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The article on this page last week referred to one phase of the objection which from time to time is raised against church bells, and in this issue will be found mention of the fact that in other places, beside Welwyn Garden City, there have recently been complaints against ringing. We are glad to know that they are being dealt with, where they have arisen, by a member of the Central Council's Press Committee, whose function it is on these matters to act as a Vigilance Committee. Objections of the kind referred to usually come from a minority, but in this, as in other things, minorities, if persistent and loud enough in their demands, can sometimes gain concessions, and more than one good peal of bells is silent because an incumbent is anxious to avoid offending some individual or small section of his parishioners.

At the same time it behoves those responsible for belfries to use their utmost endeavours to mitigate any possible cause of annoyance from bells. There are, it must be admitted, towers where the bells hurl down into the streets and adjoining houses almost a deafening noise, and there are many others where a reduction of the sound might, with reason, be made. There are various plans by which this modulation of the sound can be effected, and frequently it can be done at comparatively small expense. Where new peals are being put in or where new frames are being installed, steps are now usually taken by the bell-hangers to secure this desirable end, either by placing the bells well below the windows, or by blocking up the louvres and letting out the sound by openings in the roof. When ringers have to meet a condition of affairs which does not involve the lowering of the bell frame, much may be done by blocking the louvres, either by brickwork, or felted boards, or even sandbags, where expense is a consideration.

Other ways of reducing the noise outside the tower are also possible, and what we would urge is that in every tower where there is the slightest reasonable ground for objection the ringers should consider this question and bring it before the notice of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and Parochial Council; who might even be invited to judge of the matter for themselves by specially visiting the vicinity of the church when the bells are being rung. It should be remembered that noisy and untuneful bells are as much a source of irritation to the public as to the ringers themselves, indeed, probably more so, for ringers derive some pleasure from the fact that, whatever the bells may be like, they are following their art, while the public, having no knowledge of campanology, have no such compensation. Wherefore it behoves all concerned to do their best to allay any cause for complaint, even before complaint is made.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

A. PADDON SMITH Treble	† THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
* HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	ERNEST MORRIS 8
JAMES GEORGE 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6	* ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal on tower bells and hails from Ellesmere, Salop. The ringer of the 8th is from Leicester, 10th from Little Munden, and tenor from Hatfield, Herts.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WESTMINSTER LONDON, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	WILLIAM J. NODDS 6
* MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
† J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 250th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	THOMAS CHINERY 6
* ALBERT CATTERWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
* GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER, Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

T. Chinery hails from Long Melford, A. Maxim from Foxearth, the brothers Wiffen from Braintree, S. H. and A. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson from Lavenham, A. Catterwell from Cavendish.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, cc

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
* CLER. SGT. JAMES BENNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Oxford.

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LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	ALFRED TALBOT ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. C. Edward's 100th peal as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*JOHN S. MORTON ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JOHN CLARK ... 7
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Bob Major. The peal was arranged for Mr. John Clark, of Ross, Herefordshire.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOOR ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	WALTER HUGHES ... 7
†CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	WALTER JUDGE ... 6
JACK HONEY ... 3	GORDON CADDWELL ... 7
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW ... 4	HARRY MILES ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*F. OVERTON ... Treble	E. W. ABBOTT ... 5
J. B. BODD ... 2	F. METCALF ... 6
*T. FITZJOHN ... 3	R. S. LONG ... 7
S. BROMFIELD ... 4	H. MINGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. S. LONG.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. 'Charlie' Taylor, the former being a member of the band. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Abbott, of Alvingham, who stood in at a moment's notice in the place of Mr. Taylor.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, Sept. 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. J. Brown 1, H. Reader 2, J. Haack 3, O. Gilbey (first in the method as conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6. Also other touches, conducted by J. Haack, with G. Harwood taking part.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

BENJAMIN TREVITT ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
ERNEST JONES ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 80).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Arranged for J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon., and as a birthday compliment for the daughter of the ringer of the treble.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM HARPER ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	*STEPHEN BRIDGLAND ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	JOHN AVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Birthday peal for J. Avis.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	GEORGE POUND ... 6
†HARRY N. WAY ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... 4	*ALFRED W. AMOS ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	*FRANCIS BIBBY ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE PINCOTT ... 6
*JOHN EDWARD BIBBY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
PETER CROOK ... 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... Tenor

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. F. Bibby's 50th peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Frodsham, Cheshire, 7th from Walkden, the remainder are local. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor of the above church, Mr. H. W. Jackson, who is also the veteran treasurer of the association.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
*ALEC. TAYLOR ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 6
WALTER TAYLOR ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4	†GEORGE SOLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival by request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dent), who kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK BELSEY Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	*FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	CL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred M. Mitchell. The band were afterwards kindly entertained in the Sergeants' Mess, R.M. Barracks by Cl.-Sgt. Bennett, and tender him their grateful thanks.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923 in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK REDGEWELL 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED HILTON Treble	*ALBERT E. JARMAN 5
CHARLES TURNER 2	*WILLIAM J. JARMAN 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	CHARLES S. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member previous to starting the peal.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HENRY STAPLETON Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
*HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 6
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
MISS EVELYN STEELE 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*CHARLES H. BRIGGS 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	*WILLIAM BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the departure of the Rev. A. C. Disney, rector of the parish for 38 years, who is retiring on account of ill-health.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	CLAUDE S. BENWELL 5
CLAUDE J. DAVIS 2	THOMAS W. GILMOOR 6
*JOHN WILKINSON 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
ERNEST JONES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. B. Hadow, who was inducted on Wednesday, September 26th. * First peal as conductor in this method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS H. BENT Treble	*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 5
†JOSEPH S. CARTER 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
WM. H. HUMBERSTONE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
†MISS GLADYS DODDS 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Major. † First in the method. † First peal. § First in the method 'inside.' R. F. Elkington has now rung each bell in this tower to peals. This is the conductor's 50th peal this year.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, Mr. Baker having extended a special invitation to this Ancient Society.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	FRED BIRKS 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
*THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung for the dedication festival. * First peal away from the tenor. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Birks for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
*JOHN HAYES 3	ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* Fiftieth peal. This composition is rung for the first time. Rung with bells half-muffled for the late Rev. Jones (curate of the parish), who was interred on this day.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
*ROBERT G. BLACK 2	*GEORGE LINES 6
*HARRY BAXTER 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 4	*TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT MARSHALL Treble	REX GODDARD 4
TOM SCOTT 2	ERNEST BETTS 5
JACK BANKS 3	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

First peal and first attempt by all the band, who have only been ringing ten months. The ages of the ringers are respectively 17, 18, 15, 20, 19 and 17.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	A. E. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN COOKE 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting one short for Kent Major.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON AND WIGAN BRANCHES)

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE HEWITT Treble	ALFRED MORGAN 4
FRED RIGBY 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the church. This is the first peal of Minor in the method by all, also the first peal on the bells with the bells rung open, it being very noisy in the ringing chamber. The ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor hail from Chorley, and the rest from Standish.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT LOWMAN Treble	*JOSEPH CANHAM 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	WILLIAM BETTLES 5
HERBERT PEARSON 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* Rung in connection with the harvest thanksgiving. * First peal. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th are local men, the rest are from Lincoln. The visitors wish to thank the Rector for so kindly entertaining them after the peal.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
JACK FORD 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

[F. W. Naunton's 150th peal. He has conducted 82.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Brown Edge, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*HENRY WIBBERLEY Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
JOHN W. WALKER 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON 5
†FRANK TRINER 3	JAMES WALLY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as 'welcome home' to the Rector of Norton (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) on his returning from his holidays.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 in G.

*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	*FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

Umpires: MESSRS. J. E. DAVIS, C. W. R. GRIMWOOD and W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Surprise in hand. * Mrs. F. I. Hairs is the first lady to ring a peal of Surprise in hand.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BERT RIXOM 1—2	WILLIAM D. WASE 5—6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3—4	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. E. ABBOTT.

Witness: WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Another successful and pleasant meeting of the South and West District was held at Sunbury on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., when short touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rung. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the hostess, Mrs. Warne, about 40 sitting down. Mr. T. Beadle, vice-president, presided, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Sydney), the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary. After tea Mr. Beadle vacated the chair in favour of the Vicar, who welcomed the association to Sunbury, remarking what a pleasure it was to meet such a good gathering of ringers, and extending an invitation for another visit in the near future.

Acton was selected for the November meeting.

Handbell ringing was indulged in, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and all who so kindly assisted to make the meeting a success.

The tower was again visited, and courses of London, Bristol and Superlative were rung, the number having increased to over 50, including several lady ringers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 29th to commemorate the first anniversary of the reopening of the bells, after being rehung and increased from five to eight. Between 30 and 40 ringers attended from Beeston, Bulwell, Breaston, Basford, St. Peter's, Nottingham, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Southwell, Ilkeston, with visitors from Derby, Selston, South Normanton (two from the latter being elected members), and the local band. A most sumptuous tea was provided by the local men and their wives, which was much appreciated by those present.

The business meeting was presided over by the local vice-president (Mr. A. Coppock).

Wollaton was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Oct. 27th. — Three new members were elected from Greasley (1) and South Normanton (2), and a vote of condolence was passed by all the members, standing on the death of Mr. S. Wesley, of Lenton, who had passed away since the last meeting, and who had been a member of the Association for a number of years.

It was agreed to hold a 'W. D. Crofts' dinner again this year, and Messrs. F. Johnson, W. A. James and G. Goodship were elected a committee to draw up arrangements and report at the next meeting.

The Vicar promised to become an hon. member of the association. The President then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers and ladies for so kindly entertaining the members.—Mr. J. Hobbs, leader of the local men, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors to Greasley, and hoped the meeting would become an annual event.

A short service was held in the church, the Rev. S. J. Galloway thanking the members for coming, and wished the association every success.—Mr. A. Coppock rendered an excellent solo, Mr. W. Taylor, one of the local ringers, presiding at the organ.

Ringling was kept up until 8.30, and the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, and several musical items were given by Mr. A. Coppock and friends.

Will members please note that it is hoped to commence practising at St. Mary's Nottingham in a few weeks, with the hope of having a change ringing band at this church again? Ringers visiting or staying in Nottingham will receive a hearty welcome from Mr. A. Lambert at this tower on Sundays at 10 and 6 o'clock.

LADIES' GUILD.

NEW BRANCH FORMED IN DEVON.

The inauguration of the Exeter and District Branch of the Ladies' Guild took place on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Among the visitors were Miss Edith Parker (London), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), president of the Ladies' Guild; Miss Williams (Bath), and Mrs. Harvey (Portsmouth), also ladies from Tiverton, Topsham, Torquay, Paignton, Washfield, and Clevedon, etc.

The proceedings commenced at St. Thomas' Church, on the new ring of eight, after which the visitors were entertained to luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Plummer. This was followed by ringing at St. Petrock's (6), the Ladies' Guild tower in Exeter. Service was then held at the Cathedral, and the business meeting took place immediately afterwards. The officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Walker King (Exeter); vice-chairmen, Miss Hanson (Tiverton), Miss C. Goodman (Topsham); committee, Mrs. H. Read (Exeter), Miss Knight (Exeter), Mrs. Knowles (Tiverton), Mrs. Gover (Torquay); assistant secretary, Miss G. Davey (Exeter).

Mr. W. J. Southwood, who has acted as organising secretary, was responsible for the arrangements during the day.

Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas, the donors of the new trebles at the Cathedral, which was afterwards visited. A ladies' band rang the 'Thomas' eight: Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol) 1, Miss Austin (Paignton) 2, Mrs. Gover (Torquay) 3, Miss Williams (Bath) 4, Miss Snell (Washfield) 5, Mrs. Knowles (Tiverton) 6, Mrs. Harvey (Portsmouth) 7, Miss Parker (London) 8. Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung by the Cathedral band, three of the ladies assisting.

A most eventful day was thus brought to a conclusion, and it is hoped the Ladies' Guild will make great progress in the district.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now that Mr. Sharples has written from Blackpool, and admitted that it was he who named method No. 22 'Immanuel,' may we ask him to select some more appropriate title? He is probably aware that this is one of the Divine Names. To use it in such a way is a grievous shock to some, and very offensive to others; moreover we do not wish to give the profane the excuse to say that ringers worship a Method!

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge Suffolk.

H. DRAKE.

BELL RINGING CONTEST AT MELTHAM.

BIG ENTRY AND LARGE GATHERING.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Meltham. Prior to the contest, a committee meeting was held. Seven hundred and twenty changes in any method had been sanctioned previously, but owing to there being no fewer than ten entrants, it was thought that the length had better be shortened somewhat, as the ringers covered a large area. It was decided that 600 changes be rung, any method.

Ringling commenced shortly after three o'clock, and continued till 9.15 p.m. An excellent tea was provided by the Meltham company, and about 130 ringers enjoyed the fare provided. Owing to the lateness of the hour a hurried meeting took place in the school adjoining the church, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Meltham (the Rev. H. F. T. Barter) and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and for the way the arrangements had been part in the success of the contest.

The Vicar replying, said how pleased he was to welcome such a fine assembly to Meltham. One feature of the contest he said, was the large number of youths taking up ringling. He added that he thought everyone would agree that the ladies had played no small part in the success of the contest.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. J. Barforth (Earlsheaton) gave their decision as follows:—

	Faults.	Penal.	Tl.
			ties.
Huddersfield (Oxford T.B.)	153		153
Lightcliffe (Kent T.B.)	333	10	342
Shelley (Oxford)	373		373
New Mill (Oxford)	140		140
Birstal (Kent)	226		Rung out
Holmfirth (Oxford)	243		243
Low Moor (Kent)	400		Rung out
Mirfield (Kent)	196		196
Batley (Oxford)	148	10	158
Liversedge (Kent)	226		Rung out

New Mill were accordingly declared winners. The Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Biltcliffe, the conductor. He said he hoped that at some future date other towers in Longwood and Marsden would attempt to win the cup.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very successful meeting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd a meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Leiston, and despite the inclement weather was fairly well attended by members from various towers in the county. The hardy ring of bells at the parish church were kept going in various methods, from three o'clock till five p.m., when, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones), an adjournment was made to the Council Schools, where a sumptuous tea was spread.

The Rector expressed pleasure at meeting the ringers especially as they were a united body, and he hoped to meet them annually.

To show how popular the Suffolk Guild is becoming, twelve hon. members were reported to have joined in the district, and great pleasure was expressed when Mrs. Morgan Jones, the wife of the Rector, expressed a wish to become an hon. member.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Morgan Jones for their kind welcome, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tables was accorded, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Fisher.

The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples and Major methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Stacey's inquiry about concrete floors in towers, a concrete floor was laid in the belfry at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, Westmorland when the new peal of eight was put in in 1901. The height of the ringing chamber is 15ft. 8in., and the floor 2ft. thick. It consists of top concrete 10in. thick, then boxes of silicate of batten 6in. deep, then 8in. hollow space. The floor has an area of 16ft. 3in. by 16ft.

The bells are rather noisy in the ringing chamber, but in 1912, acting on the advice of Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, the whole of the concrete floor was covered with bags of sawdust about 4in. thick, which reduced the sound wonderfully. The bells are a heavy peal, the tenor being 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.—Yours faithfully,

Church Street, Ambleside.

W. ROBINSON.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £5 1s.: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. W. Page, Worcester, 5s.; Mr. Ben Gough, Colesey, 5s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**FESTIVAL AT DUNMOW.**

Some thirty ringers responded to the invitation to the ringing festival at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Great Bardfield, Stebbing, Felsted, Chelmsford, Woodford and Braintree were represented, and among the company were Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association), Mr. W. H. Dykon (District Master, Northern Division), and Mr. G. A. Black (one of the association's auditors). A short service was held in the Parish Church of St. Mary, at which the association office was used.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Parish Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. House, M.A.) presided, supported by his churchwarden.

The Master expressed the thanks of the visitors to Mrs. House and to the ringers' wives and friends who had so generously provided tea, and to the Vicar for his hearty welcome.—This was seconded by the District Master, who gave a very interesting account of the history of the church, with its very fine tower and bells.—The Vicar and Mr. H. W. Smith responded, the latter stating the idea of the gathering was for the purpose of stimulating a closer spirit of brotherhood among the neighbouring towers.

A social hour followed with songs and tune ringing by the Stebbing ringers. Touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung upon the very fine tower bells, the heaviest ring of six in the county. It is hoped that at some near date two trebles will be added to complete the octave.

PRESENTATION TO VETERAN RINGER.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Nicholas' Wallasey, by the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday, Sept. 29th, and the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mr. William Hughes. This took the form of a nicely printed peal card, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Sept. 22nd. Mr. William Hughes, who received the gift at the hands of the Vicar, has been a ringer for nearly 40 years at Liscard. The peal was rung in his honour on his 70th birthday, his golden wedding and also his son's silver wedding day. Mr. Hughes rang the treble and his son the tenor.—In thanking the Vicar and ringers for the kind words and kinder thoughts which had prompted them, he said he would treasure the picture as long as he lived.

PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Daltry's letter in your issue of September 21st last, I do not for one moment wish to deprive him of any title to the two peals of Stedman Caters published in your issue of August 31st, and concerning which I expressed my opinion in your issue of September 7th. But I am still convinced he has not added two more to the thousands which already exist. If there is any space in our excellent weekly ringing journal for compositions, let us, I say again, have something off the beaten and well-worn track. Peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, short course and long course, have been rung in Birmingham and elsewhere, especially during the last 20 years, both on tower and handbells, with the front six bells in various possible combinations, and the large bells in the tittums, inverted tittums, backstroke and handstroke home positions, these containing musical qualities not to be obtained on the ordinary plan where the treble or 5th is fixed in second's place.

I agree with Mr. Joseph W. Parker in his letter in this week's issue of the 'Ringing World' that there is still plenty of scope for this class of composition which would give added interest to peal hands and conductors. What is more wanted than a reference file containing this class of compositions up to date? It should be taken in hand by our Central Council at the very earliest opportunity, and then added to the list of publications so that it could be within the reach of all those interested by applying for same.

I shall be pleased to send to conductors peals of Stedman Caters or Cinques by reputed composers, which I have in my possession, and which are off the beaten track.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT WALKER.

81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

THE ATTACKS ON CHURCH BELLS.

There appears to be an epidemic of opposition to the ringing of bells, and Welwyn Garden City is not alone in its antagonism. A few weeks ago the Leicester newspapers were alive with correspondence against the bells of St. John-the-Divine—a most musical and modulated ring! Fortunately, the originator of the 'Ringing Defence Committee' (Press) of the Central Council is attached to St. John's, and the opponents were 'up against it.' Scarcely had that subsided when an attack was made on change ringing at Ludlow, in Shropshire and the local society requested the aid of Mr. W. Willson to defend their interests. W. W. has fallen upon the opposition with his battleaxe and laid about him in right good earnest.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At a recent meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Master (Major Hughes D'Aeth) informed those present that his motor-cycle registered just over ten thousand miles, travelled in the cause of the Guild since he took office in 1919.

Some half-dozen members of the Ancient Society of College Youths were invited to attend on Tuesday the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the death of Sir Richard Whittington, the ceremony taking place at St. Michael Royal, College Hill. Whittington will always be associated with Bow bells, and his name has been given to a change well known to ringers.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor has been rung at Liversedge, Yorks, by a band whose average age is 17½ years. What makes the performance the more meritorious is the fact that it was the first peal by all, and was rung at the first attempt.

Mr. John Carter has returned to London from the Isle of Man, and his activities will doubtless be once more turned to ringing.

The peal at Over, Cambs, on Sept. 19th was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association, a fact that was omitted by the sender of the report.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques on record was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Oct. 6th 1788. They did the thing properly, for the length was 6,204 (rung in 4 hrs. 47 mins.), and this stood as the longest length in the method until 1806, when the Cumberlands rang a 6,334 at Spitalfields.

Holt's Ten-part was rung for the first time on Oct. 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch.

In memory of his father, Alderman George Cadbury is extending the carillon at Bourneville by the addition of 15 bells making the total up to 37, giving a chromatic scale of three octaves. It will then rank as second largest in England.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan ringers should note that the meeting announced for Dursley to-morrow cannot be held, owing to illness, and is, therefore, postponed to Oct. 13th, when it will take place at Berkeley.

Macclesfield bells, Cheshire's first peal of twelve, will be open for ringing on Saturday, Oct. 13th when all ringers will be welcome. Particulars will be found in our notice columns.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, Salop, has made an unusual start in peal ringing. His first peal was on handbells, when he rang 1-2 to Stedman Caters, and his next was a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He is the first Shropshire ringer to run a pair of handbells to a peal Stedman. His friends anticipate for him a highly successful ringing career, given the opportunity.

The following was posted on the door of a country church some time back: 'This is to give notice that no person is to be buried in the churchyard but those living in the parish. Those who wish to be buried here are desired to apply to me.—J. B., parish clerk.'

We are informed that the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Putney, on Sept. 19th, should not be credited to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Lavenham on Sept. 17th was A. Symonds' first in the method away from the tenor, and not his first peal away from the tenor.

THANKS. To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to thank all ringers and friends who responded to my appeal on behalf of Mrs. Hayes, widow of the late Frederick Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, a ringer for over 40 years, who is in straitened circumstances? Thanks are due to the Benevolent Fund Committee of the Kent Association for a grant of £23 5s., and I am grateful to all whose names appear on the following lists: Per M. P. E. Clark, Ealing, £8 14s. 6d.; Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend, £3 17s. 6d.; Gravesend Ringers, £1 2s. 6d.; Old Pals, per Mr. W. Raveney, £1 1s. 6d.; Northfleet Ringers, 10s. 6d.; Rochester St. Margaret's, 8s.; Frindsbury Ringers, 8s.; Chatham Ringers, 5s.; total (including grant), £17 11s. The list will shortly be closed, and any further contributions to the appeal will be thankfully received and acknowledged by—Yours faithfully,

FRED M. MITCHELL.

114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

FIRST COURSE OF GRANDSIRE IN NATAL.

The first plain course of Grandsire Triples ever rung in Durban, Natal, was rung for morning service on Sunday, Sept. 9th, by the following band: Miss Daisy Clarkson 1, Cyril Howard 2, Thos. Nash 3, Harold Howard 4, F. L. Simpson 5, T. E. Prickett 6, John Prickett 7, Joe Hume 8. This is the first Grandsire Triples by all but the ringers of 6 and 7 and the first in Natal.

The Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner.

INTERESTING SPEECHES AT SHEFFIELD GATHERING.

As briefly reported last week, the second annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield. The dinner is celebrated in successive years at Leeds, Sheffield and York, and on this occasion the 'Steel City' had the honour of 'fathering' this great gathering in the capacious dining-room of the King's Head Hotel. Visitors were present from 49 different towns, and altogether a most distinguished party of 120 sat down to dinner, the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, being in the chair. Among the many well-known ringers present were Mr. J. Rowbottom (London, representing the College Youths), Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. James George (Birmingham), Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Frank Willey (Vice-President, Sheffield), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Association, Leeds), Mr. J. Cottrill (Halifax), Mr. Chas. Davies (Liverpool), Mr. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley), and Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bell foundries; in addition to members from Leeds, Elland, Doncaster, York, Horbury, Halifax Grimsby, Wortley, Bradford, and the local districts.

Letters of apology were received from Mr. George Lewis (President of the Committee), the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, the Rev. W. P. Wright, Mr. J. G. Groves (Birmingham), Mr. Jas. T. Rex, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Birmingham), Alderman Cattell and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

After grace had been sung and an excellent menu served, the evening's entertainment was opened by a pianoforte solo by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard who rendered a masterly performance of one of Mendelssohn's 'Songs without Words.' The reverend gentleman was 'at the piano' for the remainder of the evening, and for the very effective way in which he accompanied the various artists is to be heartily thanked.

After the loyal toast Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley) proposed 'The Church and State.' He said that whatever the nation may be he hoped at this moment it stood higher than it had ever done, and that its word was more respected.

With regard to the church, he said that in times past it was always there to preach the gospel, tend the sick and needy; but allowing for all this work, well and truly done, there were other duties which the church had, and for which it was well fitted. He alluded to its part in the arts and sciences.

They might take building, and the church offered the best that ever was done. They could instance manufacturing, chemistry, the smelting of iron which were done at a very early date; all these works were theirs. Coming nearer, they found that as refinement came along the church was still always the patron of music, painting, and all other arts which had made great the name of our country. To-day the Church had taken a new lease of life and from the Archbishop downward, all were working for the good of the State (applause).

Miss Kathleen Jackson (herself a ringer) having rendered a humorous song entitled 'The Ringers.'

The Archdeacon of Sheffield replied. He said the toast which they had drunk, was one which was most suitable for such an occasion when ringers were assembled, for there was no part of the Church which made itself so much felt on State occasions as the belfry. It took various forms. As Vicars, they spent quite a considerable portion of their time reading letters of complaint, regarding the volume of sound produced, from all kinds of people who did not happen to be ringers, and who therefore did not appreciate the result of the ringers' labours. At the same time, he supposed there was, no great occasion which arose in that city, but the Church acclaimed it through the medium of the bell ringers. He hoped that association would continue for many centuries. He also trusted that as their associations grew more and more (he understood there were 49 towns represented there that evening), they would be able to bring about a greater appreciation by the public of the peals which were rung in the church towers, and thus cause complaints on the score of noise to diminish. He understood that the activities of the bell foundries at the present time were particularly directed to the improvement of the tone and harmonics of the bells which they cast. On the other side, whether or not the day should ever come, when the Church was disestablished and could no longer be spoken of as 'by law established,' he hoped that the sentiments of perfect loyalty which had always distinguished the Church in times past, would survive the catastrophe, and that public events would always be acclaimed by the loyal efforts of the ringers. In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the gathering for the loyal sentiments expressed both to the Church and Realm.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

The life of the late Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon having been fully recounted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall at Leeds last year, Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield), who proposed the toast of the evening, devoted his speech mainly to the life of the late Mr. Chas. Henry Hattersley, and said: 'In proposing the toast of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association, I cannot help but bring before you many other notables of the Exercise, and as our president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall gave you a good outline of the founder of this association and his works, I trust that if I should trespass on anything that has already been said by the reverend gentleman he will not take it as any act of piracy on my part. Passing before my imagination I see many faces and think of the great work those men have done for our association, but none stand more plainly in my memory than Charles Henry Hattersley, who was very accurately described in the 'Ringing World' as the G.O.M. of change ringing. In recalling many interesting details of this eminent gentleman's ringing career, I must briefly introduce to you some other names of ringing celebrities, notably one, Mr. W. Booth, Mr. Hattersley's grandfather, from whom he received his early instruction, and to such effect that at the age of eleven years we find him pricking out Treble Bob. It was, however, many years after this when he found out the internal false changes in this method, a thing unknown in Sheffield in the early days of Mr. W. Booth (who died in 1849), and Mr. W. Hudson (who died in 1851). Mr. Hattersley was born on Sept. 12, 1844, and from his earliest days took a deep interest in the art of change ringing, good striking being one of his greatest fortes, and when this was not forthcoming he often intervened with caustic remarks, which were quite understandable by those who had erred. At a very early stage in his career he used to attend our dear old Cathedral and ring for morning prayers, and as years passed on we find our pioneer together with the indefatigable founder of this, our association, making rapid strides at the very early age of 18 years. He rang his first peal of Stedman Caters at Chesterfield in 1862, and a year later a peal of Bob Royal with the famous Robert Daft, thus linking himself and the present generation with the giants of the art a century ago. It is not for me to recall all the notable performances of this worthy chieftain, either in the art of ringing or in the study of composition. He was always to the fore in vigorous discussion concerning the merits and otherwise of published peals through the ringing Press, and woe betide any man who claimed anything beyond his right. In ringing he stood out for the best, and I have shared with others his severe chastisement, when making errors, missing dodges, or becoming hopelessly lost. Amongst his most notable ringing feats all of which stood out as the best of that period, I may casually instance a 6,006 in five different methods, rung at Rotherham in 1881, and in the following year we find him conducting a 6,595 Stedman Caters of his own composition, and also taking part in a silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent. In 1887 he rang in a 13,041 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, and the following year at the same place in a 15,227 Grandsize Caters. However, his outstanding performance was with his bosom friends at Birmingham when he rang a 9,238 of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Hattersley and myself were very close friends, and he often related to me with pride and honour the details of the many occasions upon which he had rung for hours with various companies without a word of correction being spoken. As a composer, he has to his credit a peal of 5,056 Superlative Surprise, containing all the possible positions with the sixth and tenors together, with the second never in sixth's place. He also evolved a new eleven-course set of Stedman Caters which is also applicable to other methods by researching composers. In London Surprise he composed peals with the fourth and sixth the extent in sixth's and the fifth and sixth the extent in fifth's, these ranking amongst the first ever composed in this precarious method. As a conversationalist and expounder of the art of campanology, he was to all who met and heard him most impressive with his words of wise counsel and sound advice, which could not fail to be of the utmost value for their future guidance. His fund of recollections and anecdotes was most entertaining, and doubtless there are many people present who will recall enjoyable days and evenings spent in his company. And here we will leave him, as a stalwart of our association more fully realising that he had lived a life fully up to the tradition of a famous Admiral of our Fleet when he cried out, 'England expects ———.' Well could he also say with Carlyle, 'What faults you see in me, try to avoid, search your own hearts and you'll be well employed.' I will ask you to drink to the me-

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mory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and all past officers of the Yorkshire Association in solemn silence."

The toast was fittingly honoured.

A LOVING CUP.

The Archdeacon then made allusion to the fact that he had noticed in the Cathedral ringing chamber a massive silver jug, presented to the Cathedral company by the ringers of Ashton-under-Lyne about 50 years ago. It struck him that that was a suitable occasion on which this might serve as a loving cup, and accordingly, at his request, the jug was filled with cider, and during the course of the evening, the cup being several times refilled, everyone present was enabled to drink therefrom. This incident will no doubt be of interest to the original donors, should any of them be alive, or their successors.

Then followed a capital course of Stedman Cinques: C. Harrison 1-2, J. Thorpe 3-4, S. Palmer 5-6, S. Briggs 7-8, A. Walker 9-10, W. Chown 11-12. Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) is to be thanked for kindly filling the breach at the last moment by ringing 9-10, one of the original band having been compelled to leave Sheffield during the day on business. It is noteworthy that this was the first occasion on which Stedman Cinques on handbells had been performed in Sheffield.

'Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, who said they had with them that night representatives who had performed for their various societies some of the greatest feats in change ringing. He noted that one of the previous speakers, referring to the performances of Mr. Chas. H. Hattersley, emphasised the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. He (the speaker) was very pleased to see with them that night representatives of the Birmingham Society. They also had with them representatives of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They had a specially warm corner in their hearts for the College Youths, for he believed he was correct in saying that when it was proposed that the Yorkshire Association should be a society, it was suggested that instead of a County Association, they should form a branch of the College Youths in Sheffield. It was owing to that momentous decision not to do so, that the Yorkshire Association became the pioneer of County Associations in the United Kingdom. Whilst they did not regret this, they heartily welcomed the College Youths that night, and he took that opportunity of offering them their very hearty congratulations upon the feat of ringing the 12,000 Stedman Cinques with a tenor of 50 cwt. That stood a chance of becoming a record for all time. Continuing, Mr. Johnson said they also had with them representatives of the Lancashire, Midland Counties and Surrey Associations, and he had great pleasure in extending to them the heartiest welcome. In Mr. Albert Walker they had a worthy successor to the famous masters of Birmingham, who had, he thought, conducted the greatest variety of Stedman Cinques of any man living. They had an extra warm regard for the representative of the College Youths in Mr. J. Rowbottom. There were very few men in that room who could state that they had a direct association with Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, but Mr. Rowbottom was one of that now rapidly diminishing band. They trusted he might be spared to honour them with his presence at those gatherings for many years to come, and thus link them up with the giants of the past. He coupled the names of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Rowbottom with the toast.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HONORARY MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Dunster on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, members being present from Ilminster, Huntspill, Old Cleeve, Dunster, Minchhead, Taunton, Timberscombe and Bridgwater. The business meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, presided over by the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), who was supported by the Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D., Vicar of Dunster, and Preb. A. C. Harman, Rector of Old Cleeve. Two honorary members were elected, and Congressbury selected for the next meeting to be held in December.

A discussion arose as to whether the local branches could be allowed to spend a portion of the honorary members' subscriptions. It was pointed out that to do this a rule would have to be altered, and a resolution giving three weeks' notice must be sent to the secretary.

Mr. Stacey, the local secretary, promised to do this.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. T. Reeder for the hearty welcome he gave to the association, and for the use of the bells; also to the ladies among whom was Mrs. Reeder, who had undertaken the arrangements for tea. After the Vicar had replied tea was partaken of, and a short service was held in the Priory Church.

Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

CLUTTON SOMERSET.—On Thursday, Sept. 20th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Brimble 1, C. Cook 2, J. Owen (conductor) 3, H. Blacker 4, C. Blacker 5, H. Parsons 6. Rung in 40 minutes. First quarter by all.

CHAGFORD FIRM'S ACTIVITY.

During the last month the peal of six bells at Stoke Damerel, Devonport, have been under restoration, and are now placed in perfect ringing order. The tenor is 17 cwt., and this is one of the finest peals of six in Plymouth. The work has been most efficiently executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford.

Orders have also been placed with Messrs. Aggett and Sons, for the restoration of the following peals: Dunsford (peal of six, also new clock gear and chimes), St. Gluvias, Penryn, Cornwall (peal of six), Roborough, N. Devon (peal of six), Gidleigh (peal of five bells, new second bell to be added), new peal of six for Withiel, Bodmin, Cornwall.

NEW PEAL OF SIX FOR ESSEX.

A COMPLETE RESTORATION AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, a very pretty village, near Clacton-on-Sea, is now in possession of a peal of six bells, the dedication of which took place on Monday, Sept. 17th. About two years ago the old five bells were in such a condition as to be unsafe for ringing, the crown of two bells having a large piece broken out, and one other cracked. The framework was also beyond repair and unsafe. Thanks are due to the Vicar and members of the Parochial Council for the raising the necessary funds for a complete restoration, which included recasting the old treble, 2nd and 4th bells, and the addition of a new treble bell to make six, also the rebanging of the whole peal in a new steel frame for eight.

The bells were dedicated at a special service in the afternoon by the Bishop of Colchester, who preached an appropriate sermon. The service ended with a collection in aid of the restoration fund, generous response being made.

After the service tea was kindly provided for the congregation and ringers on the vicarage lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gledhill) and the Parochial Council. During the tea the Bishop gave a short address concerning the uses of bells, which was listened to with great interest.

Tea over, the ringers adjourned to the tower, and touches of Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung, visitors being present from Thorrington, Great Bromley, Great Bentley, Weeley, Thorpe-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea, Tendring, Ipswich, Chadwell Heath and Edmonton.

Everyone expressed great satisfaction with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which though rather light, the tenor is only 8½ cwt., are a very musical peal and it is hoped the empty spaces will be filled before many years. The local band of ringers, if given help and instruction in change ringing from the neighbouring towers, will open up a little-heard-of part of Essex—in the campanological sense.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

RINGERS AT PAINSWICK FEAST.

ANCIENT CUSTOM CELEBRATED.

On Saturday week, the members of the Bristol United Guilds, to the number of 28 (including four lady ringers), visited Painswick, where the local 'feast' was being held. Leaving Bristol at 7 p.m. three ringers from Bath were picked up at Fishponds, so that the charabanc had its full complement. The route lay through delightful scenery via Stroud, where the first halt was made. Mr. Orchard met the party, and piloted them to the beautiful Parish Church of St. Lawrence with its fine peal of ten bells, where Mr. Scriven awaited them. The bells were raised in peal, and were soon off to the tune of Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal. When Painswick situated among the hills, was reached, the chief attraction of the 'feast' had already started for the glorious ring of twelve bells was pealing forth, rung by members from Gloucester and Swindon. The party enjoyed high tea at the Institute, where they were joined by the ringers from Gloucester, Swindon, and the local band, making a party of about 60, arrangements having been made by Mr. Albert Wright.

Following tea the Vicar (who presided) gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Painswick feast, and he was followed by Mr. Wright, who showed the company the 'puppy' they had ready for the occasion. The 'puppy' happened to be a china one. Painswick Youths know the story of how the puppy was substituted for the pie!

Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the visitors.

The Bristol party then took over the ringing, which opened with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by Caters and Cambridge Royal (Maximus was on the programme, but two of the stalwarts went picking mushrooms) until 8 p.m. Everyone was loud in praise of these famous bells.

The return journey to Bristol, started about 8.30, was by another route, a stop being made at Falfeld, presumably to let the engine cool. Bristol was reached just before 11, every one of the party having had a happy time.

The feast continued throughout Sunday, when the 'clipping' of the church took place.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, F. S. Bacon 2, H. James 3, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 4, J. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, R. J. Dawe (Lewes) 7, J. Dafters 8.—On Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival, another quarter: F. G. Dafters (first quarter) 1, F. S. Bacon 2, H. James 3, J. Lew 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, for harvest (thanksgiving at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, T. R. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrens (Cventry) 5, W. Tate 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, R. J. Stone 8. Composed by A. J. Pitman.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, in the morning, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. G. Cottis 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, C. Fenn (conductor) 4, W. G. Jackson 5, E. H. King 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

BRAINTREE.—Sunday, Sept. 30th, being Sunday within the octave of SS. Michael and All Angels, was observed as the patronal festival at the Parish Church.—For early celebration of Holy Communion 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, E. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. E. Hammond 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Brookland 1, F. Palmer, junr. 2, F. Goddard 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. Harding 5, H. A. Polkard 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival services, 11 a.m. 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Briggs 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Wade 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. W. Naunton 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, E. Chatter 4, J. Spencer 5, A. J. L. Naunton 6. After evening service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob by the same band. The above was conducted by F. W. Naunton.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For morning service at the harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Single Oxford Minor: W. H. Sutton 1, A. Ground 2, G. Sewell 3, W. Worthington 4, J. Curry 5, G. Ludd (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4.

WHITTLESEA CAMBS.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd at St. Mary's Church, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, S. Wright 3, T. Vaughan 4, W. G. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, W. Essery 5, A. Beckensale 6, J. Milner 8. First quarter in the method by A. Beckensale.

WITHEYCOMBE, RALEIGH.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd for harvest festival a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Stocker 1, R. C. Manley 2, F. Dimond 3, W. J. Manley 4, J. Skinner 5, E. Pook 6, J. R. Hayman 7, G. Rendell 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,280 Double Norwich in 52 mins.: R. W. Spire 1, F. Hunt 2, R. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, A. King 5, T. Kendall 6, H. Walker 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For evening service 832 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith 2, C. Rollings 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas for evening service on Sept. 23rd, 396 Stedman Cinques: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, J. W. Jones (Newport Mon.) 3, E. Jones 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, C. S. Benwell 6, T. W. Gilmour 7, C. I. Davies 8, J. Martin 9, W. H. Pickett 10, J. E. Sykes 11, A. Lintott 12.

NORTHELEET.—At St. Botolph's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd: F. Draper 1, H. Barnes 2, S. Bridgland 3, R. Smith (conductor) 4, L. Stacey 5, J. Carrott 6, H. W. Clark 7, C. T. Clark 8. Ringers of 7 and 8 hail from Cubitt Town.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 53 mins.: G. Oaks 1, F. Coates 2, J. W. J. Cottom 3, P. Johnson 4, J. Brothwell 5, E. Kettell 6, C. R. Wright 7, S. Briggs (conductor) 8, Colin Ryder 9, L. Littlewood 10. Rung as a compliment to the day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryder (nee Hague).

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Townley 1, Fred Wilson 2, T. Clement 3, R. Sanderson 4, W. Atkinson (conductor) 5, F. Marindale 6, Ivor Heap 7, R. Dennison 8. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Blackburn, and the 4th from Preston.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.

The annual outing of the members of the Parish Church Belfry took place on Saturday, Sept. 8th, in glorious weather. Leaving Wycombe by the 1.3 train, Reading was reached soon after 2, and a move was made to St. Giles's, where the party were 'snapped' by the 'camera fiend.' Here the Reading ringers and the Vicar of Wycombe were awaiting the party; and the bells were soon set going to various methods. After a few touches, the next item on the programme was a visit to the delightful old-world village of Sonning, which nestles on the banks of the Thames—picturesque and peaceful—a striking contrast to the noise and bustle of the crowd-thronged streets of the biscuit town. Tea was in readiness at the French Horn Hotel. A visit to the church tower proved equally enjoyable, the tone and 'go' of the bells being everything that could be desired. By bus to Reading, and tram to St. Peter's Church, Caversham, was the next order, and though the party (owing to the charms of dear old Sonning proving so attractive) were late, the Caversham ringing colleagues were patiently waiting to welcome them. Here, again, the bells went beautifully, and the touches concluded with a couple of courses of Double Norwich. Owing to lack of time, the Wycombe men were unable to take advantage of a pull at St. Lawrence, which had been kindly offered them.—The visitors wish to thank the incumbents and ringing friends who helped to make the visit so enjoyable.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th the Lavenham ringers held their annual outing. Travelling by motor-bus, the party, numbering 14, under the 'care' of Mr. S. H. Symonds, set off from what was, once known as the 'Town of Eight-eights,' at 8.8 a.m. for Mildenhall, which was reached after a fine run of 23 miles. Here they were met by Mr. P. Fordham and his 'campanologist' wife; also Mr. F. Salter, of Thetford. Touches of Grandsire Stedman, Bob Major and Superlative were rung. Messrs. Saller and Fordham taking part, and Mrs. Fordham ringing the treble to the Bob Major. After inspecting the carving in the church, especially the oak organ loft in Gothic style, the work of Mr. Fordham, a journey was made to Brandon, a village of flint-built cottages and once famous for its 'flint works.' Here Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Cambridge Surprise were tapped off. The next stopping-place was Crispe's Temperance Hotel, Thetford, where a splendid dinner was partaken of, at which Mr. Salter was present. Afterwards the handbells were used and then the visitors moved to the church of St. Peter, where they were met by Mr. T. Stagg, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. Unfortunately the treble rope broke in the touch of Bob Major. A run was then made to Elveden. Here Grandsire and Stedman were rung, also two courses of Bob Major with four of the local men standing in, and Mr. F. Salter as conductor. The bell tower and cloisters, erected by Earl Iveagh in memory of the late Viscountess Iveagh, were then inspected, also a splendid silver and enamel memorial to the late Dhulep Singh and his wife, and two memorial tablets, one in memory of the men who fell in the war, and the other in honour of those who returned; this while the party's carillonneur 'agonised' his fellow travellers with tunes on a peal of tubulars in the old church tower. A visit was then paid to the impressive memorial erected in memory of the fallen men of Elveden Estate. This monument is a magnificent Corinthian column rising to an imposing height of 127 feet. Built chiefly of Weldon stone it is surmounted by a Portland stone urn, 11ft. 6in. in height. The pedestal is 20ft. by 11ft., and the shaft is 88ft. in height and 8ft. in diameter tapering to 7ft. There is an interior circular stair, way of 148 steps lighted by vertical incisions. The column stands at a point where the three parishes—Elveden, Eriswell and Jockingham—merge, so that each of the huge panels of Hopton Wood with the names of the fallen is in the particular parish indicated. The noble structure weighs 500 tons, and took over 18 months to erect.

After refreshments the 'budding' conductor ordered the party to 'look to' while he tried to 'smash' a 'kodak.' A visit was then made to the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, where several friends were met, here Grandsire and Stedman Caters Kent Royal and Major and Double Norwich were rung, and concluded the programme. Lavenham, alias Eight-eights, was reached at 9.10 p.m.—The company wishes, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the respective incumbents for use of the bells; the friends for having everything in readiness; and Mr. F. Salter, who, on his motor 'bike,' acted as pilot from Mildenhall to Elveden. S. H. S.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Denholme, Yorkshire, on Monday, Sept. 24th, a date touch of 1,923 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. by G. Denny 1, A. Bairstow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, J. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrison 7, V. Bairstow (conductor) 8. Longest length by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, October 6th. Tea at the King's Arms. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station, 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave Writtle 7.20 and 9.20.—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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

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

LADIES' GUILD, Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, October 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at an appropriate cost. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of ringers will be held at Desford on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on October 6th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow.—Charles H. Austin, Branch Hon. Sec., Newark House, Hempsted, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ducklington on Saturday, October 6th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. Tristram, Vicar. Tea in the Parish Room at 3.40,

business meeting following. Witney and Ducklington bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be at Rolvenden on Saturday, Oct. 6th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair, Saturday, October 6th, the tower of St. Peter's, Nottingham, will be open for ringing from 6 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome.—F. Blood, Loc. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 7th, 10 a.m.; *St. Clement Danes, Monday, 15th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30 p.m. *Quarterly business meeting to follow at headquarters, 8.15 p.m. Large attendance requested.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th, *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and tea will be held at Whitworth Parish Church, October 13th. Tea in old school by the church. Meeting and general evening in Lloyd Street school. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m., usual price.—H. W. Slack, The Square, Whitworth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by the 9th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—War Memorial, Canterbury Cathedral.—The Archbishop (President of the Association) will dedicate the two trebles after evening song on Saturday, October 13th, that is about 4 p.m. After the service a tea will be arranged for members attending if they will send their names before Wednesday,

October 10th. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The monthly practices at Exeter Cathedral will be held in future on the second Thursday of each month, instead of Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Next practices, to which all twelve-bell ringers are invited—Thursdays, October 11th and November 8th.—E. S. Powell, General Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, October 13th, the new peal of 12 bells (tenor 26 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—J. Norbury, 37, Church Side, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be at Higher Walton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1/6 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, October 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the New Hall at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service with an address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the New Hall, Knebworth Park, at 1/3 each, followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. Please notify me by October 8th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Crosby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Owing to illness near the church this meeting cannot be held at Dursley as per notice last week.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Hain, Berkeley, Glos.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mortonhamstead on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church St., Paignton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready early. Short service. Tea afterwards, moderate price. The Vicar and local company offer a hearty welcome to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Will all ringers intending being present kindly note this is a country village, and tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, October 17th? Meat tea 3d. per head, members; 1/6 non-members.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present. Those intending to do so are requested to send notice to W. H. Dyson, Dist. Master, High Street, Braintree, not later than October 18th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, October 17th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea can be arranged if not less than 20 send in their names to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, 'Kilmar,' Leyfield Road, Dore, by Tuesday, 16th. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —A quarterly meeting to be held at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Further particulars will be given next week.—A. L. Henderson, Dist. Hon. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, October 16th, because of arranging for tea?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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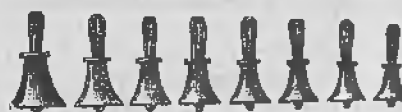
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