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## PREJUDICE IN HIGH PLACES.

The vast improvements which have been effected in the bell industry during the last quarter of a century have given us incomparably better bells and made ringing much more of a pleasure and less of a labour than it used to be. These changes have been due to the initiative of the bell founders and the advance of scientific knowledge. In most cases, happily, those who seek to restore their bells are ready to take full advantage of the results which have come from the specialised work of those whose chief concern it is to offer the best in this department of church equipment. There are still, however, instances in which prejudices are brought to bear and, although these are sometimes overcome, they have their influence in retarding the wheels of progress. The opposition of a type of antiquarian, whose love of things and methods ancient overrides appreciation of the demands of modern enticiency, still persists in places.

The notion that old and tuneless bells and aged and decrepit frames, that have outlived their usefulness, are to be preferred because they were made two hundred or more years ago, ignores the purpose for which bells are placed in church towers. They were put there originally to be rung, and the purpose of their existence is, or should be, more important than the existence itself, because the bells would not have come into being but for the purpose behind their creation. If the purpose of the bells is that they should be rung to call the people to worship, it follows that they should be kept in the best possible condition to fulfil that object. When they have passed that stage they should be superseded. Preserve them as antiquarian relics by all means, if it is so desired, but not in the bell chamber. Do not let them remain in service in the church, where, we are so often told, nothing but the best is worthy to find a place. The same thing applies to bell frames-only more so. While sone bells lacking in harmony may be tolerated while they are sound, there is, in our opinion, no ground for retaining a ramshackle frame which is beyond effective repair; and yet there are some people who would rather the bells remain practically silent than scrap a timber frame which had come to us down the ages. It is not even as if such a relic of the past could become an object of permanent interest, calling for frequent inspection, with suitable veneration, by antiquarians. No one but the sexton, and he only at rapidly widening intervals, would ever see it under such circumstances.

Whatever the bells, the bell frame and fittings should be of the most efficient fype, and yet, such is the prejudice in some quarters, that an eminent ecciesiastical architect,
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not so long ago, advocated, before a diocesan advisory board, the provision of oak frames-in preference to metal-even if, for the first year or two, until the shrinkage and other distortions of the timber had finished, the ringers had hard work to ring the bells! It is simply amazing that such a proposal should come from one who occupies an eminent position in his profession; but it doubtless carried great weight with the responsible authority which he was addressing. It was not the only amazing statement which he made on that occasion; but it illustrates the prejudice which has still to be overcome in certain high piaces when the question of bell restoration is under consideration.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

APPEETON, BERES.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULDD.
On Saturiay, Septenbey 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Mintut,
At the Churce of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5039 CHANEESI
Tenor l4 4 cwt .
*Grorge Horwood ... ...Tyeble Frederick A. H. Wilkins 6
Cotebrrt G White ... 2 James S. Napper ..... .7
Norman G. Lebce ... ... 3 Grorge Holifirld, jun.... 8
$\dagger$ William Collett ... ... 4 Richard Whith ... ... 9
Frederick Messemger ... 5 Fred Weite ... ... ...Temor
Composed by G. Holifigld, sen. Conducted by G. Holifigld, jon.

* First peal on ton bells. + First peal of Graudsiro Gaters. Arranged for the ringer of tho 5rd, who hails from Dudley, and was made a member of the Guild previous to the start. It is interesting to note that he cyeled from Dudley and returned after the pead, being 80 miles each way.


## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

JOWFESTOTT, SUFFOLE.
THE NORWIGH DIOGEGAN ASBOCIATION.
On Monday, September , 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fify-T to Minutes, $^{2}$ At the Cedrge of St. Margarex,
A PEAL OF BOB HAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tedor $13{ }^{4} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Richard T. Woodley ...Trcble |Charles F. Sayba ... ... 5 Edwin Barnett ... ... ... 2 Andrew L. Whatcing .... 6 Edwin A, Barnzit $. . . \quad . . \quad 3 \quad$ Albert E. Coleman ...... Ricaird W. R. Coates ... 4 Edwin R. Goate ... ... ... Tenor Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by E. A. Barnetz.
The above was rung as a birthday peal for Mr. R. T. Woodley, who was 74 on August 29th.

BRTDSTOW, HBREFORDSHIRE THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, Schember 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minmtdr
At the Churce of St. Bringet,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB HAJOR, 508 CHANGES; Tener 9 cwt .
Arthor Alford ...* ... ...Treble Cohnelids J. Partridge ... 5 Wilimm T. Poston ... ... 2 Edwin H. Foster ... ... 6 W. Glyn Shaw ... ... ... 3 Robert E. Sommrrs ... ... 7 Joan J. Webb ... ... ... 4 William Poston ... ... ...Tenor Composed by W. Harrison,

Conducted by W. Posron.
Arranged for C. J. Partridge, of Sutton-in-Aslifield, Notts.


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WILTON，SOMERSEI．
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCEGAN ABBOCIATION．
On Wednesday，September 6，1933，in Three Hours and Four Minutes， At tee Cedrce or St．Grorge，

## A PEAL DF STEDHAN TRIPLES； 6040 CHANGES；

Dexter＇s Variation．
－Ronald W．Hayward artegr W．Hayward a Wherge Coles William G．Gigg ．．．．．． 4 －William T，Clareg ．．．．．．Teror Conducted by P．Merson．
＊First penl．＋First peal of Stedman Triples．First peal of Triples on the bellis． LONG EATON，DERBYSHRE．
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION，
On Wednesday，September 6，1933，in Two Hours and Forty－Seven Minutes， At xhe Chorch of St．Lawrence，

## A PEAL OF gTEDMAN TRIPLES， 6040 CHANGEs：

J．W．Parker＇s Odd and Even Bob and Single Six－part，No．8i． Tenor $\mathrm{IO}_{4} \mathrm{ewt}$ ．
John H．Swinfired ．．．．．．Tyeble ${ }^{\text {Walter Wallace }}$ ．．．.. .5
Madricr Swinfield ．．．．．． 2 Jambs Gzorgz ．．．．．．．．． 6
Cearles Drapara．．．...
J．Charles Dickbe ．．．．．． 4 Josbpb Bailey ．．．．．．．．．Temot Conducted by M．Swinpibld．
This composition is nowr rung for the first time． THRAPSTON，NORTHANTS．
the Peterborodgh diocesan guild．
On Thursday，September 7，1933，in Thee Houys and Fourtecn Minutes， At tee Churce of St．James，
a peal of double horwich court bob Major， 5008 changes； Tenor ricwt． 7 lb ．
B．Jack Stiobis ．．．．．．．．．Treble $\begin{aligned} & \text { Francrs Ball } \\ & \text { ．．．}\end{aligned}$ ．．．.. .5 Hogh J．Balcombe ．．．．．． 2 Amos Smart ．．．．．．．．．．．． 6
 Alpred H．Martin ．．．．．． 4 Chaples W．Clarke ．．．．．．temor Composed by Wm．Wileson．Conducted by Cbarles W．Clarke BROMLEY，KENT．
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
On Thursday，Septenber 7，1933，in Two Hows and Fifty－Seven Minutes， At the Cberge of St．Luke，Bromley Common，
A PEAL OF 3TEDMAN TRIPLES， 6040 CHANGE8；
Pifstow＇s Transposition of Thursians＇Fofr－part．
Tenor 15 cwt ．

Rung on the anniversaty of the golden wodding of the Rev． Augustine Briggs，who is 83 years of age．

HETFERSETT，NORFOLK．
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION．
On Thursdav，September 7，1933，in Three Hours，
At ter Cefrch of Sy．Remigies，
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR， 5152 CHANGE8；
Tenor rol cwt．in G．
Grorge Mayrr5．．．．．．．．．Tyeble $\mid$ Cyril．Crowe...

Artbur J．E．Smalls．．．．．． 4 Charles H．Moore ．．．．．．Tenay Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden．
First peal lyy the ringer of the thiird at the first attempt．Rung on the oecasion of the marriage of Mr．A．R．Tink with Miss E．Cleeva， who linve the good wishes of tho band for their future happiness．

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CRA YFORD，KENT．
THE RENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION．
Un Fiday，September 8，1933，in Two Houps and Fifty Minutes．
At ter Cherch of St．Paulinds，
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE 8URPRISE MAJOR，606B CHANREB， Johnson＇s Variation of Middleion＇s．Tegor ry⿱⿱亠䒑女子年ewt．
Harry Hoverd ．．．．．．．．．Treble｜Herbert E．Audsley．．．．．． 5
Thomas Groombridge，she 2 Alfrid G．Hill ．．．．．．．．．ob Edwin A．Barnett ．．．．．． 3 Edwin Barnett ．．． Mrs，G．H．Cross ．．．．．． 4 Charles W．Roberts ．．．Tenor Conducted by C．W．Roberts． STANDISH，LANCASHIRE．
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION．
On Saturday，Scprember 9，1933，in Two Hours and Fifty－Six Minutes， Ai tee Cherch of St．Wilfred，
A PEAL OF 80PERLATIVE 8URPRISE MAJOR， 5088 CHANGES； Tenor 12 12 cm ．
Joen T．Bimson ．．．．．．．．．Treble Banjamin A．Knigets ．．． 5
Edwin Jrnnings ．．．．．．．．． 2 James W．Grounds ．．．．．． 6 Jonn Cearnock ．．．．．．．．． 3 John Booth ．．．．．．．．．．．． 7 Frederick Harwood ．．．．．．＊ 4 William Sharplbs ．．．．．．．Tenor Composed by A．Knights（No．I46）．Conducted by Wm．Sharples First peal in the methof on the bells．

ADDERBUEY，OXON．
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Sathrday，Sepitmber 9，7933，in Three Hours and Fourterm Minntes，
At the Chorge df St．Mary－tag－Virgin，
A PEAL OF STEDHAN TRIPLE8， 5040 CHANGES；
Heywood＇s＇Transposition of Thorstans＇Fodr－part．
Tenor 24 civt．I 4 lb ．
Miss M．E．Reynolds ．．．Tyeble Sydney Taylor ．．．．．．＊．．． 5 Miss E．Doris Blencowe．．． 2 －Francis E．Taylor ．．．．．．
 Conducted by Warier F．Jodge．

> FRAMTMFGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD．
On Satwrday，September 9，1933，in Three Howrs and Three Minutes，
At the Chorce of St．Migeare，
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR， 5088 CHANCES； Tenor 16 cwt ．
Jobn Hall ．．．．．．．．．．．．Tyeble Walter Rufples ．．．．．． William J，Grdom ．．．．．． 2 Alfred S．Wigetman ．．． 6 William Wigetman ．．．$\ldots . .3$ Grorge Wiggtman ．．． 3 ．．．． 7 Keite W．Whittall．．．．．． 4 Garngam A．Blaxcrll．．．．Tenoy Composed by Eggar Wigetman．Conducted by George Wightman BOCKING，ESSEX． THE ESSEX ABSOCIATION．
On Saturday，September 9，1933，in Three Hours and Three Minwfes， At the Cerace of St．Mary．
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR， 5058 CHANCES； Tenor 18 公 cwt．in $E$ ．
Ggorgr Gribn ．．．．．．．．．Tyeble Lewis W．Wiffen ．．．．．．g
William Kebele ．．．．．． 2 ＂Walter Smity ．．．．．．．．． 6
Frbderick Ridewell $\quad . .-3$
Composed by Hanry Dains．Conducted by William Keeble．
＊First peal in tho method inside．＂Rung as a birthday compli－ ment to Dr．Spencer Phillips，of Great Baddow． BURNHAM，BUOKS．
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD．
On Saturday，Sepsember 9，1933，in Three Hows and Five Ninules， At the Chorge of St．Peter，
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES，5040 CHANGES；

Parkrr＇s Twelve－part．
Grorge H．Limmer ．．．．．．Tyeshe
－Robert G．Cross ．．．＊．．． 2
Miss Bertea M．Mille ．．． 3

Conducted by Gro，Gilegrt．

[^0]ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRTCTS ASSOCIATION. (Nortburn Branch.)
On Saturiay, Settenter 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minntes, At tue Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGESI
Groves' Transfosition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor $13_{k}$ ewt.
Harry Limbrry... ... ... $/$ yeble Gborge H. Dbyberidge, sbe. 5 -Abrabam Greenfisld ... 2 Albert Taylor ... .. ... 6 William H. Detberidge 3 Ggorge H. Detberidgb, jun. 7 Horacz Dowell ... ... \& Samprl Detheridge ... ... femap Conducted by Gborge H. Detaeridge. jon.

* 50 th peal for this association. Rung by an entire local band. All the above are Sunday scrvice ringers at the above church. Rung as a birtbday compliment to Willian $H$. Detheridge, elso in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. G. H. Detheridge, jus.


## BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GULLD.
On Sunday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Sevem Minutes, At ter Parise Chorch of St, Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Variation of Parkek's Twelve-pant. Tenorigh cwt, - Robert Higham

- William Watson....
 Josepli H. Waite

Cordacted by Herbert Impey

* First peal. First peal ns conductor. The peal was rung ns a compliment to the Vicar of Banbury (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) on the anniversary of his induction, the band meeting sllort for Caters as previously arranged.


## SIX BELL PEALS.

HARDWICK, GLOUGESTERSHIRE THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, August 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minultes, At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 504D CHANGE8;

Ton six-socres Grandsire and 32 St . Dunskan's, each called differently Thomas Baldwyn ... ...Trable |ohn F. Baleinger ... ... \& Frbderice Blowikg ..... .12 Sandrl Sblwyn... ... .... 5 тиоmas Bailay ... ... ... 3 William Mills ... ... ...Tinoy

Conducted by Thomas Baldwyn.
THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being soven 7co's, with varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt Ernast F. Poppy... ... ...Treble Gborge Brown ... ... ... \& Beri Chilvgrs ... ... ... 2 Garmbam Blaxcell ... ... 5 Alpzeas Berry ... ... ... 3 William Rose ... ... ...Tenor Conducted by William Rose.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Morday, Augnst 28th, 1893, Mr. amd Mrs. W. H. Fletcher were spliced.' 'To celcbrate tho 40 th anniversary of this event, a peal of Minor in seven rathods was attempted at Fulmer. The peal, howaver, ' went up' at the end of the second 720 , so a 720 of Double Oxford was afterwards rung by the following: L. Stilucll 1, Miss K. Fielcher: 2, G. Gutteridge 3, W. Heniey 4, Miss D. Fletcher 5, M. Wingrove (conductor) 6

## HANDBELL PEAL.

OHUDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, Septomber 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Turnty-Eight Minntes, At Holly Cottage,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 504D CHANEESI
Walter G. Brockrorst ... i-z Artadr J. Babilett ... ... $^{5}-6$ Alfred H. Pulling ... ... 3 -4 Johe P. Pellor ... ... ... 7 - 8 Conducled by Alfred H. Pullisg.

PEALS OF A LINCOLNSHIRE 'WEEK-END.'
SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Augtst 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Yinutes, At Glyn Garte,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Teuor 13 in E .
-Albbry A. Bosley ... ... i-2 | Waltar Ayrb ... ... ... 5-6 Rupgrt Richardson... ... $3^{-4}$ | Mrs. R. Ricrardson ... $. . . \quad 7-8$ Arranged by J. Bray. Conducted by W. Ayra. Witness-Mrs. W. Ayhe.

* First peal 'in hand.' BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GULD
On Saturday, Septembey 2, 7933, in Thye Fonys and Thirty-Six Minwes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES; Tenor af cwt. x gr, io lb.
Walter Ayre ... ... ...Treble Wileiam R. Madgwick ... 6
Gborge E. Pye ... ... ... 2 Rdpert Richardson ... ... 7 Cearles T. Colbs ... ..- 3 Jambs E. Dayis ... ... ... 8 James Bennett ... ... ... a Albert W. Colbs ... ... 9 Frederick W. Stokes ... 5 Wilelam Pyb ... .... .... Tthor Composed by Josrph W. Parker. Conducted by William Pye. First Surprise peal on the bells.

SURTLETE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE IINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mondixy, Septenthey 4, 7933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Sis Minutes, At ter Chorch of St. Lagrence,

## A PEAL QF STEDHAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor iz cwt. 9 !b.
Albert W. Coles ... ...Treble | Alered J. House ... ... 7

Mrs. R. Riceardson ... ... 3 Jack Bray ... ..- ... ... 9
Williab Pye $\quad . .5$..... .4
Charles T. Coles
James Bennett ... ... ... 6 Rupery Ricgardson... ... Tenor
Composed by John Cabter.
Conducted by Wirliam Pre.

* First peal of Stedman Cingues. + First peal on twelve bells.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minntes.
Atife Cabech of All Saints.
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Wenor 17 cwt .
James E. Davis ... ... ...Trabie Cuarles T. Soles ... ... 5 Alfrbd J. Hodse ... ... $\quad$ a Walter Ayre ... ... .... 6 Ghorge R. Pye ... ... ... 3 William Pye ... ... .... 7 alberi W. Coles ... . 4 Jamas Benneyt ... ... ...Temor

Composed by Garriel Lindoff. Conducted by Grorge ik. Pye. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## ANOTHER SURFLEET WEEK-END.

I'HE ['ILEST SURPRISE PEAJ, AT BOBTON STUMP.
The well-khuwle Limulnghire Robl Home for Ringers ' was far from being a place of resb durjag a receat week-end, when "Rupert the Groul ' invited a few ringing friends from London lo spend a ahort holiday ( ${ }^{\prime}$ ') there. Somo tuavelled by road and come by rait, and all were purctual so as to havo timo to do justice to the good fare provided by Mrs. Ruperb before ar rusil was mado for lBoston, to climb the Stump. That climb was enough to "enlighten' even tho most enthusiastic ringer, and to cause another glut of anonymons letters to ' The Ringing World" with all sorts of reasons (except the real one) why pead ringing shound be abolished.
Boston bells aro how a glorious ring of ten, wilh a tenor of 21 cwh. and listening wo them one soon furgot the 185 steps that liad to be negotiated before the belfry was aeached. In a litlife over $3 \frac{1}{2}$ bours the first Surprise peal on the bells was comploted, and the Master of the Lincoln Ginild received many congratulations on laving got back to peal ringing Hgain, after an illness fhat might easily lave meant hin giving it up altogether. The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Dewry and Clarke, of the Boston band, for having every thing ready for this peal.


Boston Sturnp, which is more than 270 feet high.
'I'Ite tower was butil in the perpondicular period, the two turrets, which lad Cormerly Hanked the west front, being retainod as stair turrefs, and the west window altered to form an arch opening into the new tower. In the same pariod the cbancel was lengthened by the eddifion of twa bays, and finally ilse whole structure mas crowned by the erection of the beatuliful octagonal lantern on the top of the square tower, whout the Fear 1460, so that the whole edifice, which was beguls in 1309 , took about 250 years to build. The tower riscs in stately grandenr to a height of $272 \frac{1}{2}$ feet, and stands in the front rank of examples of gothic art, It is divided into four storeys, the bells hanging in the third, with the ringing chamber immedialely beneath and over the groined ceiling. which is 156 feet above the flow. The interior of the church gives a remarkable sense of vastness, witli jis exceptionaly wide aisles and the twelve slender and widely-spaced pilars which suppont the roof. In the chancel are 64 ancient stalls, which, with the miserere scats, carvod with many quaint designs, date from ellout 1390 , ind form the second largest and one of the most interesting collections in the kingdom.
Sinday was a "quiet" day, fituing at Surflect morning and evening, landhells fu the afternoon, and the rest of the fime spent in dodging the movic camera fiend. Woe betido the unsuspecting indi-
vidual visiting Surfleet who makes himself too comfortable in a deck chair. His afternoons slumbers quickly become an object for the numsement of the wakeial ones, who crowd round to see the fun. Ansi on the uext visit be gees laimself on the serean, as others 83 w him iu real life! One member of the party, after secing himself having a quiet siesta, vowed that ho would never go to sleep in a Surtlet deck chair again. One cen only be thankful that Rupert kas not inverted in a "talkie.
Monday morning was chuser for an attempt for Stedman Uizques ut Surfieet. Improvements in the acoustics of the dell charaber sulce the opening day bave greatly helped, and the litile bells are now beard alwost perfecty. A composilion with 19 courses cach way was successfully brought round, little Johnoy Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheftield, who sang the eighth, receiving congratalations for the able manner in whin he rang bis bell to his lirst peal of Cinques. Fe is only 15 years of age.
The real bard work was left for Monday afternoon, when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Eulbezch. Fere the ringing is done from the ground floor, with a very long leng h of rope, mating ruging far from uasy. The band was, however, congratulated on ringirg a very good peal, and the riugers were quite satisfied at having done their best. It was a mater for deep regret that the Editor of "The Ringing World," who was to have been in these peals, was prevented from being with the party owing to a recent illuess. One member of the band was particularly disappointed, he having made up lis mind to renew the discussions on Spliced Doubles and Minor, is relation to recent ediforial pronouncements in that paper. The diseppointed one nade iwo or three attenpts to start a discussion with other members of the party, but nobody was interested.
Before departing for London on Monday pight, the sinceresi thanks of tho party were given te Mr. 日ind Mrs. Hupert Richardson, espectally to the latter, whose unsparing efforts to malke her guests coniforiable was mucli apprecinted.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was heki at Waltham on Saturday, September 9th. The glorious weather brought members from the extreme ends of the district. Towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Burlou-od-Stather, (irinsby St. James", Louth, Scunthorpe, Ulecby, Elsham, Killingholme, Thornion Curbis, Marshchapel, wattached members anch the lacal band, also the Rev. G. F. Legge, of Killinglolme, and Mr. F. Dexter, of Leicester. The bells wore made good use of darimg the aiternoon and evoning, yanging from rounds to London. The eervice was conducted by the Rectot (the Rer. G. E. Holme). Mr. G. W. Moody presided nt the organ. After service members adjourned to the Olwrel Fall for tea. The president (he Rer. Canon H. T. Paity) presided at the bisincss meeting. supporled by the Rector. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Brown proposed the election of G. B. Croft, of Waltham, seconded by Mr. Willows acd carried. The collection for the distict bell fund amounted to 11s. Owing to the dato of the Caistor meeting being unsuitable, it was decided to hold it on Saturday, September 23rd, instead of the 30th as proviously biranged.
Tho President proposed a hearty pote of thanks to the Rector for conducting and for the use of the bellis and for the welcomo which he always extended to them; and also congratulated him on the cclebration of his jubilee in the ministry, sayiug that 50 years was a long time to look back on. He wishod him good healfla in the years to come and hoped we should meet him nt Walliam for many years to come. There is evidence of his active work stacked up in the form of concrete blocks for the foundation of a new church at New Weltham, which is part of the growing parish. He has already made twelve himdred of them with very little lielp. The resolution was seconded and carried with applause. The Rector stitably responded, Mr. M. Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the caterer and organist and those who had helped with the arrangernents. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a clase, after which handinells wers brought out and others returned to the tower agtin.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## NEW SECRETARY FOR ASHFORD DIATRICI.

The arnual meeting of the Ashiford Dishict was held at Ashford on Saturday, September Rnd. The fower was opened at 2.30, and service was later by the Rev. Hugh Lance, the association form being used, aurl is short address and welcome extended to the ringors. Nearly 50 mero present at tea in the Parish Room, nind at tho businese meeting which followed, Store-in-Oxney was selected for the next meeling, the first week in October.

The secretary then read a shorb report and tendered his rosignation, Phe representatives on the committee, Messiss. C. Tribe and E. Ruck, were re-elected, and Mr. F. Conley was appointed district secretary.

Quarterly mectiogs were arranged for 1934 as follow: Feloruary, Hythe; May, New Romney; July, Tenterven; September, Abhford (annual meeting).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the Rav. H. Lance for the bellis and service and to the organist for hie assistance were passed.
Visiting membices werc presenk from Canterbury, Dover, Rainhem and Guildford, and were given it hearty wolcome.
The colfection for the Benevolent Fund venliseil fi Ds. 6d. Further ringing closed a vory suecessful meeting about 8.30 p.m.

## ACLE BELLS AND TOWER RESTORED. REDEDICARION ORREMONY

There was a large gathering of parishioners and ringers at Acle Norfolk, on Wednesday, September bth, when once again the bells of Acle, which lave bean silent for eome seven years past, are ringing and summoning people to church. Originally they numbered five, but now there are six, the Rector of Acle (tho Rev. James E. H. Willinms) and his wife baving presentod the new treble beth. The improved tone of the restored ring of bells with the addition of a new treble bell was much remarked upon.
Ths Right Rev, Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., Rector of Blakeney, Norfolk, rededicated the restored tower (which is a curcular embatiled wester tower, with octagomal belfy stage) and the bells, and also dedicated the sacring bell and the new efock on the face of the tower. The clock was given to Acle Church some years ago by the late Camon Sutton, who made similar gifts to other clurches. The tower at that time, however, was so structurally unsound that tha bells had to stop ringing, nor could the clock be aftised until the tower had been restored. The old wooden frames for the bells wore eaten by the death-watch beetle to such an extent that they wore not safe. Gonsequently the bells were taken dowe and sent ta Messrs. Gillett and Jolanston, belfounders, Groydon, to be cleaned, sand-blasted and carefully tuned. Iron headstocks have been fired and tho gudgeons now work in ball bearings. The bells liave been hung in tiers in the new steel frame, which in its Lurn is suspended from a steel tower which has been erected inside the walls of the old tower by Boulton and Paul, Lod., Norwich. It is bolieved to be the ouly instance in Encland where a steel tower has been erected in such circumstances. It is about 35 ft . high and 10 ft. square and braced complately

The weights of the bells and the inseriptions on them are as follow:
Treble.-E. A.M.D.G. Jacobus. E. H. Williams Rector. Et
Brenda Ejus Uxor. D.D. Ncmxxaiii. Agnes Dei, Tua Pace
Nos Dona. Gillett, aud Johnstan, Oroydan. 3 owt. 3 gr .26 ib .
$\begin{aligned} & \text { 2nd.-D. Anno Domini. } 1623,4 \mathrm{cwt.} 0 \mathrm{qr}, 1 \mathrm{lb} \text {. } \\ & \text { 3rd.-C. Anno Domini. } 1623, \\ & 3 \\ & \mathrm{cwt.} \\ & 3\end{aligned} \mathrm{qr}, 24 \mathrm{lb}$,
$4 \mathrm{th} . \mathrm{B}$. Alano Domini. 1623.5 cwt. 2 gr .3 lb .
5th.-A. John Brend made. I654. B cwt. 2 gr. 14 lb .
Tenor.-G. Omnis Sonles Laudet Dominum. 1623 . W. Whetecer. 9 cwt 1 gr .19 lb.
Translation on treble bell-Presented to the greater gloyy of God by James E , F . Williams, Rector, ind Brenda, his wife, 1933. © O , Lamb of God, grant us Thy peace.
Translation on tenor bell. Inel everything that hath sound praise the Lord.

At 7.30 in the morning there was celebration of Holy Euclarist. At 2.30 p.m. presentation purses from pariglioners and eriends were received in the church porch by the Hon. Lady Austruther-GoughCalthorpe, who is Lady of the Manor of Acle and patroness of the living. Upwards of 200 purses were presented, The restoration of the tower cost 5600 and the expendifure in respect of the bells (exclusive of the gift of the treble bell by the Rector and his wife) and clock minounted to $£ 420$. A large proportion of the money had previously been raised.
The dedication service began at 3 o'clock. "Alt people that on earth do dwell ' was sume as a processional hymon. Among the clergy were the Right Rey. Bishop O'Rorke, D.D., the Hector of Acle, the Rev. A. Shillito (Rector of Blofield and Rural Dean) and the Rev. A. Hewitt (Rector of Reedliam). Following the procession came the lst Acle Company of Girl Guides with a mumber of Brownies in charge of Miss Daniels. The firsl lesson was vead by the Rev. A. Hewitt and the second lessor by the Rev. A. Shillito. During the singing of the hymn, "Lift up your hearts," the Bishop, clergy, choir end congregation walked to the south side of the tower. The Rector's wardell (MI. G. N. Knights), with whom was Capt, Hardinge (deputy warden), then jequested the Bishop to rededicate the tower and clock "to the glory of God and the use of this church." The Bishop laving done so and sprinkled water on a metal cross aflixed to the tower, the procession then went by the north door to the entrance to the torror, where the Bishop dedicated the bellg in these words. "In the faith of Jesis Christ, we solemoly set apart and dedicate this sacring hall for special use in the service of God's most holy masteries, and these helle to the glory of fod and the use of this church, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Then, delivering the ropes to the Rector, the Bishop clarged him as a sacred trust commitied unto him": to "talke heed that they be ever and only used in Gonls service and to His glory."

After praycrs liad been satid by the Bishop, for a short period rounds were rung by the following ringers: Messrs. W. B. Williams (the Rector's son), ringing the new treble bell given by hits parents, George Howehín, Fredk. J. Howchin, William L. Duffield, Fredk w Middleton and Eflwin R. Goate. Dirting the singing of the hyzun, 'O thanks to 'lhee, our gracious Lowl,' the Bishop proceented to the pulpit, the clergy to the chancel and the congregation to their scats. In tho course of his ecrmon, Bishop O'Rorke said he thought it would be the wish of the Bishop of Norwich "that I should tender to you congratulations, wa well as on my own behalf, to the Rector of this parish, th the chureliwardens, the Parochial Church Council, all workers and wershipoers in this church nud all fathful parishioners (Continued in nezt column.)

## DEATH OF WELLKNOWN ARKSEY RINGER.

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mr. Fenry Thout, a very well-known member of the All Saints' company, passed away after a long illness. He was a momber of both ehoir and belfry tor upwards of 60 yeats, having ruag on the old firs which hung in the tower till the late nineties. His was an example which could be well followed, courteous and obliging to a degree, ever ready to take a rope to help the rawest of learners, never a grumble if things woren't going exactly right, and always punctual both [or service and proctice. Hie was a charchwardea for a number of years and on the Parochial Church Council up to the time of his death, at the age of 75 .

Tho funeral, which took place on Thlursday, September 7thz, was attended by the vicc-president, the Ringing Minster and several members of the Doncaster end District Sociely. The service was athended by full choir and organ, and the lesson was read by the Rimgong Master (Mr. G. Clark). The Viear of Arksey (the Rev. J. Pierce Price) offinated at the service and the intemment

Immediately after the funeral the bellis were rung to an exceed ingly well-struck qusrter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the elappers lialf-mufled, by: F. Garner (Arksey) 1, G. Clark (Arksey) \&, $F$ Clark (Arksey) 3, G. Halksworth (Doncaster) 4, H. Arrund (Arksey) 5, J. Thorley (Thorne) 6, C. Thorley (Thorne) 7, E. C. Stacey (Sprotharough) 8. Conducted by C . Thorley. The bells of St. Gearge's, Doucaster, were also rung mufled in the evening.

On Sunday the bells were again rung mufled, and for evensong was rung a quarter-pesi of Grandsire Triplas: F. Garrer 1, G. Clark 2, A. Harrison (Nottingham) 3, E. Clark 4, F. Arrand 5, E. Cooper 6, T'. Revill 7, B. Burkitt 8. Conducted by A. Harrison. This do we record the prissing of another of the old stalwarts whose places we find it inereasingly difticult to fill.
He was one of nature's gentlemen and will be sadly missed by all who knew him either in the belfry or in any othen brancla of church work or in conncction with his business as joing and wheelwright. May he rest in peace.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successtul meeting of the Oxtord and District Branch was held at Long Crendon on saturday, September 2ad, when 55 ringers and friends attended from the following towers: Oxford (All Saints', St. Giles', SL. Ebbe's and St. 'Yhomus'), Woivercoto and visitors from Bicester, Feading, Beedon, Twyford, "Abingdon, Cuddoslog, Hish Wycombe, Cookham, Stoke Pores, Ellesborough, Deddington and Thame. The local ringers, who have just rocoutly joined the Guild, ware well represented, ten members being puesent.
Tee was provided by kind iavitation of the Yicar (the Rev. D. R. A. Williams), and was greatly appreciated by all. Before returning to the tower, "ibe bright joung people" entwratned the partay with handbells.

Thame beils were available at 7 p.m. and an hour's good ringing was eajoyed on them. Methods rung were Grandsire, Sterman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Londor, not forgetfing rounds for the beginners.

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

A visit to North Orawley by the above brench was wade ou Salur day, September 2nd, and was very well attended. I'he following towers were represented: Bletchley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Strat ford, Hanslope, Newport Paguell, Stony Sthaiferd, with several riuging visitors. It had been soma yearts since a mecting liad been held at North Crawley, but it proved very successful and good inactioe was given to the younger ringers duriug the afternoon. A slort servico with address was held, conducted by the Rey. Chalmer Bell, Vicar of North Grawley. Aiter tea a short meeting was held, the seoretary (Mr. W. Sear) apologising for the absence of the chairmun (the Rev A. Byard), who was awey on holiday. After the meting furthen ring taok place, methods ranging from Gramdsire and Stedam Doubles to London Minor.

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upon having accomplished the work that we have together dedicated to-day: The church was, said the Bishop, rich in listoric asseciations and memories and in the eccessories to worship. During the singing of tho hymu, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Lifted safe within tho steeple, ${ }^{*}$ a callection was takon. The Bishop gave the Blessing and Lhe Doxology was sumg. The Rev. J. W. Jacobs Rector of Cantley, presided at the urgan.
After the service the congregation listeng with pleasme to parious touches of Minor rung by the ringers present, Mr, Gjril Jolnston, of Croydon, 4 Mr . A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer of th. Norwich Digcesan Association), Mr. R. J. Goate, Mr. R. W. Barber gnd otkers taking part in sone of the touches rung. Mr. H. H. Turner, representhg Messrs. Boulton and Paul, was also present.
Subsecuently at a prochial gathering lea was served on the Rectory lawn. Speeches were made by Mr. S. Capon, Mr. A. E. Snaithdale (chammar of Acle Parish Council) and tho Rev. A. Shillito (Rural Dean). Aftel (ca the ringers adjournet to tho belfry and joined by fellow-members who were turable to be present in the alternoon. The festivilies of the day ended with a darice on the Rectory lamu.

## DEVON GUILD BRANCH* MEETING

The Eust Devon Branch of the Devon Guikd held a district meeting at Talatou on Saburday, with an attendance of about 30 members, several coming out from Exeter. The Rev. J. H. Bradford (Rector) conducted the service, for which the new form just issued by the Guiki was used for the first time. In his address, the Rector urged his hearers to do their best both by pructice and precept to carry on their work with religious motives.
Ter was provided in tho assembly room of the Talaton Inu, the Rov. E. V. Cox (presideat of the Guild) presiding, supportsd by the Rector and charchwardens of the parish, the general secretary and Mr. C. F. Johnstan, of Messrs. Gillett and Johmston, who carried out tho recent restaration of the bells. Good wishes were exteaded to the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell in their new splere of activity, with gratitude for their help to the branch in the past, and a hearty weicome to the Rev. E. V. Cor to his first meeting as president.-Mr. Cox, in reply, snid it gavo bian great pleasure to be present at this branch meeting as it was at ottery St. Mary, oearly 30 years ago, that he condueted his first peal, cyeling 13 miles each way for the effort.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Feniten on January 13th next. A suggestion for holding practices for evening bellinging during the winter months was discussed, and it was eventually decided to jeave it to the branch secretary and Mr. Woodley to arrange. A vote of thanks to the Rector cancluded the meoting, and megbers then returned to the bower to ring touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Boh Minor.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, September 2nd, at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on the occasion of the marringe of Mr. Jaok Kiy to Miss Nellia Helme, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ernest Pike 1, Charles F. Pike 2, Robert Holden 3, Charles Brownlow 4, Abert Heywood 5, Herbert Johnson 6, John E. Markland (conductor) 7, Norman Critchlay 8.

At the Clurcl of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 2nd, the wedding took place of Mr. H. Brown and Miss Amie Sheraton, daughter of Mr. F. Sheraton, Guild Master of the belfry. As tho bride arrived at the church the bells pealed forth, and as the linppy couple left the church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstane') was rung by J. A. Brown 1, F. Ainsley 2, G. S. Taylor 3, T. Stepleason 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Sheraton 7, R. Patterson 8. All the above belong to Sunderland, except the ringers of I and 7, who are local.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to toa at the home of the bride's, parents, and drank to the health of the bride and bridegroom.'

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER.
LEADER OF WORCEStER ST. ₹OHN'S CHORCH BAND.
The many fricnds of Mr. William Page will lenrn with regrot of his death, which occurred at Worcester on August 30 th, at the age af 72 jears. He was bunied on September 4in ot St. John's, Worcester, where he had been master of affairs in the belfry as well as an ardeat churchgoer, a sidesman and one of the church feofees. The funerai Was a quieb affair, the ringers beity represented by W. Lewis and. J. J. Jeffies (St. John's), A. Fill and J. Hill (Worcester Cathedral), W. Ranford (Suckley) and G. Hinton, sen, (a Eormer Cathedral ringer) Wreaths were sent from tho St. John's band, W. Ranlord and E. P. Thomas (Fernhill Heatil). Mufled ringing took plate at St. Jolin' the same evening, a 504 of Stedman Triples being 2 ung by old members or those best acquainted with him, viz. : S. T' Holt 1, W. Lowis 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. R. Powell 4, J. J. Jeffies 5, W. Ranford 6, G. W. Checketts (eonductor) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Other touclies of Grandsire, Stedman and Dauble Norwich were rung, in which $F$. Barnett, E. Crump, P. Bliseett atad I. Eaton (Boarnemouthy took part.

Mr. Paye was born at Thipple, Worcestershire, where he lirst leaint to handle a bell, and alsa ring Graudsire Doubles. He moved to Worcester in 1882, where he joined the old Cainedral band, ana was one of the original members of the Cathedral Guild when it was formed in 1893. He joined tive Worcestershire Association soon ailer it was founded in 1682, and ajthough his membership had lapsed for one or more periods, he was a member at tho time of his death. Ha was Master of the association for thres yeara, 1921-22-23. He was elcoted instructor to the Hallow band, which was formed when the bells were installed there in 1900 , and conducted their firsh penlGrandeire Triples in 1902. When the Kidderminster band were at the height of their fame, he used to cycle thote and back from Worcester for Surprise practice, and it was he who frot introduced Surprise ringing in Worcester. He conducted the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob (Worcester Variation) ever rung, and algo conducted the first peal of Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surpriso Royal by the Westerrs Branch of the association. Mr. Page rang ur all 193 peals, of which lie conducted about 80, his first peal being runct at All Saints' Worcester, on May 30th, 1887. The method was Grandsire Caters." He jad been a ringer at St. Joln's for a good number of yeara, where he conductod the first 14 -method peal of Minor for the association, and it was through his influence thef St. John's bella wero gugriented to eight by Messrs. Taylor ani Co., of Loughborough, in 1929-30.
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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, are to be recast from th peal of eight to at rimg of len, wilh, wo urdorgtand, the same tok amonat of metal. At present they are a poor peal, and for some time have been baty in noed of rchanging.
Menbers of the Hritish Asesuciation, meeting at Leicester, visited Luughborough Bell Foundry on Fridny, and also listened to a special rectal on tho famous Loughtorough carillon by Mr. Eric Jordan.
Anotler ringing tour begass to-morrow. Mr. Willian Pye and a party will be busy amang Hampshire towers.
In tho report in our issue of Augugt 25 tit of the pert of Minor rung at Drllington, Susaex, on Auguct 5th, it was stated imadvertertly that the conductor was htr. W. Gorringe. This peal was uncler the conductorship of Mr. James G. Powell, to whom we tender our apologies.
Mr. R. T. Weadley, who rang in the peal at Laweatoft, reconded in our peal colun土s, was a well-kown London ringer same 50 yeara ago. He succeeded the Jate Mr. James Muskett ats scrolary of the Ancient Saciety of College Youthe, relingusisilg this ofice ou his lerving London for Leeds, whan he in turn whs suocedted by Mr. Cookerill. Since 1911 he has resided at Lowestoft, and when the bells were installed there be formed a band and became their leader.

## ANOTHER BELLRINGER'S WIFE.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-I am also a ringer's wife, and protd of it, too, for I think that bellringing is the joiest hoblyy a math can lave, as fit calls for mental alility as weil us pliysical fitmess.
I always encourage dy husband to go tinging whenever possible, as (1) it provides just that relaxalion so necessary to body and mind these hectic days; (2) it gives him a chance of meeting add riends and making now ones; and (3) it gives me the opportimity to do any odd job in the house, or to onteriain my Eriends if 1 wish.
Occasionally I have beece privilcged to go wilh my huskand when ho has been taking part in apecial peal on 10 or 12 bells, and, far from being a ' tarture to the public', as another ringer's wife suggests, or "Futile." as "Antinturprise Major' would huve us beliowe, I think the music beautiful nad mast be a source of inspiration to many.

I wonder how many of your readers spant their honagmoon ns wo did. We were in London, and on the second evening we were at a practice meeing at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, whilst the following Sursday evening rey husband joined in the ringing for the service at Si. Sepulchre's, SHow Hill!-Yours faillituly, (Mrs.) J. F. MLLNER.

## SUNDAY PEALS. <br> To the Editor.

Sir, -I do mat suppose the letker of 'Observer' appearing in your issue of August 25 th has made numeli impression on your readers. Men may state thoir riows, but an atoonymous letter which finds fault with ofters is not cilculated to comband respect. My reason for addressing you is that the letter really catts a censure on in section of the parochal clergy-a proceding whish the Exercise cannot appruve. It is hardy likely that aly of your clerical readers will condescead to be "drawn' in this mannor; perhaps, therefore, a few remarks by a layzan may not be improper.
The Church thys down no special rules for the omployment of our leisure time on Sunday. Things not wrong in thomselves do not become so by being dove on Sunday. Mon may make such rules as they sec fit for thair owa concluet on bint day; but whaterer may be our individual view and practice on particular' points we should not lose sight of the fieedom which the Church gives. If we do so, we come into danger of mistakes, unfairzess to others and ovea absurdities.

There is nothing wrong in a ringer starting for a peal on Sunday unless it breals a rule lie has conscientiously thought right to make for hingelf. But whether he starts or not depends, not on himself, but on the incumbent of tha church where he proposes to ring. An incumbent, wher applied to for leave for a Sunday peal, has the right and the duty of deciling whether to refuse or to sccord his coment. If he refuses, bis decision is to to unquestionably accopted as right. If he grants pernission he is also right. He has been trained in theology and parochial work; he knows the couditions, local and atherwise, of his cinurch and parish; his perwission will involve no breach of any rule of the Ghurch; and if he sees lis way to allow a Sumdey peal he is not to be referred to in terms which suggest that he is accessory to semething which is in itself wrong.

Peals have been rums on Sumday ever since they lave been rung at all. Their confinumace on that day must depend on opinions and circumstances; but in themselves Sunday peals are things indifferent.
R. A. DANIELL.

## BIG BEN AND THE B BC.

 To the Editor.Diar Sir, -It is anrprising to hear the anmomeer of the R.B.C. making an erroneous statement हo very frequently on the wireless.

Almost every eveming one hears something like the following: "In two minutes you will hear Big Ben strike half-past six.
Phis sounds very fidiculous to those who know that Big Fen only strikes thie hours.- Tours truly,

GEOLEE E. SYMONDS.

## MIDLAND COUNTLES ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

A OOMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT DERBY.
It was in the schoolronm attached to St. Andrew's Church, Derby, that the Midland Counties Asscciation was formed in the year 1882 it was thero that the jubile meeting of the association was held last year and in the lofty tower al commemorative peal was rung in October by a representative band of the association
On Saturday there was another gathering of members at St Andrew's Church, whan a bearatifully carved slate tablat, recording the peal, was unveilod aud dedicated. It is the gift of the president of the association (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), and las been placed in one of ihe withdow recesses. It was matle by Mr. C. H. Webls, of Groft, near Leicester, \& ringer who specialiges in this type of tablet
The occasion of the gathering was a quartorly meeting of the Derby Digitrei of the Association, pud nembers attended from Derby Leicester, Hurton-on-TYrent, Nottingham, Loughborough, Duffeld, Itkesthm, Colgrave, Hesnor, Beeston, Spondon, Stoney Stanton, Brotighton Ashlyy, Bolsover and Botherinam, among the veterans of the assacintion present bemg Mr. J. By. Swinfeld, Mr. C. Draper and Mr. W. C. White. Mr. H. Fletcher (wice-president of the district), Mr. G. Freebrey (district hon. secretary) and Mr. E. Morris (general hon. secretary of the association) also supported the president, when the Vicar (the Rev. V. T. S. Jagg) visited the holfiy for the dedication.
The President first cangratulated the ten members of the asbociation who rang the peml-rlich, he understood, was a very good peal indeed-tss cemmemorate the jubilee of the association. He was very pleased to see eight of the band present that day. The jubilec meeting on Easter Monday last year was a notable landmark in the history of the association, and they had pleasant menories of a most enjoyable day. Mr. Frecbrey's idea to further commemorate the jubileas will a pea! was a very good ona, and St. Andrew's tower was very suitable for the purpose, because, as most of them knew, the socinty was founded in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. He was very pleased that the peal was succesfful, and it gave him great pleasure to offer is paal hoard to recort it and to stand as a permanent memorial of the jubilec. In asking the Ficar to unveil the tablet, Mr. Taylor thanked him, on behalf of the association for allowing it to be put into St. Audrew's belfry.
The Vicar, on behalf of the church हhd parish, accepted Mr. Taylor's kind gift to the belfry, and congratulated all concermed upon the pertormance and upon the event which the board actually commemorated. They at St. Andrew's, lie sadd, were very proud of their -ingers and thoir belfry.
The Vicar then unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers. The inseription, engraved in silver lettering, is as follows:St. Andzew's Cluren, Derby.
Tha Miriland Counties Association of Chatrge Ringers, 1882-1938. To commemorate the jubilee of the assochation, a peal of 5,050 changes of Stedman Gaters was rung on thesc hells in 3 hours and $\pm 1$ mimutes on 294 October, 1932 , by John $\mathbb{H}$. Swinficld treble, Colin Hincrisum 2, Alfred Ballard 3, Albert H. Ward 4, Charles Draper 5 , lidward C. Gobey 6, Jach Bailey 7 , Perciral Price 8, Linest Mortis 9, Arthur Brancs tenor. Composed by Sir A. P. Hojwood, Bart., and condacted by Ernest Morris.
Presicients of the association: Mev. J. H. Fish, 1882-1883. Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. 1883-1516. John w, Taylor, 1916-1919. Alderman R. B. Chamberg, 13.A., J.P., 1919-1929. E. Denison T'aylor, 1930, who presented this tablot.
Mr. E. Morris, iu his dual capacity is houn. sectetary of the association and conductar of the peal, hanked Mr. 'laylor for his generous gift. It was, be said, a magnificent addition to the tower. The nembers of the association were very proud of their president, and thes were indebted to him for the great intcrest he took in ell they didd. That gift was just another indication of his interest in they activities. Mr. Morris went an to assure all those who did not hear the peal that it was one wortliy to be recorded, not only for the occasion for which it was rumg but also for the ringing itself. When Mr. Freabrey put forward the suggestion for the peal he (Mr. Morris) felt they ought to make it worthy of the occasion, and he looked for a composilion by their former president, Sir Arthur Heywaod, who did go much for the assmetation. He canme across one with 5,050 changes, which he thought fitted in particularly well with the jubilee. They made the band as represontative as possilule and the peal was well rung. On behalf of the association, he thanked Mr. Taylor for his generasily in giving that very fine tallet (hear, hear).
Mr. J. II. Swinfichl, as probably the oldest member of the association ptesenti, supported Mr. Horris' remnuks, and Mr. Taylor suitably repliel, remarkner anent some of the younger members present that he hoped they wauta be spared to see the celebvation of the centendry of the nasociation.

Tho eight members of the band who were present then yang a touch of Stedman Triples.

Later the quarterly meeting of the district was held, Mr. H. Fleteber presiding. The Ror. N. J. Poole, of St. Chad's, Derloy, was elected an han. nacmber, and Mr. Flower was ajpoinled Tinging Masier for the next meeting, which is to be held at Duffeld.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.
The ringind dirang the dny included Grandsirc and Stedman Gaters, Treble Bub and Cambridge Surprise Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

## THIS * FUTILE* BUSINESS.

## To the Edutor

Sir, Socrates or Shakespeare or one of those writer fellows once said 'Some folks are bom great, others have gratuess thrust on them.' I eertainly canluet aspire to the first, but beginning to think I might yet attain to the latter! And this, all because 1 an a ringet whoso actuvities have been written about by sume of those gou-de-script (I beg your pardon-I meant "nom-de-plume') gentlencin, who will rush in where angels fear to tread.
The centre of Lelcester is marked by au elegant clock tower, around which the city gyrates, and on this are pedestals and niches cuntaining statuces of some of our leading "great ones." Alroady one of these nictues has heen chosen for 31E, and on a recent ocersion I was shown the site by our sergeant-major, who very kindly (as all S.M.s do) asked me which pesition 1 liked best, W.M.H. or N.S.E.W. Now after yeading "Anti-Surprise's' letter (tow I hate these nom-deplumes, 1 am to be given another eren greater and higher position, where the population ean gyrate around. I feel giddy already at the thought of such elevation! No wonder I em suffering from ' Graniumitis '-I made that up mysclf, Atis for swelled, and cramum for "head.' For some months now I've not worm a liat, and there are some unkind ones who saj it's not becauge of the heat wave! To add to my woes, the other day as 1 sat in silent meditation at my desk, woudering if my next peal would be Plain Doubles or Londou Maximus, I got such a smack in the ear-nearly foppled me olf my seat, aluel a still small voice' said, 'Who's this unamer's wre you are writing to?' Wouldu't I like to moet her-we would have a real heart to beart talk.' Oh! what a futile world it is. We make agrecments between nations and then call them 'scraps oi paper." We send gentlenens to Parliament to fight for our better welfare, and then hear no more of them. We lave our local Council spending the money we work so hard for to pay our rates and tares, If we save a bit for a rainy day it is taxal beyond recognition. Ina our private family lives we liave these furces lithe arguments, and now even in our * hioging World these pumbe auggestions erop up. Life itself seems futile to those who look at it so-even Mrs. M. niade my little eulogy of praise to her seem futile by boxing my eava-fet, like Gracie, let's look on the "bright side," and clear all these putire thoughts away.

ERNEST MORRTS.
Leicester

## EXPERTS READY TO HELA LTARNERS

Dear Sir, Your reader's letter, entitled "Futile Peals," in this week's 'Ringing World,' certainly hils the wail on the head with reçard to many Surprise peal ringers. May $I$, withont, I hope taking up too much space, quote you sonie of my opinions. As a young (aged 20) and perfectly independent member of tho Exercise, who has ruag in over 300 towers, I think I can clam to know something about rimgers' attitudes and teaching ability
First I have oaticed iliat there is a marked tendency anotygst many young ringers who, having suddenty sprung from the simplicilites (?) of standard methods to Surprise methods, imuediately lose interest in ringing thase simpler methods for the benelit of learners. T"o guote from a recent conversation I had with a promisilg groblag ringer (gged 16): "Do jou go over to practice at - now ?" "No, biley can only ring Plain Bob.'
The youth in question could only ring (ramdsire "riples about two months ago. Fe has now rung his first contre of Superlative. Admittedly goed progress, bat a bad attitnde mone so joung towards those when enn only ring simple methods.
So it is not always the experts who toasa talking inferest in the simple methods; the progiessive youngstars themselves auddenly fallow their example! I can mention tho names of some really Epleadid men, men who can call a peal of London one week and still call a peal of Grandsite Danbles the next week (a far grealer effar to call it truthfully). Messrs. J. T. Dyke and E. Morris ave fine carmples. On the other land, there are a far greater percontage of riligets who, although able to ring Surprise, are totally incrpable of puting any one right in Grandsire Triples or to call a bob in any method. In fact, they stand chating when, at a meetiog, simpla methods are being rung with larmers standing in

As regards Surprise 'peal snatchers, I do not think one necd worry about them, providing they help the lemrner in their spare time. Nany brilliant conductors no this, ankl all evedit to then. Their work is apprecinted. If some of those so-called 'erperts' heard the way in which their name was 'taken in vain' by the lesser liglits, they might wake up. The majority would give up in disgusti! I dont care either wayl I enjoy myself as I go flong, thanks to the kindnesses of the many people whose towers I visit. I can number ramongsi my friends many Surprise conductors and ringers who binp the learner all they can and are very popular. It is the people who rimp peal after peal of Surprise, generally at the same two or thee towers, and enre not a jot for alyone who cant ring at least Double Norwich. I could mame many of these, but they mighin't like it! Forest Hill

The back eight benls of St. Andrew's, Derliy, wore dedicnted by the Bishop of Lichficid no Decenbor 31st, 1881, nuld the first peal (Graudsire Triplest rung on them an January 3 rd, 1882 . They ware made into ten in 1923, tho wto trehles being givert by two of the locn ringers, Messrg. C. E. Hatt and A. H. Ward.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

## By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 5rl.)

## A HAVEN OF REST

On Wednesday the two towers Arlecdon and St. Bees, were worked from Whitehaven as a centre for three days. we liad very nice quarters, near bus and train depots, at the Waverley Hotel. A civil porter sasv to bageage and a noisy dog mearly wagged his 'sally' off 111 welcome.
St. Michael's Church, Arleedon, is a modern pretty little church of warm coloured zed sandstone, consisting of nave and chancel, and rather isolated from the scattered houses of the parish, some of which are daled 1626 and 1755 or thereabouts, and show the rural ancient character of the place before stean and oil propulsion. You will see rows of small cottages near to coal and mineval mining shafts, which lave not been so busy of lets years as one conld wist. The old font in the church is dated 1578 and is preserved in a special baptistry. The poroh, west window and a lych gate are good features, and to tus the pretty little ring of eight bells, cast by Tayior and Co. in 1904, particularly so. We wers here welcomed by the kector, the Rev. H. A. Wilson, M.A., and al smart body of his ringers, who look capable of doing grod work in the near future. They gave us a touch of rounds, with the steeplekeeper, Mr. Marston, at heln.
After cur peal of Superlative, luncheon was kindly provided in the Vilhage Hall by the Church Council, sund several ladies attended to the wants of the company, which iucluded local men as well as wisitors. Handbells were rung, and the Rector gave us reminiscences of his years spent in Canada. Fe praised the ringing, was glad to welcome us and wished our tour every success. Mr. G. Fi. Mewton thanked linis on belaalf of alf present, also the Iadies who had given up their afterizons to attend to our meeds, and mentioned the houour of achioving the 'first peal' on Arlecdon bells. This "plum' sloould have fallen to tha pocket of Mr. Keeble eightr years ago, when, unfortunatoly, the treble became "unringable owing to the metal pin on tho stay top not working in the slots, althongh a man, who had handled all the bis bells of Mancinester to peals, tried his best with the little beggar. ${ }^{3}$
There is so much of interest to ringerg on these outings I hardly know what to anit. For the sake of brevity perhaps I lad better quole to myself a whll-known instruction to the Police Guild when there's a crowd, ' Pass along, please.
Every change ringer has a bee in his bonnet; some are after counties, some the towers, others the tenor and some tha method, but I oíten times wonder if, al'ter adding 'one more' to the list, we all feol thankful for the health and strength we onjoy to enable ns to do so much. Leaving Arleodon at 2.45, we veturned to the Haven and trained to Sto Bees' Clurch, and wero favoured by a rave privilege, permission to ring a peal on the Priory bells. The clurch is an interesting building of long Cumberland history, dedicated to St. Bega, consisting of nave, north and south aisles, north and south transepts, central tower of quainl appearauce with conimal roof. There is no window in the rimging room, but a small door looks down into the nave, The stairs, built on the north-east corner of the tower, ascends direct from the churchyerd to the bells: there is no light to be used as a rule in case of fire. We were in trepidation about the alectricity being switched off duying our peal, and expected urgent messages to come from the well-knowa st. Bees' Clerical College adjoning the Prifory. Everything wemt smothly, however, and the band looked carefully insido their bomets on leaving tire tower, but found no 'sting.' The ringing room is E2ft, square, the circle of ropes and drayrith good, 'roing' not too good, but the way our tenor man huzzed afterwards it must have been a bumble bee he discovered. The bolls were installed in 1858, they were cast at whitechepel and form one of Mears and Stainbank's good octaves of that period.

A double honour in ten lours is not often the lot of a team of thange ringers, so our thanks to Mesers. Temby and Brown-more stalwarts-not forgetting the steeplekecper, who disappeared with the keys of the stair and could not be found when asked for. Priory, railway station and hotel, all adjoining the latter, named "the Albert' -whether it was after Albert the Good I know not, but the ale was-and our 9.33 left some time after $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, for Whitehaver andwith apology to Mr. H. Mason-a good rest.
Oleator Moor and Egremont were tho two towers for Thurstap, and an easy bis, a food rond, a fine moming and 'punctuality' helped to give the tanisists nother "donble." We were out 8 a $8.40 \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{m}$. by bus for the first attempt at Clestor. Dedicated to St. John, well designed fond built in 1861 with the valuable local red samdstone, this church possesses $\mu$ linindsame interior, relievod with stone and coloured brickwork, making a warm and comfortable impression as one enters from a rather bleak desolate country moorland. A few pards from the tower stands the tall chimney stack of one of the numerous iron mines of the district, most of which are now disused. Smoke from the shaft, accumulating in the church, was caused by tha pumping to keep water from the workings until the 'lappy day' showld come to reslart.

Originally there were six bells here, all recast by Taylor and 00 . in 1909, the tenor 22 cwt., reputed to be the lieaviest in the conntry They are hang in rew iron framo and fittinge, and a real "good joh?
from the ringers' point of wiew. We put onfr 'octorcuariun' on the tenor, and rang. the first peal out the luclls in cusy and comfortable fashion. The vicar veceived the company ou arrival und kindly wisited the belfry afterwavds with Mr. Temby-another Cumberland stalwart -to offer congratulations to tho hand and our "Anciend." It was a fery noisy ringing room at one time, but Mr. Temby lad minde at improvement by puthing in another fioor with sawdust packing. There is a good light, circle and draught of ropo, but all the windows are fixtures to prevent tho ringers from being 'swoked out " when the shaft is going full steam aliead. During the peal our Simpson climbed one of the neighbouring litls, over $1,600 \mathrm{ft}$, up, with the contradictory nome of "The Dent'—he found us at the Ironworks Inn, indication of the trade of this part of England, and here we heard the depressing news that one of the Whitelaven collieries had closed down that day and the local district had 90 per cent. of its working population memployed, two-thirds of whom wero males.

Egremont was reached at 2.30 and lumeh at the Douglas Dining Rooms really enjoyed with all present. We werc met at St. Mry's Church by the Rev. T. F. Mckinley (Rector) and Mr. John Spedding (verger) and made welcome. Like most of the ohurehes in this part, Egremont is built of the usual red sandstane, its bells are by Taylor and Co., 1902 , tenor 14 cwt , in expellent, ringing order, whirh serves to show they ere well looked after. Old Sol could not dazzle our eyes as the four large windows are high up, the cincle and draught of rope with sally guises comiortable, the toom fairly eool, as an pair of large trap doors in the floor werg opened and air frebly eiroulated whilst we made our peal No. 11. Local bants came round to see us and kindly let bells down, to join in the 70th birthday greetings to Mr. Churchwarden Douglas. Let me now tell you of a plot, that was hatched with only one man ' Rurby' not in the selieme.

Wher we stripped to ring it was found 'someone' had taken the tenor and adjusted the rope to his own satisfaction. Preliminary rounds and then stand followed as usual. The band were then shufled, and 'Jimmy' found the wreble vacant, mudt to his astonishment
Here the local company have made good work by ringing Bob Major and Surprise Kinor (a peal in 1929), also Kent Major, conducted by W. 'T. Holmes, in 1921.

Walking to the railway station to get the 7.40 train to Whitehavel, we were joined by the three umpires, Massis, Newtoth. Demins and Shepherd, with favourable remarks. The town appears to be a prosperous one wilin $n$ long boad High Street and market place. At one time the moorlands werg prescrved for deer and gnme, but since the Squire of Dent died, have bear allowed to deteriorate, One old gamekeper of 92 years remembers the good old days when lie eamed 28 s . a weok, but now draws a dole of 30 s. weelly for himself, wifo and family. He was noted for his keeper cleverness on the principle of setting a poacher to eatch a poacher. There were so many "firsts' in our hag of peals during the tonr-with two doubles in tille last four days-I fear the Cumberland ringers will think we have 'poached ' some of theirs.

## SEIJL JOGGENG ALONG.

An early move was made on Friday morning for Honsingham Church, a few mikes out of 'Faven. The locnl hands had raised the belle, installed by thaylors in 1914 with new iron frame, in readiness, and the Rev. D. Wreeman, a practical change ringer, kindly welconed the party to his tower. Days when be was a neiglabour of the late Rev. H. Law James at Surleet were recalled, and in the Vicarage adjoining he was able to enjoy our Superlative to his heart's content, to say nothing of our own jubilation, in which he shared, when 'That's all " souuded. A neat, well-kept belfry, good bells and fittings, it was such, another belfry as Egremont, but rablher noisy, liko four of our previous towers. We found the local company were making progress in the method and that Mr. Holmes has rung his usunl Trehle loba Major leere. A nice modern church, built with the ever ready local red samdstone, in beantiful order, with a well-timbered claurcliyerd that adds graceful surroundings to the gerden of rest. Bus to the railway station and good-byo to Whitehaven, followed by the " 1.40 p.n3.' to Maryport, but it did not Ieave fill 2 o'clock, gnd, indeed, most of our railway service was umpunctual.
Maryport is a fire town with larbour on the sen coast of the Solway rirth and the resort of fashionable people rluring the summer. It has decayed of late years, due to the neighbouring idle coal and mineral mines, dend shipyards and loss of shimping, and las 75 per ceat. of its workers unemployed. Here was built the first American battleship, the "Irouside, for the U.S. Navy. There are remains of a Roman station near, the early occupants of which discovered the value of its ores. The clurch tower possesses a set of good liemisplerical bells, which, to my knowledge, are math to be preferred to those metal" "drain pipes" callod tubular bells, which a few years back wero frequently substituted for the "real thing. Our 'lunch was enjoyed at the 'Granville' beiore enjoping another stretch of sea const-by bus this time-to Silloth, via Allonbe, with the Scotish hills 10 miles across the water. For about 12 miles the road passes close by the sea-shore, a strip of "no man's land,' which enables liikerg, tourists and visitors to camp, picnic nnd batle as and when they wish. We saw a great deal from the upper deck of our bus, that would have greatly distressed "Mrs. Grundy" of Victorian (Continued in next column.)

## MEDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meethar of the North and East District at St. Mark's Churds, Dalsion, on Saturday last, was held in very pleasant weather, and atitacted a good number of riugers. Riuging commencod punctually with es good fouel of ELednat Triples. This was followed by Doublo Norwich, Cumbridge and Superlative Surprise. The service was taken by the Vicar (Ube Rov. J. O. Vince), with one of the local ringers (Mr. C. A. 乍adall) al the organ, and the choirboys in full attendance. A bright servico aud a generous welcome were much apprecinted. All excellant teat was prorided in the Church Hall, after which the business mecting was hokl, with Mr. W. Pickworth (vicepresident) in the chair. The hon. secretary apologised for the absence of the District Master, who was rway holiday makitg. As a mark of respect to the late Rev. A. T. Hecsion, who died on June 30th, and to the jate Mr. J. Wicks, of Hadley, who died on July 26th, all presont stood in silence for a fow moments. Mr. Beeston had been a menber of the essociation for upwards of 20 years, and Mr. Wieks was a foundation member.

Two new menbors were olected, and Willosden chosen for the zext meeturg on October 7th.

Tloo Clairman proposed a vote of congratalation to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, of Finclley, on their golden wedding, which was celebrated carly in August. Mr. Wobb was a member of the Finchley band and had boen a ringer there for 57 yeurs. The hon. secrebary, in scconding, remarked that Mr. Wobb was cwidently one of those fortumate persons who found it quite possible to attend to his duties and pleasures as a ringer and to be happy in his married life at the ssme time.
The Chairman proposer a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his welcome to the association ; to the local ringers, the organist, the choir, and to the caretaker for arranging tea. This was seconded by the hon, secretary, who made epecial montion of the help given him by Mr. Crouch, the local secretary. The Rev. J. O. Fince replied in his usual wholehearted way with a sincere welcome to the members present.

Some handbell ringing followed, a touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by Miss L. Wheeler, G. B. Collins, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, who also, with the help of Messers. W. Pye and C. T. Coles, rang a course of Grandsite Cinques.
Later tho tower was again visited for more Stedman, Double Norwich and Surprise, including a very good course of London to enable a youngater or two to reach another rung of the ladder.

## MUFELED BELLS.

At thu Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, on Thursday, September 7 th, a querter-peal of Stedmen Triples laff-maffled in 54 mins, as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Trent, of Arksey: G. Halksworth (conduclor) I, A. Pye 2, G. B. Lucas, sen., 3, w. A. Pye 4, E. Stacy 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, I. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8.

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days. However, I may , md nome of our men alighted. The order
was, Pass mong, flease. was, 'Pass along, tlease.'

## SILLOTH.

Fo is not a lazy manoor slothful ringer who handles this tenor twico on Sunday. We lind heard unfavourabie remariks about the 'go' of these talls and proved them true. The octave at Christ Church was installed by Taylor and Co. about 50 years ato; they are hung on one level with plain bearings in a timber frame (tenor 24 cut, The Vicar and churchwarden kindly came to greet us in the belfry, and it was explained that pains liad been taken to make flem go easily by a locel 'engineer.' We prepared for Stedman Triples and knotted the ropes below sally to get the Yorkshire tail end to suit the back-stroke. The tenorg go up false clapperad, it was easier when these were tumed right, but aftor 18 minutes' ringing Mr. George reluctnntly set up, and Mr. Pye agread at lis 'common sense' in doing so.
A straggling old-fishioned town is Silloth, where most of the houses gre rendeved for warnth and dryness in the winter owing to its exposed position to the north.

The church, a modorn Gothio building, with nave, north and south eisles, transept, pesliry, the base of the tower forming the porch-its buttresses built in diaper work wilh a lefty stone spire. The ringing room is small, ceiling low, and not enough ventilation. We came here according to programme, and left a nica little ring of eight by Mears and Stambank at Aspabria, cast in 1896, and only a fow miles away The nearest poinli to re-use our 'summer' tickets was Wigton, a station on the Carlisle line, and we arrived in the city at 7.30 p.m. to put up at Ridley's Temperance Hotel. Talking of tenors in this county, wo havo Garlisle, Gleator, Peurith and Silloth between 20 and 24 cut., but it is not generally known that Highmoor, near Wigton, possenses nine hells by Taylors, the heaviest weighing 8 tons 16 cwt. My readers will muderstand why I never told Mr. George or Mr. Shepherd of this as we wera passing by. I aw afraid one of these days they will hetween them devour one of these sweet tenors.

> If pou ring to, pull me gently,

Do not throw your strength awey,
Just relange me-oil in plenty--
Antl liave a go another day.' Silloth Tenor.
(To be continued.)

## SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUIED.

 SOUTHERN DISIRHOL"S YOTE OF CONFIDENCE.The quaiterly mecting of the Southern District was held on Satwrday last at Gorseinon, when about 20 members afiended froun various towers, and there was also a good muster of the local mean. Thtre bells (8) werc raised in peal about 3 p.m. and kept geing unlil 4.30 , when n short gervice was conducted by the Vicar (the lev. W. A, 'llomas). 'Ifea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partakon of in the Parisl Hall. A band of Cadies saw that everyonc was well provided with all the good things, and, needless to state, tho cop of tece was wery much enjoyed.
The Yicar baviog to leave early, the chair at the mecting was taken by MI. D. J. Lowis. Swansea was selected for tho December meeting.

A long discusion took phace on Rula 16, and a vote of confidence was passed in the district eecretary, all present being satisfied that the balatce shetet lad been made out according to rule.
It was agreod to givo fle ammal report to cach member and pay for them out of the fuids.
Voves of thank were accorded to the chairman, to the Rev. W. J. thomas and to all who had helpred to make tho moceting sucl a success.
Rounds were rung for the learners, and the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Rlajn Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## ARGHDEACONRY OT ELY ANNUAL MEETLNG.

An enjoyable meeting was beld at Fulbourn on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Clare, Fen Diton, Fullourn, [cklehon, Newmarket, Newton, Over, Royston, Sawston, Thrapston and Trumpington. Ringiog ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major. Service was conducted by the Rector (tho Rey. T. H. Hennessey), who gave au inspiring address and afterwatds entertained the company to ea.
At the business meeting Mr. O. Wr. Cook was re-elected Distriot Ringing Master, and Miss K . Willers distriet secretiry. The committee was clected as follows: Messis. T. R. Dennis, H. J. Harel, T. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, S. Twitchett aud P. Webb.

Mr. Tr. Warrington, whosa company was much appreciated, kindly invited the Ely Arclideacenry to a joint meeting with the Central Branch at Longstanton on October 2lst. It was dected to hold a by-meeting at Chippenitan ou September 23rd if permission can be obtained.

The instruction of beginners was discussed, and Mr. Dennis said he hoped good progress in this direction would bo made ate the Chureh of St. Mary the Great in Cambridge duriny tho coming winter, using the Seage apparatus.
The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, takivg the service and for his geterous hespitality.
Although numbers were not large, a note of real chtouragemant was atruch, and it was checuirg, too, to see three schoolhoys from the Trumpington band attending an associaion mediug for file first time.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DEYIZES BRANGH.

In cannection with the September monthly meeting, the above branch made a tour of part of the Avon valley on Saturday, September 2nal. A party numbering over 40 assembled at Netlierapon at 3 o'clock. Short touches were the ordor of the day to enable all who wished to have a pull. After a slrant time tha advance party went on to Fittleton, raising the bells and doint the "donkey work" generally' for the "main body' to came in and take possession. "The same procedure was gone through ak Euford and Upavon. At Upavon tho Vicar welcomed the mombers and conducted the Guidd service, the congregation numbering 49. Tea was served in The Antelope.
A sliort business meoting followed, Mr. C. D. Herinbothom presiding, It his opening remarks (which were somewhat humoronsi) he welcomed all who had made the journey, mentioning by name those who resided outside the brancla area-W. B. Kynastan and J. Berry (Swindon), F. W. Romajne (Salisbury), D. Fieh (Buckland Nowlon) and W. Bolwell (Ealing). Two now members were oleoted, and notice was given of the rext meeting. which will be a quarterly at Bradford-on-Avon. The usual votes of thanks being passed, the meetimg clasad and the members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30. The touches of Grandsire on landbells at the branch meating were quite a feature. Later in tho ovening bome 'stalwarta ' journcyed to Urchfont and werc rewarded with an excellent tonch of Stodmen Triples. At the six-bell towers most mathods were rung up to Cambridge Surptise, the striking being quite good. The following tawerg Were represented: Devizes St. Joln's, St, Mary's and St. James", Southbroom, - Warminster, Wetbbury, Chirbon, Utchfont, Rowde, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Seend, Tonghtirge Deverit and Melksham.

## ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-After a holiday by the sea (where, unfortunately, my - linging Work' did not follow), oue feds sulliciently invigovated to wield a pen and adwise the Exereise at large to take no notice of the illogical outbursts of the "Museman ' Muthodists or Bluechipel Erothblewers.
Our otlicr correspondent's lelter frem this town, as reparted on page 525, cannot be dealb with by we seriatim, as his final paragraph affects the writer personally
The chmeh. In a provious letter 1 made a statement respecting out church's mame of 'All saints,' and with regard to same Mr. Brigges says amangst ather things that we must presume at come time it was ealled "st. Ann's." : Mr. F. E. Dawe was advised to be sure of his facts, and lho sema applies to his backer-up ' from Rotherlatur.
The following is eulled from a brief history of our churela by the grestest living aublsorily in this town, viz., F. H. Cockburn, Esq., O.R.E., F.R.Hist.s., elc.:-

Lhare is not may evidence or any reasonable probnhility that Nolherham Panish Church was dedicated in the mame of Sl.
Anne, of even that alay chapel or chantry was called by the mane
of that saint.
Ftam time immanorial it has been called "All Sahts," and is
su itsuribed in ectosiastical records kept in York.
All Sulnts" wats pre-emineutly a dedication in use before the Norman Conquest.
Rotherham bells speak for themselves, and all sensible campans. are in full ngroentint.
Witla regand to their alleted imperfections, one can salely say that an odd struck lell wherever it exists presents no great difheuly to an avernge ringer, but a far more insidious thing is an odd struck ringer.
Wheet slippiog, whenever it has happened at Rotherhan, has alnest always been due to che or the other of the following cauces: Wet and stiff ropes op the filchoosing of a gite for a short splice. (The writer accepts responsibility for the latter part.)
Your correspondent anys a few peals have broken down through the latter cause. Now, being unable to dafine "a few' and wishing to be strictly lmuthfin, I can say this, that in not one case (which is, I think, fess than a few) on our prosent peal has a "wheel-stipper' caused a successíul paal to ba otherwise.
To strike a more serions vein, what importance can the Fxercise atitach to the remark fis to "the task being too great to get the tenor into the speed required by the other nine.' Just think of that for a moment, please. Is that nof first-class bunkum? nand that fronv a man who dares to suggest to bellfounders with centuries (some of them) of exprience betrind them how to distribute the metal in a ring of bells.
I would like you to know, Mr. Filitor, that in quite a number of respects we aro fortunto in Rolherham. Firstly, we have a magnificentr, poal nt onr Prarish Clurch, and, scondy, we nre just as fortunala in lawing men for the back end who enjoy rivging a big bell. Also out grumbling frient is fortunate inasmach that he has ilhe chance of quite a few lighter peals in this district where he, no doubt, will be able to ring in comfort either at the front or back.

COLIN RYDER.

## A NOBLE TEN. <br> BY TRENAUS.

In spite af the illogical critfeisms put forth by Mr. Briggs on prge 525 of 'The Ringing Warld,' one leas the eftrontery to say, Rotherham bells are-" "rhe round,' tho ring ' 1 and 'top of sovereignty $t$ a "noble ter,"? and they grace not only a magnificent church, but a stately pitc"!
Will Mr. Hriggs please tell us who could Have done the joh in its entirety wilh greater cfficiency and lave given greater satisfaction, and why?
As to my challenge to Mr. Dawe, I made it to ascertain whether ow no Mr. Fawe lind made notes on the old ter at Rotisertana, but, os the prefers to remain silent, one perforce comes to the conclusion that lie thade no notes. Nevertheless, I did-two decedes befors the "ald eighth, was recast, and those notes are extaret. Living testimony is also forthroming to sulstantiate what $I$ am about to write. liells $1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9$ and 10 wore all inscribed, "T. Mears of London, fecit 1821,' and they wero all 'maidens' (pine maiden bells do not nake a maiden peal of ten!) The old eighti was not a maidon, and the only inseription she aver bore was, "Thomas Ifilton of Wath made ne.' That's plain Euglish? and not Bumkuti ${ }^{1}$ Will the gentlemen whose attention I drew to that fact please ferily it throngla the medium of "The Ringing World.
In my formar letter I set out to compare yeal pytiquity with 1821 antiquity. And my comments on Thryhergh are simply held over. A retrospect is all that is essential before they are patt into writing. Mr. Brigers usks me what is required to make Thrybergh hells inton a good peal. My answer is, "A conipetents foulider who can turn five homogrieities and a like mumber of amalgams into one! and lente
in Thryborgh tower five bells of equal lemperament!' But ' Hronaus' would never be party to such procedure. Tlirybergh bells are five intact chapters of parochal and bellioundiag history, which hr. Briggs cannot transcribe:
Further, we nye asked by Mr. Briggs to picture Rotherliam's old bells ' cleuned , aud hung on podern langiuge, and with a sob he asks us to stretch our imaginalions and risualise "what a peal it would have bees'! My rejoinder to that dalusion is, If the ten bells cast in 18i9 - now hancing in the "Grooked Spire" - were "cleuned " and popped in the modern hangings al kutherham, Mr. Briggs would certuinly not bave such a " musical Lbree blind mice but would have sometting on a par with Rotherthan's uld ten which "barked."

Cleaning
With tho "Bıg Ben' would never make 'Bing Ben" 'Little John ' cleor ad of at eow-heel' one might teach (?) the advocste of Lenmer more sbont the mature of metnis than he thaks he knows: Latim! see-er-oh! afi! I remember 'receiving ansbuctions from the Patochial Clunch Conncil of All Suintsi, Rotherham, and l sent in a written report of my findings to the aforesaid Countil. Dots Mr. Jhiggs think 3 was 'asked ' by, the local bullemy inspector? And why. one 'received instructions' obviously arose from the factthat it spite of our friend being a "qualifiow ringer, he had not the ability to advise. He proves his inability by asivocting *acrilege. where the fabric wond withstand the ndditional thusts and strab of a further pair of trobles]

Iremens will never perpelrate sacrilege to meet the reguirements of dwarfed plysique! Incidentilly, wo-who ' received instructions 'raug somothing like laslf o dozen peals with Mr. Briggs on bight efghts in the neiglibourhood of Rothertham. Ou overy occation "Ireluzus rang the sixth-for the same reasou es he rang the ninth Sunday by Sunday on the twelve at Sheffeld Cathedral-and M1. Briggs was never on the heavier sidel Furthor, we three rane together in a peal of Caterg on tho old ten which barked '-inci dentally this was 'the last, the writer rang wiywhere! 'Irenqus was on the seventh, but Mr. Britgs didn't carce so much for the lieavier end; ho rang the sixth! and le was again in front of the writer in a tanch on the day the more ' musical tharee blind mice' were dedicated. True, one has not rusg much on this new pealhaven't got over the shock of ringing on the "old uns." The remainder of the conments pertaining to the future, which Mr. Briggs makes, is treated with the contempt sucla' 'untasty ' remarks deserve
However, one of theso days 'Irenmus' may pop into All Sinints' rimgity room again for a pull, and if aur friend will submit to blindfolding. "Irengus' will guaranter to be "on the box '! That, soundy like 'swank,' lut it is the one sure wny of linding out whether ringers (placed on equal footing) are equally 'qualificd ringers.'

But all flippancy aside, the writer was ever anbilious to leave marble" where he fonad' brick '! "Fwes ever his aim-as he gazed into the conpex mirror of the past and saw somellhing 'great f.-ts lea re something ' nobler' 1 for eyes to look upon when the hand that pens these lines is 'still,' and a 'holiness of heanty' rolls in deep diapason aver Rotherhan, 'Gloria-Patri-el-Filio-et SpiritiviSaucto, from a moble tenl in a 'stately pile.

## EARL SHILTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We jegret to report the death of Arthur Waters, of Earl Shilton. at the early age of 32 years. Arthur was one of the original band when the peal of eigln was installed in 1921, and rang in the first parl on the bells, which was by the local banci an October $28 t h, 1922$. He was nct a grant peal ringer, only having rutur uine peals-Grand sire Doubles 2, Grandsito Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1. He took part in the first peal for the Midland Counties Association rung hy members of the C.E.M.S. The funeral toak place on Saturday last, a mufled quarter-peal being rung by lis close friends after the interment in Earl Shilton Charchyard.
C. H. W .

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).-Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. *Business meeting afterwards.-William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LADIES' GUILD. - Western District. -- The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.-N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Central Branch. -A ringing meeting and thanksgiving service will be held at Sutton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. or $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., most probable 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Few, High Street, Sutton, Ely, Cambs, for tea. A hearty welcome extended to all.-F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs (my only address).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southern Dis-trict.-Next meeting at St. Leonard's, Streathanl, Saturday, September 16 th. Bells from 3.30 to $5 \cdot 30$. Tea and meeting Manor Arms. Further ringing, and probably Immanuel, till 8 p.m.-]. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grinston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farsham Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 16 th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room.-C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.-Southern District.-The next meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, September 16 th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m.-G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GÚILD.Andover District.-Combined practice at St. Mary Bourne, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at five, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne.-Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.-The next meeting is to he at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, September 16 th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.-Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.
HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Dis-trict.-On Saturday, September 16 th, a meeting will be held at Offley. Bells ready 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30 at Green Man Inn. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every twenty minutes.-Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch. A meeting will be held at Ansdell, near Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church ( 8 bells). Bells ready $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meeting 4.30. Visitors welcomed.C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DEVON GUILD.-Exeter Branch.-A meeting will be held at Kenn on Sept. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.-W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.-Northern Branch. - A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rowley Regis Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. H. Card (Vicar). Tea will follow, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards.-A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - A general meeting of the association will be held at Howden on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Beils (8) available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. General meeting afterwards. Buses leave Setby for Howden at half-past every even hour, and the last bus to Selby leaves Howden at 8.30 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay.-J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Basingstoke District.-A meeting will be held at Sherfield on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting [ollows.-J. G. Stilwell, Hor. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTTH DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.-John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester District.-The next meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome--Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36 Turner Road, Leicester.
EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.-A ringing meeting will be held at Speidhurst on Saturday, September 16 th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.-G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead,
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - North Norfoik Branch.-A meeting will be held at Hingham on Saturday. Sept. I6th, at 3 p.m.-W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Archdeaconry of Ely.-A meeting at Chippenham, on Saturday, Scptember 16 ch . Bells (6) available 3 p. m . Tea at 5 o'clock.K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridse.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Southern Division. -The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Septernber 23 rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at gd. per head. Busjness meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Please notify Mr. A. Hill, 41, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by the zoth. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless word is sent. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.-F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.1 s p.m. on Friclay, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th. - J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.-L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sce., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Berkshire Branch. - The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23 rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 2oth. -A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division. - A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 2 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service $4 \cdot 30$. Tea 5.15 . Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, 20th. This is most essential.- F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).-A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23 rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) $4.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. For tea, you are specially requested to notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38 , Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, September 2oth. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.-L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western Divi-sion.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Service 4.30. Tea 5-15 at the Homey Cafe ( $1 / 3$ each). All members intending being present please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Tower I mile north from Emsworth Station.-A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Bedford Dis-trict.-A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 . Tea at 5 p.m. I should be glad to receive annual subscriptions. All wel-come- Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY ASSOCIATION.-Archdeaconry of Wisbech. A joint meeting with the West Norfolk hranch of the Norwich Association will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at $\mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{l}} 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All ringing friends will be welcomed.-E. Barker and W. Eldred, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5 p.rn. for those who send in their names to the general secretary by Tuesday, September 19th.—Robert G. Black, Gen. See., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 . Tea 5.30 , by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. S. Tonkinson). A bus will leave Portland Street at 2.30 . Will all those requiring tea please notify by the 18th? P.S.-Bishop's Cleeve bells will be dedicated on the 30 th inst. at 7 p.m. by the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester.-Walter Yeend, Mellford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Tonbridge Dis-trict.-The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3 . service at 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1gth.-W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., i I Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIA-TION.-The quarterly mecting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers of those requiring tea to me by Wednesday, September 20th.-J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. -A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 23rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 20th.-C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ONFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (six bells) on Saturday, September 23 rcl , at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tea at 1 s . per head for those who notify me not later than September 18th.-A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORESHIRE ASSO-CIATION.-The auturnn meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6, tenor 9 cwt .) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1 s ., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be present please notify the hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, September 20tl.-T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUICD.-A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Caistor on Saturday, September 23rd, not September 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15 . Tea 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Important. -Numbers for tea to be sent to the Rev. A. J. Arch, Vicarage, Caistor, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.-H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimeby.

BATH AND WELIS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Spaxton on Saturday, September 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.-C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Cary Deanery.-The quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.-E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Crewe Branch.The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bunbury (eight bells) on September 23rd. Ringing from three oclock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 20 th ? - R. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Lauráa Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Hinckley District-Please note that the joint meeting with the W.G. at Claybrook is unavoidably postponed. Instead a meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Septernber 23rd, to which Warwickshire Guild members are cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge for those who notify Rev. R. P. Farrow, Stoney Stanton Rectory, Leicester.-A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.-South-Eastern Division.Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham ( 6 bells) on Saturday, September 3oth. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27 th.-A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelrnsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 3 oth. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.-W. H. Shuker, io6, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be at tea notify me certain by Monday, September 25th, or arrangement will be difficult?-R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Bradfield Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d, non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea. Please notify Mr. J. Butler, Marriners, Bradfield, for tea.-T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.-The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough,

SURREY ASSOCIATION.-North-Western District. -The next meeting will be held at Carshaiton on Saturday, September 30th. Full particulars next week.-D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-General quarterly meeting, Saturday, Septernber 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Conmittec meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. Bd. per head) only to those who advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place Cafe, Ripley, Derby, before September 28th. General meeting follows tea.-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October roth. The Minster belis will be available from r. $30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 4 p.m.,
and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning. -J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.-BICENTENARY CELIEBRA-[ION.-Saturday, Oct. 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Dinner 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Further particulars later.-V. Bennett, Hon. Sec.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-South and West District. Preliminary Notice.-The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.-F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

## SITUATION WANTED.

CHANGE RINGER ( 5 or 6 bells) wants work, electric crane driver, or work in building line; single; age 23; good references; accept anything anywhere.-Alfred Ashton, 190, Prospect Road, Old Whittington, Chesterfieid.

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