottingham, Mansfield, Dore, Langwith, Bolsover, Treeton, Clowne and the local company.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT WALTHAM ABBEY.**

The fine weather and the opportunity of having a pull on the twelve bells no doubt accounted for the good attendance at Waltham Abbey on Saturday week, as during the afternoon and evening over 40 members put in an appearance. Members began to arrive by 3 p.m., and the bells were soon raised and going to Stedman and Grandsire. Service was conducted by the Vicar, after which a move was made to the Vicarage Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly provided and arranged by lady members of the congregation was partaken of.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected, and Leytonstone agreed upon as the place for next meeting—the district annual—to be held on December 3rd next.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Cleale) for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to Miss G. Church for arranging the meeting and accompanying the hymns, etc., on the organ, to the ladies for providing and arranging the tea, to the members of the local band for having everything in readiness. This was carried with acclamation, and responded to by the Vicar, who stated that they would always extend a hearty welcome to the association whenever they cared to pay a visit to Waltham Abbey.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Walthamstow, Edmonton, Sawston, Royston, Fulbourne, Leyton, Leytonstone, Waltham Abbey, Romford, Melbourne, Nazing, Braughing, Enfield (St. Andrew's), Loughton and West Ham, and touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, the bells being made full use of till 9 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last the Leeds and District Society visited the ancient church of Rothwell, and a very enjoyable meeting was held. The learners being guided through their various methods, the more advanced ringers then showed the beginners how to ring and strike the more advanced methods. The methods in which touches were rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. These comprise a sufficient variety for the most discriminating. During the tea interval, touches were rung on the handbells.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. W. H. Senior) being chairman, and members were present from Pudsey, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Queensbury, and the local company. Ten new members were elected, nine from the East Ardsley company and one from Rothwell.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

The President announced that the next meeting would be at Bradford Cathedral on October 29th.

COMMEMORATION AT CLUN.

On Sunday week the churchpeople of Clun celebrated the 18th anniversary of the restoration of the tower of the grand old Parish Church and the recasting, augmentation and rededication of the bells. The Vicar (Rev. J. Harrison), preaching at the morning service, spoke of the sacramental significance of towers and bells, and asked those present to try to imagine what England and English countryside would be like without these outward signs of religion. He made grateful reference to the work and ministry of the late Preb. R. D. Machen in Clun. 'It is hard,' he said, 'to think of our tower and bells without thinking of Preb. Machen. He it was who undertook the work of restoration, and who with the loyal support of the churchpeople of the time and other friends, carried it through to such successful completion. I doubt very much whether, if he had not undertaken it, either of his successors in their office as Vicar would have had the courage to attempt it.'

The marriage of Mr. Brian Machen (youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Machen) and Miss Veronica Whitwell will take place at St. Clement Danes, London, on October 15th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space we have been compelled to hold over a number of peal and other reports.

A half-muffled peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on September 21st, as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Souter, of Diss, whose death has already been recorded in 'The Ringing World.' Had he lived, Mr. Souter, who rang and conducted a peal on his 81st birthday, would have been 82 on the 21st inst. As far as can be ascertained, this peal is the first to be rung muffled at St. Peter Mancroft.

Congratulations to Mr. Clifford Percy Hilton upon his promotion to the rank of superintendent of police. He will take charge of the Dorking (Surrey) Division as from October 9th. A native of Yale, Hants, he began his ringing career when very young, and soon mastered the art of change ringing. Since joining the police in 1910 he has had very little opportunity of ringing, but it is hoped he may become a useful member of the Dorking band at an early date.

Mr. E. C. Chasty, of Long Eaton, writes that the peal at Great Gransden, Hunts, on September 17th, was not the first in seven methods on the bells. He rang the tenor to a peal in seven methods at Great Gransden on November 14th, 1908, for the Ely Association.

The peal rung at Great Gransden on September 17th should have been credited to the Bedfordshire Association.

A meeting has been arranged at Staplehurst, Kent, on Wednesday, October 5th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of practising London Surprise. It is hoped to make this a standing order for the first and third Wednesdays in the following months, and ringers within reach of the tower are asked not to miss the opportunity and to help to make it a success.

The joint meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations, which it was hoped to hold at Broxbourne on October 8th, has been cancelled owing to a misunderstanding with regard to the date.

A paragraph in a Hereford newspaper gave rise to a rumour that a well-known bachelor had at last 'found' Kate, and was no longer a bachelor. The surprise caused by this rumour, amounting almost to consternation, among the band that was touring in Herefordshire was only dispelled when it was discovered that there was an error in initials in the newspaper report.

Is it true that a well-known ringer has been offered a permanent position as a valet after his efforts in ensuring hot water and other creature comforts in the early morning for fellow-ringers at Hereford?

GOOD STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the inquiry of 'Strike First,' it is, in my opinion, impossible to secure good striking with open leads if the tenor, or any other bell, strikes at equal intervals of time between each stroke.

No ringing without a clear open lead is worth listening to, and to ensure this the 'beats' should be as follows, whether the tenor is covering or turned in:—

On five bells: 1234512345021354231450, etc.

The figure 0 represents a silence, i.e., an open lead, equal to the interval of time between each bell sounding. The same beat applies to six bells.

On eight bells: 123456781234567800214365872416385700, etc.

It will be seen that this beat has an open lead equal to the time that two bells would take to strike, and this should also apply to 10 and 12 bells.

C. GLENN.

TROYTE'S ADVICE.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'Strike First,' has not read pages 8 and 9 in Troyte's book on Change Ringing, or he would be aware there is no difference between any of the bells after the open lead. I consider it would do an immense amount of good if you could find space to reproduce these two paragraphs in 'The Ringing World.'

'INTERESTED.'

The paragraphs referred to by our correspondent are the following:—

'Pulling her (the treble) off at the handstroke, he must listen for the interval which is allowed to intervene between the strokes of the other bells, and then the round being completed, he must cause his bell to strike after the tenor at exactly the same interval at which the others struck.

'His next stroke being a handstroke, he will allow exactly double that interval to intervene between the striking of the tenor and his own, and thus he will continue, causing rounds to run in this manner:—

hand	back	hand	back	hand	back
12345	123450	12345	123450	12345	123450

NEW TREBLE BELL AT SULGRAVE.

On Sunday, September 18th, the Rev. Canon Hill (Rural Dean) dedicated the new treble bell given to Sulgrave Church by Mr. C. E. Walton in memory of his wife, who was organist at the church for a number of years. The bell was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The inscription reads: 'Presented by Mr. C. E. Walton in memory of his wife, M. E. Walton. Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh, Vicar; W. Cleaver and F. Carter, Churchwardens.'

Canon Hill, in his address, said: You have had many great and notable gatherings in this church during the past few years. Many men and women of the great English-speaking world have visited this village with their presence and generosity, but to-day we are met together as a family circle to take part in a quiet and simple service though it is quite as important as the greater services of past years. We have met together to thank God for the generosity of one who has made an offering of a bell to be dedicated to the glory of God and to the use of the church, given not for his own honour, but in remembrance of one who was very dear to him, whose life was full of devoted service to the church and village, and this bell which has just been dedicated, what shall we call it? Surely it should be



SULGRAVE'S HISTORIC CHURCH.

called 'The bell of remembrance.' Let that bell whenever it rings remind you that you, too, must live a life of service and sacrifice as she did. Let the one who would have the honour of ringing the bell ever remember his own duty to his God, his Church and his village, for these church bells have a message for all, not only to those who ring them but to all who hear them. They have a message for all in sorrow and sadness and in pleasure and gladness. I would urge you all to value your church bells. Let the ringers feel as they ring the bells that they have a very special part to play in the Church of God, and that their place is a very high and great one. Let all who belong to the church in this village realise that the message the bells bring is a call to honour God's name, to come to His house. If you do not obey the call you are losing opportunities for glorifying God.

After the dedication, Mr. Walton thanked Rev. Canon Hill, Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh, and the Church Council for allowing him to have the bell hung in the tower.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor represented the founders at the ceremony, and Mr. M. Smith (Banbury) was also present. Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) sent an apology for absence. Ringers were present from Banbury, Helmdon, Oedington and Lois Weedon. The new treble bell is a great improvement on the five.

Sulgrave is the ancient home of the Washington family, of which the first American President was a scion, and is the Mecca of many American visitors to this country. The tomb of Laurence Washington, who died in 1585, his wife Anne, who died in 1564, and their eldest son Robert, is among the objects of great interest in the church.

The five bells, to which the new treble has been added, were recast in 1928 from an older ring, the earliest of which, made by Newcombe, of Leicester, was cast in 1610. The restoration of the tower and bells in 1928 was largely contributed to by Americans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S FLOURISHING CONDITION.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, when the towers of Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods and Coppull were open from 1 p.m. Service was held at the Parish Church, the preacher being Rev. W. R. Coombs, M.A., Vicar of Adlington, one time Vicar of Holy Trinity, Burnley.

Tea followed in the Institute, and as soon as the tea was over such members of the committee as were present met and heard the report.

Then followed the general meeting. The president gave a resume of the business when the committee's report was read, along with the balance sheet and auditor's remarks, and a few questions were asked and answered.

The report says that the association is 1,607 strong, of which 1,205 are resident ringers. The income for the year was £100 12s. 11d., and expenses £75 14s. 7d., showing a gain on the year of £24 18s. 4d. The only restoration of bells to record was at Brookfield Church, Manchester. The association had a heavy loss through death during the year, including three hon. life members, two non-resident and 18 ringing members.

There was only one nomination for president and secretary, and they were re-elected for another two years, and thanked for past services.

The four Central Council representatives were elected by ballot, and of the 1,000 papers sent out 487 were returned, which showed the members were satisfied with the retiring members. They sent them back for another three years. Seven members went to the poll.

The Furness Branch sent an invitation to visit Dalton for next year's meeting, but after discussing the train services the invitation was regretfully declined, and Lancaster was proposed and carried. Members held the view that it would encourage the newest branch to go there instead.

Most of the branches were represented at the meeting, there being 60 present. Mr. Rigby would have been more pleased if there had been double the number. Votes of thanks were returned to the Rector of Chorley, his organist and choir, the ringers, the preacher, and the other clergy who kindly lent their bells.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

STRENUOUS WEEK FINISHES WITH THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

The band touring the Hereford diocese last week received a very cordial reception when they met at the Cathedral for the first peal. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (hon. secretary) and Mr. C. Edwards (Master), on behalf of the Diocesan Guild, welcomed the visitors, whilst the Dean mounted the high tower to wish the band success in their attempt. After nearly four hours' good ringing the first peal of Surprise Royal in the diocese was accomplished.

Most of the band paid another visit to the Cathedral on Sunday morning for service ringing, and in the afternoon, after a peal at Clifford, the visitors were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwards at their home at Great Brampton, where, after a good tea, some time was spent in handbell ringing.

A pretty strenuous week's ringing followed, and, in all, eleven peals were rung. There were a few disappointments, chiefly when a rope broke at Presteign after nearly two hours' good ringing in what would have been the first peal of Bristol in Radnorshire. However, a second visit to Holm Lacy on Saturday evening made up for one of the losses, and incidentally gave three of the band their first opportunity of ringing three tower bell peals in a day.

The thanks of the tourists are cordially extended to the Dean of Hereford and to the several incumbents for permission to ring the peals; and also to the towerkeepers for services rendered. The arrangements for the tour were made by Mr. Charles Edwards, whose efforts were much appreciated, and who, with Mrs. Edwards, is sincerely thanked for the invitation to tea after the peal at Clifford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Berkhamsted, was well attended by ringers from Apsley, King's Langley, Chalfont, Slough, Tring, Ellesborough, London, and local company. Various methods in Minor Triples and Major were rung. Owing to the illness of the Vicar's wife, the usual service in the church was not held, but a short ceremony took place in the belfry, where the Vicar, the Rev. H. Slamsby, unveiled a record of a peal of Grandire Doubles rung in March, 1926, in which five of the local men took part.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the library. At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Ayre in the chair, Apsley was selected for the next meeting in October. Mr. Puplett (secretary), who is leaving the district to reside in Devon, having to resign, Mr. Ayre was asked to carry on the secretaries duties, which he agreed to do.

Mr. Puplett was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services.—In replying, he said he was pleased to leave his office in such capable hands.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the promoters of the tea.

The meeting over, further ringing took place in the tower until 8 p.m.

WITHAM'S NEW BELLS.

MEMORIAL TO RINGING FAMILY'S LONG SERVICE.

Over 100 ringers visited Witham on Saturday week, when the Bishop of Colchester dedicated the two new bells, recently installed at St. Nicholas' Church. The bells, weighing 4½ cwt. and 5½ cwt. respectively, complete the octave. Thus a long cherished hope of Witham bellringers has at last materialised. Previously there were only six bells in the tower. The making and the installation of the bells were in the hands of the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

One of the new bells was kindly given to the church by members of the well-known Witham family of ringers, the Chalks, to commemorate the family's uninterrupted association with bellringing in St. Nicholas' for well over a century. Their association with bellringing is, without doubt, unsurpassed in the county. The late Mr. Arthur Chalk, who passed away about five years ago, was a bellringer at Witham for 48 years, while his father, Mr. William Chalk, and grandfather, Mr. Thomas Chalk, rang before him. For some time it had been felt by surviving members of the Chalk family, and also the Witham band, that some fitting memorial should be erected to the memory of the Chalk family in recognition of their great service to bellringing in Essex.

It was then that the happy idea of placing a treble bell in the tower at Witham was hit upon. The offer was made to the Vicar of Witham, the Rev. G. A. Campbell, some time ago, but the Vicar, quite rightly, said he could not see his way to accept the offer at the time owing to the expense of having a companion bell installed to complete the octave.

Fortunately the late Mrs. Mary Ann Wadley bequeathed a legacy of £300 to the church, and with part of this money it was decided to purchase the necessary bell, so that the church was able to avail itself of the kind offer of the Chalk family. The two bells bear the following inscriptions: 'Presented by members of the Chalk family, to commemorate 100 years' association with this tower. September, 1932'; and 'Mary Ann Wadley gave me. A.D. 1932'.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said that he had always deeply regretted the fact that when he was young he had not learned the art of bellringing. He had taken good care that his sons had learnt. He could not conceive anything more interesting than the ringing of bells. Ringers struck him as being very keen on their work—there was no keener band of men—and it was very rarely that a bellringer gave up his task until he was physically unable to continue. The hands of ringers up and down the country were performing a beautiful service to God, their Master, to whom they were real servants. Go, labour on, rejoice in your work, and the Lord will say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

Of the band who rang the first touch after the service, no fewer than five were members of the Chalk family. The touch was 288 Kent Treble Bob, and the ringers were as follows: Messrs. C. P. Chalk (Pittlewell) 1, W. Keeble (Feering) (conductor) 2, W. H. Chalk (Langford) 3, C. H. Howard (Braintree) 4, W. Chalk (Colchester) 5, J. Chalk (Wanstead) 6, W. T. Elliott (Kelvedon) 7, and F. Chalk (Maldon) 8. Other touches were afterwards rung by visiting ringers.

About 104 members and friends of the Essex Association sat down to tea at Rowley's Hall, Mr. C. H. Howard presiding. In a short speech Mr. Howard outlined the history of the installation of the new bells. The six bells at Witham were unanimously reckoned to be a good lot, but eight would no doubt be better. He was pleased to see Mr. Taylor (of the firm of Taylor and Co., Loughborough) present, and was also glad to say that without doubt the reputation of the firm had been well maintained. The fact that five members of the Chalk family had taken part in the first touch after the service showed that they were keeping up change ringing (applause).

Mr. William Chalk, on behalf of the family, said he was gratified to see so many bellringers present. Members of the family felt they would like to erect something in memory of the family, and they picked on a bell as by far the most fitting. He thanked them all for attending (applause).

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER'S WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place at the St. Peter's Church, Irtlingborough, Northants, recently, when Miss Doris Ingram, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. James Ingram, of Highfield Road, Irtlingborough, was married to Mr. Charles Henry Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Finedon Road, Irtlingborough.

Both bride and bridegroom were actively associated with the Parish Church, the bride having been a Sunday School teacher and chorister, and the groom a sidesman and a bellringer. The Rev. Warner officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle (Mr. A. Ingram), and attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Ingram, as bridesmaid. Mr. W. Chambers was best man, and the organist and choir led the singing of the hymns.

Among the many handsome presents were gifts from the St. Peter's bellringers, handsome oak clock; Sunday School teachers and choir, coal vase and fire screen; Messrs. John Spencer's factory, set of stainless dinner knives.

The bells rang out merrily after the service, and also on the departure of the happy couple for the honeymoon.

DEVON BELL RESTORATION.

TUNING EFFECTS IMPROVEMENT AT BRAMPFORD SPEKE.

The residents of Brampford Speke, near Exeter, at their harvest festival evensong, on Thursday, September 22nd, heard again the ring of six bells at the Parish Church, which have been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Formerly a ring of five by T. Bilbie, cast in 1755, they were increased to six by addition of a treble in 1895, but were never properly in tune, being in effect the front six of a peal of eight.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. V. Cox, who is well known, the preacher being the Rev. J. E. Blakeman Bait, Rural Dean. The church was tastefully adorned with autumn foliage, monster vegetables, corn and fruit. In his sermon, based on Psalm cl., 'Praise Him on the well tuned cymbals,' the preacher sounded a note of thanksgiving for the improvements effected which had been so well carried out. Everything in God's House, he said, should be of the best, and bells out of tune were not acceptable to Him. From this we should all endeavour by our daily conduct to keep our hearts in tune with heavenly ideals.

After the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the bells were rung for a short time in rounds by the local band, the great improvement in tune, to listeners who had heard them previously, being most noticeable.

The bells are now a delight to handle, the balance and hanging being perfect. A curious feature is that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are all lighter than the treble, while the tenor, in B, only weighs 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

MEETING OF DEVON GUILD.

The Exeter and District Branch of the Devon Guild held a quarterly meeting at Brampford Speke on Saturday, with an attendance of over 60 from ten bands in the branch and visitors from Aylesbeare Deanery, East and North-East Branches. The bells were continually going in Doubles and Minor methods all the afternoon and evening, and all those who tried them were full of praise for the great improvement effected by the restoration. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. V. Cox), who, in an address on the passage in the Epistle (Philippians), 'This one thing I do,' pointed out the need of concentration, for ringers especially, in all its aspects.

After service, tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting followed. The services of Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. Howe, Richardson and Wreford in instruction at Upton Pyne, were duly acknowledged, and the Chairman (Mr. A. W. Searle) expressed the sympathy of the meeting with two members who had lost their wives, and the relatives of a young member accidentally drowned.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, December 10th. Mrs. Powell presented six certificates to members of Upton Pyne band.

In conclusion, Rev. E. V. Cox paid a tribute to the work of Messrs. S. R. Roper, Dyer and Newson, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and invited members to inspect the Vicarage garden, a delightful spot overlooking the charming Exe Valley.

PRESTON BELLS REOPENED.

SUFFOLK RING RESTORED.

After hanging silent for four years, the six bells of St. Mary's Church, Preston, Suffolk, were reopened on Sunday, September 4th, having been rehung with new wheels, stocks, stays and fittings and the frame strengthened by A. Bowell and Son, Ipswich. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. Bernard Hall), who also preached an impressive sermon. The 23rd Psalm and suitable hymns were sung. A collection was made in aid of the bell restoration fund.

It would have been some time before these bells could have been made ringable had it not been for the kindness of a lady who is interested very much in Preston Church. This lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, has lent the necessary money without interest and without time limit.

Ringers were present for the opening from Lavenham, Hitcham, Monks Elleigh, Bildeston, Little Waldingfield, London, Groton, Sudbury, Wisbech, Acton and Preston.

The first touch was rung by Lavenham ringers. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

The ringers and other friends were afterwards entertained to tea at the Village Hall by the Rector, who gave them a hearty welcome. Mr. S. H. Symonds, on behalf of the assembly, thanked the Rector and friends for their kindness, and said that the ringers all spoke highly of the splendid 'go' of the bells.

The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Thos. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1744. (5 cwt. 2 qr.)

2nd.—Thos. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1744. (6 cwt.)

3rd.—Tho. Norden Roger, C.W., Tho. G., fecit 1744 (6 cwt. 2 qr.)

4th.—Miles Graye me, fecit 1640. (7 cwt.)

5th.—Henry Pleasant made me, 1702. (9 cwt.)

Tenor.—Henry Pleasant made me, 1704. (11 cwt.)

A NATIONAL ORGANISATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—It is generally recognised that it is not very far from the ridiculous to the sublime, but it seems to me that 'A Northants Ringer' in his sublimity has missed the trend of my previous letter. I did not suggest a national guild or association; that was Mr. Kippin's suggestion, but, if one is needed, I did, and do, contend that we already have the nucleus of a national body in the Central Council. As he himself states, representatives from all over the country are sent to its meeting year by year. Does not that constitute it a national body? Again, is not the Central Council the figure head of ringing at the present time; if, not, why are all ringers asked to accept its rulings and abide by its decisions? Personally I fail to see any difference between national Council and national committee. You may take the Church itself; it has its National Assembly, but it also has its diocesan organisations.

I am quite sure there are anomalies which could easily be removed without in any way altering the status of the local organisations, be they diocesan, county or otherwise, the removal of many of which would tend to open the gates of ringing as wide as the Church itself.

As regards the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which is mentioned, I have yet to learn that its work is in any way completed, but I am, with others, proud of what has been accomplished since it became a diocesan organisation, a position which I am certain would never have been attained had it remained simply a Northants Association. I do not think the Croydon gathering is any criterion on this subject.

F. BARBER.

'RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I thank Mr. E. A. Wilson, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, for his reply to my letter on above. Let me assure him, however, that I am feeling quite comfortable about the loyalty of the band, of which I have the honour to be Master, and we very heartily invite our friend to come over and see us some Sunday, when I feel sure he would find prevailing in our tower the spirit that he is seeking, though my experience as a much travelled ringer is that the same grand spirit pervades ringers and towers as a whole everywhere.

H. R. COBBIN.

St. Peter's, Nottingham.

DRIVEN AWAY.

Dear Sir.—Having read with interest in your valuable paper statements of ringers who drift or are driven away, may I state my own case? I have been a ringer for over 35 years, and have exactly 100 peals and one false one standing to my credit. I was for a few years a member of the Worcester Cathedral band and other towers in the Midlands. I moved to Chelmsford, Essex, where I was welcomed, and when the present peal of twelve were about to be installed, I helped to raise funds with lantern lectures, etc. I was elected Master of the tower and conducted the first peal, Grandsire Cinques, on the bells, which proved to be the first on twelve in the county of Essex. After war service I moved out to Stisted, a country place with a peal of six, and became (on the death of Mr. E. Chaplin) church clerk three months later. I held office 11 years, during which time I raised funds for the rehauling of the peal and a frame for eight. Owing to the Rector, I resigned my office as church clerk, but still held the office of Ringing Master. After a few weeks I received a letter from the Rector's solicitor, asking me to hand over the key of the belfry. I ignored it and carried on, but after receiving the third letter, in which it was stated I should be treated as a trespasser if I entered the belfry, I gave up the key and came away. Now, just recently, my youngest daughter celebrated her 21st birthday. I conducted a peal of Boh Major, at Writtle, to celebrate her birth and christening, and would have loved to conduct the same peal for the 21st anniversary, but after having been driven out for four years, no peal. I still uphold my association and 'The Ringing World.' I asked several ringers if they could give me a peal to celebrate my youngest daughter's coming of age, but got no reply, and when I meet association members in the district I am hardly recognised. Nevertheless, although driven out and despised I attend association meetings and take a pair of handbells with others whenever I am able to do so, and my daughter's 21st birthday was celebrated with gramophone bell records, a jolly time being spent by the 25 people present.

H. F. COOPER.

Stisted, Braintree.

DEBENHAM BELL FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Debenham Bell Fund have been received: W. H. Fussell 5s., Edward Jenkins 5s., Thos. H. Chappell 5s., Mrs. T. H. Chappell 5s., John Arbon 2s., Chas. Ablitt 2s. 6d., making, with the £9 14s. already acknowledged, £10 18s. 6d., contributed through the appeal made in 'The Ringing World.' The fund is still open, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. H. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT EWERBY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Ewerby on Saturday, between thirty and forty members and friends being present from Blankney, Branstons, Gainsborough, Heapham, Lincoln, Misterton, Sleaford and Willingham, in addition to the local company, also Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. J. H. Brothwell (Treeton). Several familiar faces were missing, two owing to indisposition, some through having to follow their vocation, while others from the extreme end of the branch may have been prevented by the long distance.

The bells, a fine ring of ten, were available during the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, owing to the breaking of a stay, no ringing took place during the afternoon, but this defect was remedied by the Northern Branch Ringing Master, who learnt his trade in this village, and said 'he was going home to repair it.' When things had been put right, the members made use of the bells in various methods during the evening, and rounds for the less experienced.

The Vicar (Rev. E. J. Stephens) officiated at the service, and gave a unique and interesting address, taking as his text part of the first verse of Psalm xcv., 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord.' He described this as being the ringers' Psalm, and stated that, to use a familiar phrase, he prayed that the work of the ringers might be 'as sound as a bell.' He also made touching reference to the late Rev. H. Law James and the late Mr. P. A. Holden.

Thirty-four sat down to tea at the Finch Hatton Arms. Owing to the absence of the president (Mr. F. F. Linley) the Vicar took the chair and gave a very hearty welcome to the members.

Apologies for inability to be present were announced from Mr. Linley and Mr. E. Dawber (a member of the committee), the president not having thoroughly recovered from a recent illness, and Mr. Dawber still being under the care of the dentist. A vote of sympathy was expressed to them, together with best wishes that both may have a satisfactory recovery.

It was resolved to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Louth, the date to be fixed as near September 23rd as possible.

A paper compiled by Mr. Linley was read. This dealt with items of historical interest in various churches. He mentioned a series of wood carvings at Minster, near Canterbury, the mother church of Thanet (a miserere seat, with eyes staring, ears distended and tongue split, which can be turned to legitimate use); the Saxon remains at Barton, Stow and other places; and the nursery, such as Carmelites used, which may point to the presence of an anchorite cell at Heckington. At Foston, Leicestershire, there is a Saxon preaching cross, four feet high, the works of an old clock with stone weights, five bell clappers with wood attachments, the crown staples and a three-quarter bell wheel, of which Mr. Linley had drawn a sketch.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, organ blower, caterers and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements, concluded the business.

Lovely weather prevailed during the day, and the gathering was both successful and enjoyable.

DEATH OF FLIXTON RINGER.

The death took place on Thursday, September 15th, at his residence, 10, Victoria Avenue, Flixton, after a long and trying illness, of Mr. Arthur W. Whitnall, who was 59 years of age. Deceased, who had resided in Flixton all his life, leaves a widow, a son and two daughters to mourn their loss. Until failing health prevented him, he had been a regular service ringer with the local band and a member of the Lancs Association for nearly 20 years. Although not a peal enthusiast, Mr. Whitnall was a well-known and much-respected member of the Manchester Branch, and he will be missed for his genial disposition.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Monday afternoon of last week, the service, which was largely attended, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Jolly. Eight of the local ringers acted as bearers. Amongst other ringers present was Mr. Donald Brown (branch secretary). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by D. Vincent (Flixton) 1-2, H. Jones (W. Didsbury) 3-4, J. H. Collier (Flixton) 5-6, D. Brown (W. Didsbury) 7-8. Immediately after the interment in the churchyard, the tower bells were rung fully muffled. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening, with Mr. R. Davies (W. Didsbury) taking part, unfortunately came to grief near half-way. Amongst the numerous floral tributes was a wreath from the Flixton ringers.

FIRST LONG TOUCH.

At Stanwick, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½ six-scores) was rung on September 21st in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. D. Lovell and Miss Marjorie Coggins. The ringers were: S. J. Forge 1, W. R. Lovell 2, W. F. Nutt (conductor) 3, G. R. Barker 4, H. Beeby 5. This was the first attempt for a long touch by the Stanwick band, who had no idea of change ringing before last Christmas. Although the conductor has rung a 5,040, he had never before conducted a quarter-peal. Three callings were used.

The bells were augmented from three to five in November, 1931.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE HON. TREASURER'S DEATH.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 10th, when a party of about 30 visited this interesting village. The attendance was somewhat affected by the fact that the ringers of the neighbouring tower of Haslemere had fixed their annual outing for the same day, and were joined on this excursion by others of the Chiddingfold band. Some excellent ringing practice was put in on the eight bells, a helping hand being given in the four 'standard' methods to several of the visitors.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. P. Pelloe), who gave an earnest address on the need for keenness and concentration in the discharge of a ringer's duties.

Tea was served at the 14th century Old Forge House, rivalled in age by its next-door neighbour, The Crown, which claims to be the oldest licensed house in the country, dating from circa 1300.

The business was transacted at the Parish Room, when the Rector presided, and extended a cordial welcome to the Guild.

This being the first meeting of the Guild since the death of the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), the general hon. secretary referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained. Admiral Walker, he said, not only discharged his duties with great efficiency and enthusiasm, but was a real friend to the Guild, which he served in many quiet, unostentatious ways. He had written a letter to Mrs. Walker tendering the deep regret of the members, and at the funeral a floral bell was sent by the Guild. The hon. secretary read a letter received from Mrs. Walker expressing thanks and appreciation, and adding that Admiral Walker had a true affection for all his fellow-bellringers.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of their late treasurer, and afterwards it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hazelden, to place on record thanks to the ringers of Woking Parish Church for permitting a peal to be rung by a representative band of the Guild on the occasion of the funeral.

The Rev. E. Garth Ireland (Vicar of Grayshott) was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Miss Sylvia Hicks, of the Grayshott band, was elected a ringing member on the motion of Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C. (Grayshott).

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), organiser of the combined practices in the Cranleigh district, asked to be relieved, on account of increasing business claims, of the responsibility of Womersley and Bramley towers, and on his suggestion it was resolved to ask Mr. Leslie Hunter, of Shalford, to succeed him.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, the general hon. secretary referred to the Rector's address, remarking that he wished it could have been heard by many more members of the Guild, particularly by those who were indifferent and guilty of unpunctuality. Mr. Goldsmith also thanked the organist and the local ringers, particularly Mr. Hagley, who had made all the local arrangements for the meeting.

Ringers were present from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Farnborough, Godalming, Grayshott, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), West Clandon, Witley and Worplesdon.

A RINGER'S JUBILEE. PRESENTATION AT DERBY

Fifty years' service! A splendid record to look back upon. Master of the belfry for the whole of that period, during which time his band of service ringers have successfully climbed the ladder from the elementary stages of Grandsire and Bob Triples to the highest pinnacle in the art, viz., Bristol and London Surprise. It must surely also be a unique event to have seen his beloved bells increased from eight to ten during his term of office as churchwarden (one having been given by himself), with the result that ringing visitors may now enjoy the privilege of exercising their skill in Surprise Royal.

Such is the wonderful career of Mr. Charles E. Hart, of St. Andrew's, Derby, a man of many parts and of outstanding abilities. In addition to holding the office of Ringing Master, he has served his Parish Church in the capacities of sidesman and also as a representative on the Church Council.

His fellow-ringers and churchworkers felt they could not let such an occasion pass without showing their appreciation in some tangible form, and on Tuesday, September 20th (the usual practice night), the Vicar (the Rev. V. T. S. Jagg, M.A., M.C.), on behalf of the subscribers, presented their colleague with a handsome mahogany drawing-room lamp and shade bearing the following inscription:—

'Presented to C. E. Hart as a token of esteem from the ringers and ex-wardens of St. Andrew's, Derby, 1932.'

On handing over the gift, the Vicar referred in felicitous terms to the long and valuable services Mr. Hart had rendered to the church, and the unassuming way in which he had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He trusted that he might be spared for many years to continue his work in connection with the church.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for the patronal festival evensong, Thursday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Taylor 1, P. G. Hills 2, G. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, H. Hills 6, E. Townsend 7, J. C. Jennings (conductor) 8. Ringers of treble and 6th from Bethnal Green, London.

PEALS OF MINOR.

NO SATISFACTORY DEFINITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—(1) Neither the Methods Committee nor any of its members has 'put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a peal as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's.' Personally, I have always contradicted that opinion.

(2) The composition given by your correspondent 'Minor' cannot be accepted as a true peal, because it is made up of repetition. There are no repetitions in Mr. Turner's peal, except that each change is rung seven times, as must happen in any 5,040 of Minor.

(3) No one does keep to the rule laid down at Hereford. Every peal rung on six bells breaks it. The fault is in the rule, not in the ringers.

(4) I have not yet seen a satisfactory definition of a peal of Minor, and I don't think I shall—at least for some time to come.

(5) I am sorry to have to contradict Mr. Severn flatly, but if we take 123456 as the first row of Mr. James' peal, we do not produce a true 720.

(6) Any band has the full right to break any rule of the Central Council if they have good and sufficient reason for doing so.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For matins, on Sunday, September 25th, 720 of Cambridge Minor: E. A. Sneath 1, H. M. Day 2, T. Cooper 3, W. V. Bennett 4, Wm. Clark (first in the method) 5, J. O. Landan (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival matins, on Sunday, September 25th, by members of the local band, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, G. Twitchee 3, R. Coles 4, G. White 5, D. Boreham 6, E. Markham 7, G. Hinton 8, F. Borcham 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, W. Plumridge 12.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, September 25th, for afternoon family service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Ridyard 1, P. H. Derbyshire 2, W. Jones 3, S. Harrison 4, N. Heap 5, C. Gudgeon 6, F. Grundy (conductor) 7, T. Welsby 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 25th, for harvest festival, 992 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, A. Mason 5, C. W. Burton 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, S. Pye 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, H. Nicholls 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Jones 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, September 18th, at the Cathedral for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. C. James Mulliner 1, P. C. Fred Page 2, P. C. William Pye 3, P. C. Donald Brown 4, P. C. George Pye 5, Arthur Ridyard 6, Peter Crook, jun., 7, Supt. Ralph F. Williams 8, P. S. Peter Crook (conductor) 9, P. C. James Turner 10.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Whittle 1, S. Chapman 2, Miss F. Mathews 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, J. Hazell 5, W. Mathews 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, A. Hawkins 8. First quarter of Stedman for ringers of 1 and 8. Arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle (Newbury).

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Holgate 1, W. Beard 2, R. Fenn 3, E. Moore 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. H. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis 7. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 1 and 4. For evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Holgate 1, W. Beard 2, T. B. Worsley (Bolton) (conductor) 3, R. Fenn 4, C. Fenn 5, E. Cottis 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. Moore 8.

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 25, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, October 1st. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Welcome Hall, High Street, Wimbledon Common. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, by invitation of St. John's ringers, 4.30. Meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Burton-in-Kendal. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) available 2.45. Members, please note alteration of tower.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Buses from Doncaster to the church gate every half hour. Please look up your methods and come in crowds.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the two peal boards on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. W. Carey Ward, the Vicar of Faringdon. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. and after tea.

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Tea, 1s.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Amport. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Harvest Festival, Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Service ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The bells will also be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30, and again after the evening service. All ringers welcome.—Wm. C. Rumsey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—October meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand: Sunday, October 2nd, morning service, 10 a.m.; Monday, October 3rd, practice 7 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; Mondays, October 17th and 31st, practices at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Felixkirk, near Thirsk, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells six (tenor 9 cwt.). Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than first post, Wednesday, October 5th. The officers would like to see a good attendance at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, October 5th. As this is the first meeting to be held at this tower for some years, it is hoped that a large number will attend.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsington (6) on Saturday, October 8th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please advise for tea.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Upper Cam on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) open from 3. All ringers welcome. Look up Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Kindly advise me by October 5th.—Oliver E. Hill, Hon. Sec., 5, Elm Terrace, Lighthill, Stroud.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at The Coffee Pot on Tuesday, October 4th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Hutchison's Café, Market Place. Please notify me of any change of address for next annual report. All ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—F. Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by the 5th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

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

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Usual travelling allowance paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. A good attendance expected.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) for those who notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 5th. A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea, in the Parish Room, at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Semington Road, Melksham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting after, at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know in time to make arrangements?—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Oct. 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at New Inn. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by 3rd Oct. ? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Priston (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct.

8th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business to follow in the School. Those intending to be present please advise me.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

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

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/- each, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 11th. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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