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LANCASHIRE AFFAIRS.

The Lancashire Association has always been one of the best managed of the ringing organisations in this country, and it is quite certain that it maintains among its members as great an active interest in its affairs as can be boasted by any society. Another proof of this will be found in to-morrow's annual meeting at Eccles, when the agenda for the business proceedings will give the members some real, live topics to discuss. There is, for instance, keen competition for the privilege of representing the Association upon the Central Council, and it must be some years since an association had nine candidates putting up for the maximum of four places. This seems to us an indication of revival of interest in Lancashire in the Council, and we hope to see this revival followed in other bodies in the Exercise.

An important matter bearing upon the future of the Association will be discussed upon the motion sent up by the Bolton Branch, viz., that probationary members be admitted to the Association. A good many of the ringing organisations already do this in some degree or other, but Lancashire, up to the present, has received only those who can pass an elementary test in change ringing. The experience of those societies who admit probationers has, we believe, been such that none would now draw the stricter line of limiting membership to qualified change ringers only. Probationers cannot, of course, expect to have a full voice in the affairs of an association, but the fact that they are enabled to become attached to the parent body tends to quicken their interest, and to encourage them to seek to advance in the practice of ringing, so that they may at the earliest moment enter into full membership. The Association also benefits financially, and there is no respect, we think, in which it can be urged that it is against the interests of a Change Ringers' Association to admit probationers—under proper rules.

Another matter in which the Lancashire Association will be interested to-morrow is the date of its future annual meetings. This has been a vexed question for some time past, but it is doubtful if any day could be selected for such an event which could even be made convenient for all who would like to attend. But in Lancashire there is another matter which complicates the issue, and that is the holidays which the textile workers in the great industrial centres take en masse during the late summer. To-morrow the Lancashire ringers have got to decide whether they can with advantage change the date of the annual gathering, and whatever their decision, the discussions which this matter has raised at the Branch meetings shows that the members have a live interest in their association.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN J. RIDLER Treble	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
CHARLES GORDON 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 8
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 9
*ARTHUR W. FLOWERS ... 5	*FREDERICK DAY Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Arranged for A. W. Flowers and C. W. Goodenough of Bournemouth, who were elected members of the above Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL 5
GEORGE NAYLOR 2	JAMES COTTERELL 6
JOHN PALFRAMAN 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Salmon, on completing his 50th year. The conductor's 200th peal.

HALESOWEN

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY LEA Treble	VICTOR WHITE 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	EDWARD BRETTILL 6
WILLIAM BROWN 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
WILLIAM COLEY 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Hackett.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE T. ROWE 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	JAMES BEYES 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

BENGELO, HERTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, Fitz. Hall Treble	E. M. ATKINS, St. Cath. ... 5
REV. H. L. JAMES, Caius ... 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE, Pemb. 6
W. H. J. HOOTON, Queen's ... 3	REV. E. B. JAMES, Caius ... 7
A. E. WILKINS, Trinity ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, Trinity Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. H. L. JAMES, Caius Treble	*REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE
E. M. ATKINS, St. Cath. ... 2	Pemb. 6
*A. E. WILKINS, Trinity ... 3	REV. E. B. JAMES, Caius ... 7
†B. F. SHEPPARD, Trinity ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN,
*W. H. J. HOOTON, Queen's 5	Trinity Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal of Major on tower bells.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

B. F. SHEPPARD, Trinity ... Treble	REV. E. B. JAMES, Caius ... 5
A. E. WILKINS, Trinity ... 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
E. M. ATKINS, St. Cath. ... 3	Pemb. 6
W. H. J. HOOTON, Queen's 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, Trinity 7
	REV. H. L. JAMES, Caius ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

First peal in the method by the Guild and by all the band, except ringers of 5 and 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALFRED WATSON 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JAMES FORD 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, senr., and to Harry Durling. Quickest peal on the bells.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Thursday, Sept. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 2	ALBERT E. GODDARD ... 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7
EDWIN J. PANNETT 4	HARRY NORGATE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

This peal was rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. R. A. Fosdike kindly taking the spare rope. It was arranged in honour of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jeffries' silver wedding, and the first anniversary of their daughter's marriage to Mr. J. Higginson of Knightley, Staffordshire.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN COOK Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
†WALTER J. BATTLE ... 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	SIDNEY F. BARNES ... 7
‡JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method away from treble. A. Lintott was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild before starting.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE POWNALL Treble	THOMAS BALL WORSLEY ... 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	JAMES T. POTTER 6
ALFRED POTTER 3	JOHN POTTER 7
THOMAS LINGARD 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This peal was arranged for the coming of age of Miss Rhoda Potter, daughter of the ringers of the 3rd, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lee, daughter of the conductor, and Mrs. T. B. Worsley.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN FITTON Treble	GEORGE STAFF 5
*LEWIS HALLROYD ... 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 6
†FRANK FIELDEN ... 3	JOHN H. MASSEY ... 7
‡JOHN NASH 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*WILFRED W. BAILEY ... Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
*LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal by eight brothers and rung at the first attempt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES WARD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
JOHN J. MAWBY 2	WILLIAM FAREY 6
JAMES HOUGHTON ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 7
HERBERT RAINBOW ... 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

Specially arranged for the 50th birthday of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. J. ARSCOTT Treble	F. C. ARSCOTT 4
M. W. ARSCOTT 2	F. G. ARSCOTT 5
H. L. ARSCOTT 3	W. HOYLE Tenor

Conducted by F. G. ARSCOTT.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. C. H. Bradburn to the living.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.On Monday, Sept. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. E. WALLINGTON...Treble	WILLIAM HECTOR 4
*MISS ADA DEACON 2	ARTHUR MANNING 5
WALTER WALLINGTON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside' and belongs to the local band. The others hail from Market Harboro', except the conductor, who belongs to Leicester (S. Margaret's).

HIGHER SUTTON.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, Sept. 6, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising four 720's of Grandsire and three 720's of Plain Bob : called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*E. GRIMSHAW Treble	*W. WOOD 4
T. MOTTERSHED 2	J. W. L. SLACK 5
H. DAVENPORT 3	J. MANIFOLD Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung to commemorate the safe return of three of the band from the war. First peal in these methods on the bells. * First peal and first attempt.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	CHARLES MOSS 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES HOWARD 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Capt. A. E. and Mrs. Reeves, both members of the Halesworth Society.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, Sept. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TETROK,**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. YEANDLE Treble	F. C. ARSCOTT 4
H. J. ARSCOTT 2	F. G. ARSCOTT 5
H. W. ARSCOTT 3	H. L. ARSCOTT Tenor

Conducted by H. W. ARSCOTT.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

MATTHEW TIMBERS Treble	WILLIAM J. WASEY 4
ALBERT J. NZALE 2	WALTER FORD 5
FRED J. BARBER 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

KEMPSTONE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholar's Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

RICHARD KENDALL Treble	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 4
CHARLES MORTIMER 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.On Thursday, Sept. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 12 in F.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: The Misses E. WOOD and W. M. J. MORTLEV.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington, of Croydon, and the Conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.On Thursday, Sept. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 size in F.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3-4	*ALBERT E. NORMAN 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

RINGERS' JUBILEES.

In honour of the 50th birthday of Mr. F. Salmon, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Heptonstall, Yorks, on August 28th. The ringers and their wives were entertained to tea by Mr. Salmon, who received the congratulations and thanks of his guests.

Last Saturday, Mr. Fred Wilford, who for many years was hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, also celebrated his jubilee with a peal of Superlative, which he conducted at Irthlingborough. He received the good wishes of his brother ringers.

'AMONG THE BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I strongly advise ringers who do not possess this record of the late Mr. Robinson's ringing career, and perhaps have never seen or heard of it, to take the opportunity now offered of securing a copy at pre-war cost? Apart from change ringing the photographs of over 400 churches at which Mr. Robinson rang peals, with carefully ascertained statistics of the weight and founders of their bells, are a record of great ecclesiastical and antiquarian interest, which might well find a place in diocesan or parochial libraries, as well as in the homes of the clergy. Ten-and-six may seem a lot to spend upon it; but some who grudge that will not think twice about twelve-and-six for a bottle of whisky! I need hardly add that, though I was privileged to assist Mr. Robinson in the preparation of his book, I have no personal interest in its sale.—Yours faithfully,
St. Albans. T. L. PAPILLON.

MELTON MOWBRAY'S OLDEST RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. C. T. DALBY.**

On Monday, Sept. 6th, there passed away, after some months of illness, Melton Mowbray's oldest ringer, in the person of Mr. Charles Thomas Dalby. Deceased, who was 73 years of age, was a native of West Ham, and went to Melton about 45 years ago. He at once joined the St. Mary's Ringers' Society, and later acted as captain of the company up to 1899. Although never very far advanced in change ringing, he rang 25 peals of Minor, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. He was a member of the Framland Society and of the Midland Counties Association for several years. Always most regular and punctual in his attendance at Sunday service ringing, his place will be difficult to fill.

He was buried on September 9th, four ringers being the bearers: Messrs. R. H. Bartram, W. James, T. H. Gillett and Jos. Gilson, and after the committal Messrs. R. H. Ernest and J. R. Bartram and W. James rang the handbells over the open grave. In the evening his old colleagues rang the whole pull and stand on the half-muffled bells of St. Mary's Church, and several touches of Grandsire Triples (including 518), conducted by R. H. Bartram. There were many beautiful wreaths including one from his only daughter, Mrs. Armitage, of Croydon, and 'Charlie' (his grandson).

NEW PEAL OPENED AT LIVERPOOL.

There was a great gathering of ringers at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, on Sunday Sept. 12th, for the reopening of the peal of eight, which have just been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Short touches were the order of the day to make it possible that all present might participate.

The opening touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: John Donnelly (conductor) 1, Percy Hayes (West Derby) 2, Wm. Bond 3, Thomas Donnelly 4, James Meldrum 5, Herbert Ashton (Rainhill) 6, Isaac Clarke 7, James Moran 8. At intervals during the day the ringing was taken part in by bands, which included Messrs. Sholicear, J. H. Parks and P. Harvey, of Ormskirk; Mr. Hill, of Walton; Mr. Oldham, Loughborough (representative of Messrs. Taylor), and Mr. Percy Hayes, of West Derby, besides many from other towers in Liverpool and neighbourhood.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. John Donnelly, and it was evident when ringing ceased at 8.30 p.m. that satisfaction had been given to all, and opinion was unanimous that Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work well, the musical tones of the bells being greatly admired.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT CHERTSEY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Chertsey on September 11th. After ringing during the afternoon the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Chertsey, who gave an address. Tea in the Churchroom followed, and was much appreciated by those who had cycled some distance. A company of 25 assembled round the tea-table, it being the smallest meeting since this district was formed, but what was lacking in numbers was made up by the enthusiasm of members present, one having come from Dorking, and another having cycled some 20 miles alone.

At the business meeting, Miss Nash, of Wargrave was elected a member.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Chairman, of Cranleigh, had invited the Guild to hold a meeting there, and the offer was accepted with much pleasure. It is hoped to make this the district annual meeting in October.

The Misses Mills, of Aldershot, were heartily congratulated on ringing their first peal, viz., Minor in four methods at Puttenham; also Miss Fisher, of Dorking, on her first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Portishead.

Ringing was continued for a short time after tea, and considering the somewhat heavy bells and long draught of rope the members acquitted themselves very creditably.

A TRIP TO OXFORD.

On Saturday, September 4th, the Berkhamsted ringers, with a few friends, visited Oxford by charabanc for their annual outing. The first halt was called at Stone, where the church possesses a pretty little ring of six, which were soon pealing out some very good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. From Stone the journey was continued to Haddenham, a picturesque village about two miles on the Aylesbury side of Thame. The peal of eight here were kept going for about three-quarters of an hour, and all were very sorry at having to leave them so soon. The next call for ringing was made at Thame, where the ancient church possesses a beautiful peal of eight bells. Various touches were rung for upwards of half an hour, and then the party made for Oxford. After dinner the visitors had a look round the various colleges, and other places of interest. Upon the stroke of six o'clock they started off from St. Giles' on the homeward journey which was completed in about five hours after a thoroughly enjoyable trip.



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A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

Eleven peals in fourteen attempts were scored on the ringing tour last week organised by Mr. William Pye. The peals rung comprised three of Bristol Surprise, three of London, three of Superlative and two of Cambridge. Those lost were one of Bristol, one of Superlative and one of Stedman Cinques, owing to illness.

EIGHT BROTHERS' SURPRISE PEAL.

The Bailey Brothers—that extraordinary family of ringers at Leiston, Suffolk—have added a bit more to ringing history. Last Saturday they scored the first Surprise peal by eight brothers, this being a peal of Superlative rung at the first attempt. It will be remembered that eight of the family rang a peal of Bob Major some years ago, and that was followed up by some interesting family peals upon handbells. Now, however, they have again organised into an eight bell band—it is all the more extraordinary that they are not exactly the same eight—and have added Superlative. As most of them have rung peals in other Surprise methods—well the rest will surely follow with average luck.

Previously the only Surprise peals rung by a band of brothers have been the handbell peals by the four brothers Pye—George, William, Ernest and Alfred.

A TRIUMPH OVER WAR'S HANDICAP.

On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for evening service, at Christ Church Southgate, the first quarter-peal of Osters was rung on the newly augmented peal, namely, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 52 minutes: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Bester 3, H. E. Balaam 4, E. G. Tomlinson 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10. This was the first quarter-peal on ten bells by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 7, 3 and tenor; also first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor by J. Armstrong. It is particularly interesting also for another reason. It was arranged for H. E. Balaam who lost his right arm in the war. He rings admirably with his remaining arm; and is to be congratulated upon the way he has overcome this serious handicap. He was on a visit to his home.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Royston on Saturday last. The church, tower and bells are all old and much venerated. The ringing room is lighted by a noble oriel window with five lights, and the writer noticed several persons comfortably placed in this roomy alcove watching the ringing with evident interest. Members were present from Wath, Darfield, Wragby, Felkirk, Crofton, Barnsley, etc. Many Minor methods were tried, but owing to the shyness of beginners the higher flights of Treble Bob were the most successful. Seven new members were elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. Owen Thomas, B.A.) and churchwardens, for the use of the bells, and the local company for all arrangements made for the visitors.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The much-discussed question among branches of the Lancashire Association, as to the date upon which the annual meeting of the Association shall be held in future years is to be decided to-morrow, when the association will meet at Eccles. The following resolution is on the agenda: 'That the committee having carefully considered the proposed alteration of the date of the annual meeting, are of opinion that the present date is best for the association, but if an alteration is desired they recommend the second Saturday after Whit-week as the new date.'

The Bolton Branch are submitting a motion that 'members be admitted into the association as probationary members who are not qualified under the present rules, but are desirous of learning, or belong to a band, conditions being left to the committee.'

There is plenty of competition for the four places on the Central Council, no fewer than nine members having been nominated.

PRESTON BRANCH PRACTICE MEETING.

A combined practice was held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday last, and was well attended, some 34 members enjoying the ringing on the fine peal of eight. It was 3.45 before proceedings commenced, owing to a funeral, but from that time up till 8 p.m. the bells were never idle for more than the few moments necessary in changing over bands. Standard methods with the addition of Double Norwich Major were rung, as well as Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise for the six-bell enthusiasts.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells, this being suitably acknowledged by Mr. G. Bradley, of the local band. The towers represented were: Aughton, Parbold, Standish, Chorley, Brindle, Leyland Parish and St. James', Penwortham, Preston Parish, Blackburn, and the local band.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The annual ringing week of the Cambridge University Guild was this year arranged in East Hertfordshire. The headquarters were at Thundridge Vicarage, near Ware, members being also billeted in the school house and one private house. Two motor-cars and three bicycles solved the problem of locomotion. The programme was: Monday night, September 6th, Ware Parish Church for short touches, for these effectively say 'Shan't' to anything longer.

Tuesday morning was spent at All Saints', Hertford (a fine peal by Mears), tenor 25 cwt. in ringing touches, and the afternoon at St. Andrew's, Hertford. In the evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung at Bengoe, the first peal of Major on the bells.

Wednesday began with a visit to Bennington, the village made famous by Squire Proctor and his band. Two of the latter listened with interest to a peal of Little Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells. Afterwards a short visit was paid to Great Munden, where the Rev. A. G. Langdon, a member of the Guild, is Rector. Then on to Braughing, where more touches were rung on bells made famous by a long length of Bob Major about 1792.

Thursday's journey was to Waltham Abbey, where the magnificent ring of twelve by Taylor was enjoyed for an hour and a half, touches of Caters and Triples being rung. On the home journey Cheshunt was visited, where the bells are a recent peal by Gillett and Johnstone. Next a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major was rung at Broxbourne.

On Friday, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted at Hunsdon, but proved a failure. Afterwards short touches were rung at Hoddesdon, a peal by Warner. In the evening a peal of Double Norwich was attempted on handbells, but failed after 1½ hours' ringing.

Next year's tour is planned to take place in Northamptonshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION SECRETARY RETIRES.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Comistrot with all its historical lore of the old castle, on Saturday last, and although there were various other meetings held in the district on that day, there was a very good muster of members and friends representing Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Doncaster, All Saints', Sheffield; Wath, Whiston, Bolsterstone, Arksey and Sprotborough. Ringing in various methods from Bob Minor to Double Norwich took place under the conductorship of Mr. G. Halksworth, the Ringing Master.

A short service was held, at which most of the visitors were present, and some sound advice and good counsel were given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge, M.A.), who exhorted his listeners to be more than ringers in their church work, for although it sometimes entailed a great amount of self-denial, they would one and all reap a rich reward hereafter. He assured them that by closer study and constant practice a greater desire would come to them to follow and carry on the work of the Divine Master.

Afterwards a sumptuous tea was provided by the wives and lady friends of the local company, and a short business meeting followed. To the great regret of the members, the vice-president read a letter from the honorary secretary (Mr. Arthur Hague) tendering his resignation. This came as a great surprise to many but under the circumstances it was felt it must be accepted for a time, although it was hoped that before long they would have the same gentleman back in harness with a helpmate, who is also a ringer, from anothershire.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hague for his past valuable services, and the vice-president was instructed to write him a letter of thanks from all the members of the Southern Division.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Clarke, of Arksey seconded by Mr. H. Woodhouse, Mr. F. Clarke was unanimously elected to fill the vacant post.

Seven new members were elected, and, as no invitation was put forward for the next meeting to be held in December, the place will be selected by the committee.

A very pleasing duty fell to the Vicar at this point of the business proceedings when he was asked to make presentations to two members of the local company, who had just recently entered into the bonds of matrimony.—The Vicar said he had fairly lectured them at the wedding service and as they were both ringers, and that was a ringers' gathering he would ask the vice-president to make the presentation.

Mr. F. Willey, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation on behalf of the members of the Conisborough company, and trusted that in years to come they and their wives would be blessed with health and happiness.

The Vice-President reminded all members that the increased subscription was now due, and trusted that those who had already paid would remind other members in the various towers who were apt to forget that the subscriptions must be paid by September 30th, to ensure their names appearing in the next published report.

BISPHAM'S NEW BELLS.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC INSTRUCTOR.

A handy ring of six bells have been placed in the tower of Bispham Church, near Blackpool by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in memory of the fallen heroes of the war. As soon as the scheme was begun money flowed in very freely from many quarters, and after all demands have been paid there is still enough money left to put in two trobles, which is the wish of many parishioners. As the ringing chamber is only about 8 feet 6 inches square there will not be much room left when eight men are at a similar number of ropes hanging there though the bell founders say they can make a good circle should they get the order. The tenor is 11 cwt.

According to rumour, many years ago a wealthy parishioner decided to present a ring of eight bells to the church, and one Saturday night he invited the Vicar to supper and discuss the pros and cons of the scheme. Owing to the lateness of the evening, and as the gentleman was about to make out a cheque, the Vicar told him not to trouble about it, and he would call round on Monday. Alas! the gentleman was taken seriously ill on the Sunday and died before the Vicar could see him, so Bispham Church, the mother church of Blackpool, has had to wait nearly twenty years for the bells.

A promising band of men have been got together for the purpose of ringing the bells under the tutorship of Mr. C. Sharples, many years leader at Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, but now residing in Blackpool, North Shore. Mr. Sharples, along with Mr. Robt. Parkinson and Mr. Isaac Whalley, were the pioneers of change ringing in Oswaldtwistle, and were practically self-taught by 'Ropesight,' though much encouraged by various members of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association. A great help and impetus was given when Mr. Sharples bought a set of eight handbells, and here the three can claim to be absolutely self-taught, for they received instruction from no one. They were the first in the annals of change ringing to ring a peal of Minor in seven methods, double-handed, now about twenty-four years ago. Owing to pressure of business, Mr. Parkinson, who had been leader and conductor of Immanuel for many years, moved out of the district, and Mr. Sharples was elected leader, a position he held for nearly ten years until business calls caused him also to relinquish the leadership, though he often took part in the Sunday ringing. Under the leadership of Mr. Parkinson who, by the way, is now living and teaching a band in County Durham, the first peal on the bells, Plain Bob Minor, was rung after the bells had been in the tower twenty years. Then followed peals in three and four methods until, just before leaving, a peal in seven different methods was rung. When Mr. Sharples got the reins his desire was to ring a peal of Treble Bob in seven methods, which was scored a Year or two after struggling with learners. This was the first Treble Bob Minor by the Blackburn Branch. Mr. Sharples next aimed at a Surprise Minor peal, and this also was achieved after several years. This peal was the first Surprise peal by the Blackburn Branch. His next step was for 10,000 of Surprise in fourteen methods, and this was rung on May 17th, 1908 in five hours forty-two minutes, a commemorative brass being placed in the porch, at the cost of the Vicar and church officers, in honour of the event, the Vicar giving the worthy conductor a most excellent 'rubbing' of this brass mounted in a suitable oak frame. A few months after Mr. Sharples left Oswaldtwistle, his one regret being that there was still one more field to conquer, namely a non-conducted peal. This latter he was the chief means of getting in 1913, the band calling on his aid owing to temporary absence of one or two men.

At Bispham, Mr. Sharples has already imbued his well-known enthusiasm into the recruits, who, like Oliver Twist are asking for more. He is a great believer in teaching every ringer as much as possible, both in method ringing and conducting, a contradiction of Mr. Bankes James' recent letter in the 'Ringing World.'

CREWE RINGERS VISIT DERBY.

On Monday, Sept. 6th the ringers attached to Christ Church, Crewe, had their annual outing, the place selected this year being Derby. The party left Crewe by the 7.15 a.m. train, and Derby was reached about 9.45. Through the kindness of Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke (who is the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Railway Works at Crewe) arrangements had been made for a visit to the Midland Railway Works during the morning. This was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated, and the party were afterwards entertained to dinner at the Midland Railway Institute, through the hospitality of Sir Henry Fowler, who is the Chief Mechanical Engineer at Derby.

During the afternoon a visit was paid to St. Almund's Church tower, where the ringers were met by several of the local band, and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Here several short touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung on the splendid peal of bells, and the Crewe ringers take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who so kindly contributed towards making this visit so successful and enjoyable. The rest of the time before departure was spent in looking round the town, and Crewe was reached shortly after 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Northfleet, where the old six have recently been rehung and two new trebles added, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available at 3. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 25th.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Boughton Monchelsea on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 at the Vicarage, business meeting after. Service at 6 p.m.—Stephen Hazzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided free to those members whose subscriptions are paid for current year; non-members and friends at 2/6 per head.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th; Ringing to commence at 3: Tea at the Five Bells Hotel at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Re-opening of Burton Latimer Bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Dedication Service at 3 p.m.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the Thornhill Arms.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells available 3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea on the Lawn, kindly provided by the Vicar. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me by Sept. 22nd.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly

meeting will be held at Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the Schools after the service. The election of officers for the Northern Branch takes place at this meeting for the following year.—E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec., 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Eccles, near Manchester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4 p.m., the Vicar of Pendleton, Rev. H. L. Foshrooke, M.A., will be the Preacher. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Secretaries.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Llangibby, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of above Branch will be held at Chicheley, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Those wishing to attend please notify me as soon as possible.—W. Sear, Branch Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ruddington on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Stradbroke.—By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells will be available from 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25th.—Fred R. Borrett.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Guild Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 29th? All ringers welcome.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery, and the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branches.—The Tower of St. Michael's Church, Warfield, will be open for members and friends on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 1920, at 2.30 p.m. Evensong at 5, and Invitation tea at 6 o'clock at the Brownlow Hall. Foremen of Towers will please notify the Secretary by the 29th Sept., how many will attend.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The District Annual meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30, with an Address by the Rev. G. R. Leefe. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room (1s. 6d. per head). Half-rail fares (maximum 2s.) and half-cost of Tea. Business Meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Secretary, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Kindly let me know

those who require tea by Monday, Sept. 27th.—S. J. Laurence, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A District meeting will be held at Ickleton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Nicholas', Godstone, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower open from 5.30 till 9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—N. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3.30. Short service at 5.30, tea and meeting to follow. Trains to Cuffley from King's Cross at 2.3, 2.39, 3.10; from Broad Street at 1.58, 2.27, 2.41; to Potter's Bar from King's Cross at 2.30 and 3.30; from Broad Street at 2.18. Tea will be arranged only for those who advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 28th, at a charge of 1/6. Will members whose subscriptions for 1920 are still outstanding kindly forward same?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by tea and business meeting, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott). The bells of St. Mary's will also be available during the afternoon.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells of Birchington (8) and Quex Park (12) will be available at 3 o'clock. Half railway fares up to 2/- allowed. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar in the Institute Hall. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 29th?—E. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The October meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, the 2nd. Six bells. Beighton Station, G.C. Railway.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The unveiling of the Memorial Peal Tablet to the late Mr. G. H. Kettle will take place at Allesley Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 4 o'clock. The bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. If those members who intend being present and require tea will notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 28th, I will endeavour to arrange for same at a reasonable charge.—J. H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Service at 3 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., Burnham-on-Sea.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Oct. 4th, to be followed by a special general meeting to consider the alteration of Rule 13. Tower open at 6.45. Business meeting 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., 49, Noel Street, Islington.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—The Annual General meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, D.D., in the chair. The ring of bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Lawrence (5) St. Matthew's (5) will be open for the use of members throughout the day, except for Divine service. Divine service will be conducted at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, at 12.30, preacher, the Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett, Vicar of Stowmarket. The President and committee earnestly hope that all the members attending the annual meeting will be present at that service. Dinner will be served in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, Ipswich, at 1.30, tickets 3/6 each. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Committee meeting will be held at 11.30 a.m. in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, Ipswich. Arrears for 1919, and subscriptions for the current year should be paid at once, for the preparation of balance sheet for the year 1920.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., 'High Croft,' North Walsham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Godalming on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Members requiring tea please notify Secretary not later than Oct. 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Northallerton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon. Business meeting in the Church Room 3 p.m. Service in the Church 3.30, and tea in Parker's Refreshment Rooms at 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Barnett, Court House, Northallerton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 6th?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Pickering.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-east Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at the Vicarage at 5.15. Those requiring tea should notify me by the 6th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Further particulars later.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Staplehurst, on Saturday, Sept. 4th, and was attended by about 30 members. The usual service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Bourne) officiated, assisted by the curate. The Rector also gave a short address. After service the members adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where an excellent tea was partaken of, kindly provided by the Rector, who presided. At the business meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) said that he had great hopes that he would be able to get Sevenoaks tower for a meeting, and if so he would arrange to hold the annual district meeting there instead of at Tonbridge. He also spoke a few words of encouragement to the local ringers, who are a young band recently formed, and are receiving instruction from Mr. C. H. Sone, of Linton.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members again adjourned to the tower, and as in the afternoon, touches in various methods were rung by mixed bands.

MORE PROGRESS AT BURSLEM.

Further progress was made at Burslem, on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, by the local ringers at St. John's Church, when they scored a 720 on Violet Treble Bob, their first in this method: A. Lees 1, L. Pennington 2, T. Hurd (conductor) 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne (tenor) 6.

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WINDSOR.—On Sunday, August 15th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Hunt 1, A. J. Harman 2, W. H. Fussell 3, Gladys E. Bateman 4, L. Stilwell 5, T. Smith 6, A. D. Barker (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2.

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