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A NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The William Pye Memorial Scheme has now been launched. It is a national appeal, and we feel sure that associations and ringers throughout the country will give it whole-hearted backing. Although his special interests were centred in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, the late Mr. Pye's ringing activities extended to every part of the country. In almost every county and diocese, during a long career, he had, at some time or other, led a party of peal ringers, who, while adding to their own laurels, did no little good in the places visited by a display of skill which acted as an inspiration to others. Elsewhere his ringing accomplishments were looked up to with admiration. The example which he set in the ringing of the higher methods, and the help which he gave to men who sought to reach the higher standards of the art, to say nothing of his many great individual performances, led to William Pye being looked upon everywhere not only as a great ringer, but also as a great leader in the practical side of the art. It has been quite truly said that he takes a place with those who have been national figures in the Exercise.

The appeal for funds for a fitting memorial to this great ringer has been issued by a joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations, and the aim is to add two treble bells to the ring of six at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in which parish Mr. Pye long resided. In addition a memorial tablet will be provided in the church porch. A substantial sum is needed to carry this scheme into effect, but ringers are ever generous in things of this kind, and we believe they will desire to show in no mean spirit their appreciation not only of what William Pye himself did, but of the example which he set in raising the standard of method ringing. The associations of which he was a member, and which, many of them, owe something to him for raising the level of their peal records, the thousands of ringers who have rung with him and the hundreds who have been indebted to him for help they have received in various ways will be honoured to take a share in providing a memorial to this man of ringing genius. And there will be many more in every corner of the British Isles who will want to associate themselves with this lasting tribute to one of the greatest figures that ever handled a bell rope. There was nothing small or mean in William Pye's approach to ringing. His outlook was ever progressive. The things he did, if not within the capacity of everyone, showed others the possibilities that are open in the field of our art, whether by the use of brain or muscle. For these and other reasons William Pye's memory deserves to be perpetuated in tangible form.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	*JOHN W. EUSTON 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER 5	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal on twelve bells. C. A. Catchpole's 250th peal, and R. Sanders' 40th peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WILLIAM TATE 6
HAROLD DYSON 2	THOMAS HOLDER 7
HORACE FOX 3	†EDWARD ATKINSON 8
ARTHUR WALKER 4	HARRY C. WALTERS 9
*HERBERT WALKER 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the centenary of the first peal of bells erected in this tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

STANLEY PRESTIDGE Treble	FRANK J. BURLEIGH 6
HARRY HUBBLE 2	RONALD GOODMAN 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	GILBERT T. GUEST 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
WILLIAM GREEN 5	*THOMAS T. JUSTICE Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. John Goodman, jun.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY... .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
ROGER W. DANIELS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
The average age of this band is 29½ years.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	*HENRY SHADRACK 5
HERBERT DEVONISH 2	PERCY GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
HENRY WAIN 4	†HARRY BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

ALBROUGE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES LOOME Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	WILLIAM FLATT 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM FLATT.

First peal as conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*REV. C. H. WHEAT Treble	JAMES E. BROWN 5
JOHN HUTCHINSON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
JAMES E. BURLS 3	J. GORDON WHITAM 7
†GEORGE M. WHEAT 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. 25th peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

ALBERT A. LUCAS Treble	T. HENRY WRIGHT 5
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST E. PICKERING 7
FRANCIS R. DEACON 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the occasion of the local Feast Day celebrations. The composition (5,824 in full) has 5th and 6th extent in 6th on a new plan and is now rung for the first time.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
*JOHN H. ARBON 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
*WILLIAM A. WOODS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
*CHARLES CLARKE 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 127). Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
WILLIAM KINSEY 2	GEORGE LILLEY 6
JAMES ROSE 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

STANDISH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6840 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSDITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
HAROLD WALMSLEY 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	WILLIAM DICKENSON Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
GEORGE WIGGINS 3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	†CHARLES R. PENNYGAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* 25th peal. † First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. It was also a birthday peal for the wife of the 5th ringer and a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, captain of the local band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
ALFRED BLOGG 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
*KENNETH HALL 3	JOHN JACKSON 7
†FRED W. PATCHELL 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The composition, a two-part with 6 extent wrong, and 4, 5 and 6 extent home, is rung for the first time.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
*FREDERICK C. ROPER 2	CLEMENT J. MORE 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ERIC G. BENNETT 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER Treble	CHARLES BROWN 5
HORACE FOX 2	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 6
JOHN H. LENTON 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
HARRY C. WALTERS 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A., on the completion of 24 years as Vicar at this church.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	F. J. MYNARD 5
*DONALD COCKINGS 2	SYDNEY C. MILTON 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON 7
WILLIAM STOCK 4	CHARLES WADSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

* First peal on eight bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROY HAZLEHURST 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 5
*ROBERT JONES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
FRANK VARTY 3	JOHN BROWN 7
†RICHARD BRADLEY 4	ERNEST F. BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the 107th birthday of Miss Janetta Hynde. It was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bennett.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*THOMAS R. HENSHER 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	HARRY CHAMBERS 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
STANLEY COPLING 2	WILLIAM FLATT 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

The only composition of this length in 25 courses, now rung for the first time.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S. No. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE E. WILSON Treble	JOHN CURRY 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLINGWORTH 6
JOHN G. AMES 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
GEORGE LADD 4	HARRY NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to George Ladd and Sidney F. Palmer.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR PEAKE Treble	ERIC B. ALLMAN 5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4	HARRY THEWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. J. Brassington has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS BURTON Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 5
†JOHN E. TAYLOR 2	†PHILIP H. TOCOCK 6
RONALD C. FOWLER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4	GEORGE H. LIMMER Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. † First peal. Rung for the 38th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

T. TABRETT Treble	P. PAGE 5
R. EDWARDS 2	C. FRANKLIN 6
*F. CONLEY 3	C. W. EVERETT 7
H. C. CASTLE 4	D. GODDEN Tenor

Conducted by C. W. EVERETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

REGINALD WRIGHT Treble	HARRY THELWELL 4
ERIC CLARKE 2	THOMAS S. ASTBURY 5
ALBERT THOMAS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in three methods by all except the conductor. The whole of the band belong to Wistaston.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*S. VINCENT FIELD Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER 4
C. FREDERICK GOOD 2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 3	JOSEPH T. PACK Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal and aged 15.

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BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 4
*BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	D. REES JAMES 6

*FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with tenor covering, after meeting short for Triples. First peal of Minor on the bells since they were made eight in 1904. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Cartwright and Miss Verley E. James, daughter of Mr. D. R. James, who were married in this church on September 8th. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, father of the bride.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*SYDNEY LODGE Treble	REGINALD W. REX 4
HERBERT W. BISHOP 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in four methods by all except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. First peal in four methods as conductor.

FRIESTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS LOIS NEALE Treble	JACK KEMP 4
FRANK DEWEY 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*N. RANDALL (aged 15) Treble	*DOUGLAS BRAINE (15) 4
*ERIC NEALE (16) 2	HENRY LAWRENSEN (16) 5
*FRANK E. PALMER (24) 3	JAMES W. BERRY (22) Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. BERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added in 1925. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, one of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL POTTER Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 4
GEORGE R. TOWNES 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
GEORGE A. TRENDALL 3	CLAUDE SNOWDEN Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. S. Genery, a member of the local band.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, September 14th, at St. Mary's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. J. Lock 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Miss M. T. Barrett (first quarter away from treble) 4, J. H. Botham 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby (conductor) 7, P. A. Jennings (first quarter-peal) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At Lavenham, 25, Woodfield Avenue,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BEER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3-4	STUART SANDFORD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Miss Kathleen Beer, Mrs. Ivy Beer, Mrs. G. H. Cross.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 20, Aberdeen Crescent,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Washbrook.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5255 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	HAROLD MARCON 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8
HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 150). Conducted by J. BRAY.

The composition is rung for the first time.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a week in Gloucestershire for

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALFRED PYE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

COLN ST. ALDWYN'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, September 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALFRED PYE 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
LEONARD STILWELL 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	LEONARD STILWELL 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	EDWARD JENKINS 11
ALFRED PYE 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells.

BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Three Hours & Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATER, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	GILBERT PEARCE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALFRED PYE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Royal.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
ALFRED PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

OHATHAM, KENT.—On September 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Triples: R. Norris 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. G. Southgate (first quarter-
peal) 3, W. Walker 4, F. Bilsey (conductor) 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, L.
Crouch 7, G. Lawrence 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

LEARNING TO 'USE YOUR EARS.'

Those of us who have been in ringing for long have constantly heard of the wonderful striking produced by West Country ringers at towers where 'stone' ringing is in vogue. There is no doubt that, particularly in Devon and Cornwall, this kind of ringing has reached a high pitch of perfection, against which the efforts of change ringers sometimes compares rather badly. This unquestionably is a reflection upon those who prefer change ringing to the monotony of the other kind, yet we are often told, and it must be admitted, that, to the public, good call change ringing is better than bad method ringing.

It should be the object of all change ringers to make their ringing as perfect as possible, not only for their own enjoyment, but also on account of those who know nothing of the art of ringing and yet are compelled to hear the bells when they are rung.

The call change ringer has always got an advantage over the method ringer, because between each 'move' he has more opportunity to steady his bell. In method ringing there is movement to a new position and to a fresh bell at almost every pull; there is, therefore, no time to make 'adjustments.' It has got to be right the first time. In call changes, if the first blow is not exactly where it ought to be, the next can be corrected, because it will be over the same bell, and so may several following blows. But when ringing a method, if a blow over one bell is a bad one, the next over another may be equally bad, unless the ringer has complete control of his bell and uses his ears.

FIRST ESSENTIALS.

To obtain good striking these two things are the first essentials. Complete control of the bell can only be got by proper handling. Hands must be kept close together, whether on rope-end or sally, and the rope should be held so that all the fingers can clutch the sally just as firmly as they hold the rope end. And at every pull the arms should go well up above the head, either in holding the rope-end or catching the sally.

The beginner should learn from the first to use his ears; that is, to pick out the sound of his bell from the rest. The clapper usually strikes the bell just before the end of its revolution—that is just before the rope gets to its full height at back stroke and about the moment at which the ringer catches the sally. With this to guide him, the beginner will know when to expect the sound of his bell, and if, at the outset, when he first rings rounds, he counts the bells and listens for his own, he will pick it out and soon will hear it—if he has any 'ears' at all—without the concentrated effort of counting the sounds. Then if he finds his bell striking too 'wide' or too 'close' for the beat or rhythm of the rest, at either stroke, he must adjust his pull accordingly.

USEFUL PRACTICE.

That, he may say, is all very well in rounds, but what about in changes? Too many beginners, we are afraid, are put to method ringing before they can strike or hear their bell in rounds, and many a bad striker is the result of being induced to run before he can walk. Until the beginner can handle his bell properly and strike well in rounds by using his own ears, he should not be allowed to go further. And we would put him through one further stage before he goes into change ringing proper.

It is excellent practice to do continuous dodging with one of the adjoining bells. If, for instance, the beginner is ringing the third, to strike over the fourth at every hand stroke and come back over the second at every back stroke. He will learn to 'hold up' and 'cut down.' Using his ears and, at first, counting the sounds, he will then get some better idea of where to 'place' his bell when changing at every half-pull. The instructor can, after a bit, get the beginner further by letting him 'hunt out' over a second bell, dodge for a time and then return. From this to hunting through three or four other bells is an easy step, and the beginner will have learnt to pick out the sound of his own from the rest, so that he will also have made a start on the road to good striking.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting was held at East Ardsley on Saturday, September 28th. Visiting ringers, arriving at 3 p.m., were welcomed by the Vicar (Canon Young). Members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Brighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. S. Barron presiding. Three new members were elected, viz., Mrs. C. B. S. Bradley and Miss S. Bradley, of Sherburn, and Mr. R. Tysoe, of Headingley St. Michael's.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was accorded, on the motion of Mr. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. W. Jackson.—Mr. Watson replied for the local company.

The secretary informed the members that he had a verbal agreement with the L.M.S. Railway passenger agent's staff, and was awaiting confirmation, re the fare to Sheffield for the Snowden Dinner on October 12th.

The date of the next meeting was announced as October 26th, and the tower would be Holbeck, reached by a tram-car, No. 29 from City Square.

A NORTHAMPTON RESTORATION.**REOPENING OF RAVENSTHORPE BELLS.**

The little village of Ravensthorpe, Northamptonshire, has just seen the completion of a big undertaking, and on Wednesday, September 25th, the newly-restored church tower and bells were rededicated and the new clock dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Long), and the lesson read by the Rural Dean (Canon Gornall). Immediately after the prayers of dedication offered in the belfry by the Bishop, a few rounds were rung by the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: F. Wilford 1, G. A. Hollick 2, Mrs. Powell 3, the Rev. E. S. Powell 4, R. Adams 5.

The hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' was sung, and an excellent address given by the Bishop. After service, which concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: C. Green 1, G. A. Hollick 2, F. Wilford 3, the Rev. E. S. Powell 4, R. Adams 5. The bells were then at the disposal of visiting ringers, and good use was made of them in several methods.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., who carried out the work in their usual efficient manner, were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

On Saturday, September 28th, a special meeting of the Guilsborough Branch of the Guild was held, by invitation of the Vicar, for a ringers' opening of the bells.

Branch members attended from Watford, Welford, Long Buckby, South Kilworth, East Haddon and Stanford-on-Avon, together with visitors from Harlestone, Flore, Heyford, Northampton, Lamport and Coventry, and members of the local band.

The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, everyone being catered for from rounds to Stedman Doubles. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Long), who is also the branch president.

After the service the company adjourned to the Institute for tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome, for the use of the bells, for conducting service and providing such an excellent tea, also to the ladies who had attended to the catering and to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 15th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. T. Greenwood 1, C. H. Jennings 2, G. Popnell 3, K. Snelling 4, F. S. Bayley 5, C. E. Smith 6, J. M. Cripps (conductor) 7, W. S. B. Northover 8. Mr. Northover is Mayor of Bridport.

RINGERS' DAY AT LEA.**REOPENING OF RESTORED BELLS.**

On Saturday, September 21st, ringers from Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire visited Lea to try the restored ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp) at St. Helen's Church. The bells were raised in peal just before 3 p.m., and were rung in Minor and Double methods, with rounds for the learners. Before the service a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung by the following ladies: Miss E. A. Stokes 1, Mrs. McGuinness 2, Miss A. A. Stokes 3, Mrs. East 4, Miss G. Burchnell 5, Miss K. Burchnell 6.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon R. G. Fookes), and the address was given by the Rev. Colver, of Laughton. In his interesting discourse he suggested that, like these fine returned bells, none of which sounded the same note, yet all blended into one harmonious rhythm, ringing should try to blend their lives into one united faith in God.

After service the ringers were photographed on the Rectory lawn.

Tea, which the Rector very kindly provided, was served in the Rectory, but owing to the large number present, several rooms had to be used. Votes of thanks were proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for providing the tea, and to the Rev. Colver for his inspiring address. Afterwards some looked round the well-kept garden, others rang handbells, whilst several took the opportunity of looking through the writer's albums of towers in which he has rung. Later all returned to the tower, and during the evening several late-comers were welcomed. Numerous methods were rung to suit all tastes, including several good touches of London. A noteworthy course of Cambridge was rung by a ladies' band, Miss Ethel Marshall, of Gainsborough, skilfully ringing the tenor. The bells were lowered in peal at the end of a happy and memorable day.

Fifty-six ringers were present, representing the following towers: Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Branstow, Burton Stather, Gainsborough, Gamston, Goxhill, Lea, Lincoln Cathedral and the newly-formed band at St. Giles', Misterton, Nettleham, North Collingham, Scothern, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham. The bellhangers, Messrs. Taylor and Co., were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Everybody remarked on the excellent 'go' and improvement in tone of the bells, and all agreed that Lea has now a ring to be proud of.

On Sunday, September 22nd, for matins, 720 Bob Minor: J. A. Lunn (first 720) 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, C. V. Cade 3, J. Dixon 4, N. Thurlby 5, G. L. A. Lunn (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 on the restored bells and the first 720 by G. L. A. Lunn as conductor in England.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the death of the Rector of Sheffield English, the meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which was to have been held at that village to-morrow, has been cancelled.

The restoration of the bells at St. Mary's, Nottingham, which is being carried out by Messrs. Gillott and Johnston, is almost complete, and the rededication will take place on November 2nd. All ringers are invited to attend, but, owing to limitations of space, admission to the actual ringing chamber for the ceremony will be by ticket, applications for which must be sent to the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, by October 28th.

Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, formerly hon. secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, is this month entering Bishop Wilson Theological College, Isle of Man, for a three years' course of training for the ministry.

Mr. Roberts' personality and perseverance, linked with tact, discretion and courage, have done much for the development of change ringing in Cornwall, and his large circle of friends will wish him Godspeed in the career upon which he is entering.

The ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., at St. Mary the Virgin, Ewell, Surrey, has been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. S. F. Palmer wishes to inform the visitors who intend to stay over the week-end at the Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner on the 12th inst. that special permission has been obtained to view the interior of the famous Sheffield City Hall on Sunday morning. Will all kindly meet at the front of the hall not later than 11.30 a.m.

The bells of Freshford Church, Somerset, are to be augmented to a ring of five by the addition of a new treble. The other four bells are also to be rehung. The work is to be carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Grafton Underwood, is postponed to October 26th.

The Editor has had a pleasant surprise. A letter from Mr. G. Billenness, Hawkhurst, Kent, a former Master of Romney Marsh and District Guild. Although Mr. Billenness has not handled a rope in recent years, he has never lost touch with ringing, and reads our columns regularly.

The Church of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, possesses a ring of eight (tenor about 23 cwt.). Knowing that an overhaul of this peal is an absolute necessity, Mr. Billenness conducted correspondence with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the result being that the Vicar (the Rev. Cuthred Compton) had twelve letters on the subject for the September meeting of Hawkhurst Parochial Church Council.

The church councillors immediately took a step in the right direction, as will be seen by the following paragraph which appeared under Church Council news in the 'Parish Magazine' for October: 'A communication from Mr. G. Billenness, giving a detailed report on the condition of the bells, was read. It is 31 years since they were rehung, and Mr. F. Chapman and Mr. W. Gorrington agreed that repairs are undoubtedly necessary. It was decided to ask Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the firm employed, to send an expert to inspect.'

RINGING FROM CHURCH FLOOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On page 622 you mention that the ringers at Melbourne Church, Derbyshire, stand on the church floor, some having to stand in the choir stalls for the purpose, and that it is one of the rare examples.

Do you know of the following where similar conditions prevail? Kingstone, near Ilminster, a ring of six, where the treble man stands on the chancel step.

Winsham, near Chard (8), where the ringers stand in the choir stalls.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon (8). Here there are two towers over the north and south transepts respectively. The bells are in the south tower and the front of the pew has to be moved while ringing is in progress. The ropes hang not in a circle, but a U.

D. G. TAYLOR.

GLOUCESTER PEAL RINGING 'WEEK.'

SEVENTEEN RINGERS IN NINE PEALS.

Nine peals were rung last week during the tour in Gloucestershire. They included two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and one of Royal, two of Superlative Surprise, one of Yorkshire, two of Stedman Caters and one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Seventeen ringers took part in the successful attempts and there were six conductors. In addition, two peals of London Surprise, two of Stedman Cinques and one of Stedman Triples were lost, but a most enjoyable week was spent.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

Councillor Charles Pratt, of Calverley, Yorks, has just completed 60 years as a change ringer, and to celebrate the event 60 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, on Sunday evening: Councillor O. Pratt 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, S. Wheatley 5, W. Scrimsshaw 6, W. Lee 7, G. Thompson 8.

A THREE-GUILDS' RALLY.

STRIKING ADDRESS BY OXFORD GUILD'S DEPUTY MASTER.

Over 60 ringers, representing nearly 30 towers, were present on Saturday at a 'rally' held at Staines, in which members of the Middlesex Association were joined by members of the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds. There were the 'Bright Young Things' and the 'Dull Old Fogies,' and apparently every stage of ringer in between, to make up a party who spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Four rings of eight bells were available, in Middlesex, Bucks and Surrey, but all within a radius of three miles—St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, Wraysbury and Egham. One recalls that three of these were included in the four towers in which, something over 20 years ago, a Middlesex Association band rang four Surprise peals in a day! An interesting fact about Wraysbury (the old spelling of which is Wyrardisbury) is that the tenor is dated 1591, while the 7th was cast in 1664 and the 5th and 6th in 1657.

The general rendezvous was at St. Peter's Church, Staines, an ornate red-brick building with a spire-capped tower, standing on the banks of the Thames. It was built by that famous lawyer, the late Sir Edward Clarke. In the church, decorated in readiness for the morrow's harvest festival, the ringers gathered for a short service, which, led by the Vicar and supported by the organ, but no choir, was fully sung—the Psalm, the Magnificat, the Responses as well as the hymns being rendered with inspiring effect.

BIG NOISES.

The address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild)—a practical address from a practical ringer. Here are some of the things he said, basing his remarks on Psalm 19, verse 4, 'Their sound has gone out through all the world': 'There is something primitive and deep-rooted in our natures that delights in big noises, but noise must occur in the right place, otherwise it gives us no pleasure.

'There are many noises in the world, but none is without significance. Most of the noises signify the activities of man. They express also human hopes, joys and fears; they are for ever changing. Of late years they have become more and more numerous, more loud, more distracting, but amid them all there is one voice that has not essentially changed for many hundreds of years—the voice to which we all listen with delight and sometimes with criticism; the voice of the bells.

'What is the significance of that voice? We who attend the services at district meetings know that we are often told that we ring for the glory of God. We have been told this so often that we come to accept it as one of those conventional phrases which come to mean very little. All the same, I believe that statement to be literally true, and I add to-day one more to the number of times you have heard that statement made: We ring the bells for the glory of God. That is the true significance of that voice. Why? Because amid all the many kinds of noise on the earth and among the manifold changes of the world, this noise of the bells is the one loud noise that speaks to man of another world; that speaks to man of spiritual truths and of the existence of God. I do not care when the bells are rung, whether it be for service, for a peal, for a meeting or for the weekly practice—it makes no difference—somewhere outside the tower men and women are hearing that voice, and it is reminding them—they can ignore it if they will—that there is a spiritual side to our life; that behind all there is God and unto His judgment must all flesh come.

'WHAT THE DICKENS IS THAT?'

'Do not be put off when you are told that your ringing is essentially selfish, that you ring really for your own amusement, or your own pleasure. Of course, we enjoy exercising our strength and skill with the ropes. It would be a poor, dull thing if we did not do so. The better we ring and the more of our interest and enjoyment we put into it, the more effective will be the message of the peal to the outside world. A few days ago a prominent public man made this remark about buildings alongside our modern roads: "A building may legitimately cause a passing motorist to say, 'What is that?' It should not cause him to say, 'What the dickens is that?'"

'Let us think of that when we are in the belfry on Sunday. We want to make passers-by say, when they hear the bells strike up, "What is that?" We want to make them pause and think, "There are the bells; there is the church; in spite of all the muddles and mysteries of life, there is still a God in the world." We do not want them to say, as a jangled clatter disturbs the air, "What the dickens is that? Those rotten bells again; what a nuisance they are." We ringers are responsible for the one loud noise that tells of God's glory. So let us not treat our responsibilities lightly.'

A happy party sat down to tea afterwards, and enjoyed the friendly intercourse and listened to some handbell ringing. Before they separated, the Rev. C. E. Wigg proposed a vote of thanks to the Middlesex Association, whose guests they were, and especially thanked Mr. Goodfellow for all he had done to make the meeting a success.

The evening was devoted to further ringing on the church bells. The attendance book was signed by ringers from the following places: High Wycombe, Cookham, Clewer, Faringdon, Stratley, Fulmer, Iver, Farnham Royal, Slough (in the Oxford Guild), West Clandon, Otter-shaw, Egham, Epsom, Hersham and Guildford (in the Guildford Guild), Ruislip, Kingsbury, Isleworth, Yiewsley, Uxbridge, Hillingdon, Sunbury and Heston (in the Middlesex Association), Oxhey, Putney and Kingston.

THE LATE WILLIAM PYE.

PROPOSED NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

The following appeal has been issued by the joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations in connection with the proposal to raise a national memorial to the late Mr. William Pye:—

The Ringing Exercise has always shown itself to be most desirous of perpetuating the memory of the foremost exponents of our art. There are many instances of this which are repeatedly brought to our notice. The memory of Henry Johnson is kept alive by the dinner at Birmingham every March; Jasper Snowdon is honoured with a similar function in Yorkshire, annually in October. Bells at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, and St. Laurence's, Surfleet, bear the names of James W. Washbrook and Henry Law James respectively. Many more cases could be quoted to show that ringers, always mindful of the debt they owe to those departed, are ever anxious to honour their memory.

William Pye, who died on March 8th last, was one of the greatest ringers the Exercise has ever known. To many he was the greatest of his generation. For over 40 years his name was to the forefront as a great ringer and conductor. He was known personally in almost every county in England and Wales, as well as in parts of Scotland and Ireland. Nearly every ringing organisation in the British Isles could claim him as a member, and the peals that he rang, numbering 1,969 in all, are written in the records of no less than 35 ringing societies. It is unquestionable that his career has had a very great and beneficial effect on ringing, the standard of which he always did his utmost to raise.

The committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, of which he was Master for 24 years, feel that it would be ignoring the general feeling throughout the Exercise if it did not take the lead in promoting a memorial scheme. Of many suggestions as to the form this should take, the most suitable appears to be the augmentation of the six bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in which parish William Pye lived for over 30 years. The assent of Canon Brown, Vicar, and the co-operation of the Essex Association have been sought and obtained, and it is confidently hoped that sufficient funds will be subscribed by the many friends and admirers of the late William Pye to provide two memorial bells, and a suitable tablet to be placed in the belfry. Of the £250 it is estimated will be required, the Middlesex and Essex Associations have already given £20 and £15 respectively, and an appeal is made to all associations and guilds, as well as to individual ringers, to subscribe generously to this memorial fund.

A sub-committee, representing the Middlesex and Essex Associations, has been formed to carry out these memorial plans, with Mr. J. A. Trollope as chairman, Mr. W. H. Hollier as treasurer, and Messrs. E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles as secretaries. Any of these, or any other members of the sub-committee, viz., Messrs. E. P. Duffield, W. H. Theobald, F. W. Goodfellow, T. Collins and W. H. Oram, will be glad to receive cash donations at any time, whilst cheques and postal orders should be made payable to W. H. Hollier and crossed 'Westminster Bank.' These should be sent to Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4. Donations may be sent, if so desired, to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. T. Brown, St. John's Vicarage, Leytonstone, E.11.

The sub-committee reserves the right to amend its proposals should unforeseen circumstances render it inadvisable to proceed with the scheme outlined herein.—On behalf of the committee,

E. J. BUTLER, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

Hon. Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT HESTON.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very enjoyable and successful meeting on September 21st at Heston, by kind invitation. At 4 p.m. the bells were raised and were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The District Master (Mr. H. Mance) was unable to attend owing to indisposition, and charge of affairs devolved on Mr. 'Joe' Herbert, the hon. secretary, sometimes referred to as 'an old diehard.' All comers were catered for, members and friends ringing what they were most anxious to perfect.

Twenty-five sat down to tea at a nearby cafe and enjoyed a substantial meal. This was engineered by one 'Bill,' a 'youth' of Heston, and was eminently successful.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. R. Mackrill being in the chair. Usual routine affairs were transacted, one new member being elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Craggs, who turned up in person to chat to the visitors) for the use of the bells, to the local band for their kindness in inviting the district to their tower, and especially to Mr. Ellingham, who made the arrangements. It is hoped to pay another visit to this delightful spot at some future date.

The ringing got no further than Double Norwich, but for all that was much enjoyed. Visitors came from far and near, there was a feeling of great good fellowship throughout, and particularly between two elderly gentlemen, one a 'Youth,' good at Stedman, C. F. W., and a 'Royal,' famous round Isleworth, 'Freddy,' and other initials, Goddard.

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

TO MEET THE DISAPPOINTED.

So many ringers seem to have been disappointed that they are unable to obtain a copy of 'A Great Adventure,' which, as announced last week, has been 'sold out,' that despite our original intention not to reprint, we will produce a second edition if a sufficient number of copies are ordered.

Will those who require a copy (post free 2s.) send a post card *immediately* to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey?

The book will make an excellent Christmas gift for a ringer.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

SIX-BELL CONTEST WON BY NEW MILL.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Holmfirth on Saturday, September 21st. Holmfirth is famous for the flood which occurred there on February 5th, 1852, caused by the bursting of the Billberry Reservoir. History of this tragedy states that damage to the extent of £250,000 was done and 77 lives were lost.

The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Shelley No. 2, 3 Shelley No. 1, 4 Liversedge, 5 Friezeland, 6 Meltham. All the companies rang Oxford Treble Bob except Meltham, who rang Meltham.

Tea was held in the Conservative Club, to which about 50 sat down. The meeting took place in the church vestry after ringing was finished.

The Vicar of Holmfirth, in reply to the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, humorously remarked that all he knew about ringing was ringing the dinner bell, but he hoped everyone had enjoyed their visit to Holmfirth.

The judge, Mr. W. Idle, of Dewsbury, gave his decision as follows:

- No. 1 Company, 92 faults.
- No. 2 Company, 187 faults and 10 penalties, total 197.
- No. 3 Company, 247 faults.
- No. 4 Company, 103 faults.
- No. 5 Company, 94 faults.
- No. 6 Company, 188 faults.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners, and received the cup, and a set of fruit spoons and fruit forks each. No. 5 Company, Friezeland, were second, and each received a wallet, or purse.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. H. Booth, of Holmfirth, to alter Rule 15 from ten penalties to five penalties.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TO GREENSTEAD GREEN AFTER 14 YEARS.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association recorded another very successful meeting at Greenstead Green on Saturday, September 21st, when 37 ringers were present and 15 towers represented. Ringing began shortly after 2.30 and continued until 9 p.m. with the exception of a break for service, tea and business meeting.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Stroud) said he understood it was something like 14 or 15 years ago that the village and church had the honour of entertaining the Essex Association. They were glad that, after so long an interval, the ringers had been able to arrange to visit them again. He had the greatest pleasure in welcoming them, and assured them that they at Greenstead Green considered it an honour that their bells should make such a joyful noise under the control and exercise of so goodly a company of skilful and musical ringers.

After the service the ringers partook of tea at the Village Hall. The Rev. F. A. Stroud presided, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) and the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Mr. L. J. Clark (general secretary) was also present.

At the business meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member.

The district secretary reminded the meeting that a resolution was recently passed that the annual district meeting should always be held at Braintree and Bocking alternately, and this year it would be at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and presiding at the tea and business meeting, also to the organist and the ladies who had prepared the tea. This was seconded by the District Master and carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, replying, said he had never previously worked in a parish where there were bells, but now that he was a member of the association he would take more interest in the bells and in the ringers.

Methods rung during the day on the tower bells included Double Court, Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise; on handbells, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters.

SHROPSHIRE RINGER HONOURED.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT SHERIFFHALES.

Celebrations of a unique kind are taking place in the little village of Sheriffhales, in Shropshire, in honour of a ringer, John Lovekin, who has been serving his church in this and other capacities for 70 years.

John Lovekin is 78; his family have lived continuously in the parish since some time prior to 1774. He has been for 70 years a member of the choir, for 60 years a bellringer and last Wednesday completed 50 years as parish clerk. It might almost be said that Sheriffhales and John Lovekin are synonymous.

This is a marvellous record of service which can seldom have been equalled, and it is service which has been rendered with deep devotion and unswerving loyalty. John Lovekin has been one of those who,



MR. JOHN LOVEKIN.

throughout his long life, has been content to do the duty which lies at hand and to do it with all his might. Such men are the salt of this land and of the Church. In his own parish John Lovekin is loved and esteemed, and there are many ringers in Shropshire and Staffordshire who hold him in similar affection.

John Lovekin is still in harness. The church is part of his life; but such a remarkable record as he has created could not, it was felt, be allowed to pass without suitable commemoration. A testimonial is being raised, but, typically, Mr. Lovekin and his devoted wife do not desire to benefit personally, and the proceeds are to go to some purpose for the improvement of the church. What that purpose will be depends upon the amount contributed. An appeal has

been made, not only to the present parishioners—who are a very small community—but to past parishioners and others, and we feel sure that there must be many ringers, both known and unknown to Mr. Lovekin, who will like to pay their tribute to one who has so long served the church and the bellry. Those who would like to contribute to the fund should forward their subscriptions to the Rev. R. A. Giles, the Vicarage, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire. The ideal testimonial would be a new organ, of which the church stands badly in need. It is a proposal which Mr. Lovekin would delight to see carried out. We hope, therefore, that subscriptions will be generous.

As an illustration of Mr. Lovekin's devotion to his duties, it is not uninteresting to note that during the winter months, despite his age, he is at the church at 5 a.m. to attend to the fires, and that he has for 50 years walked two miles daily to wind the church clock. In addition to work for the church, Mr. Lovekin has been clerk to the Parish Council for 35 years, and still holds office, and for 30 years he was secretary of the 'Lord Frederick' Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

The jubilee celebrations began on Wednesday with a 'Harvest Home and Reunion Social' (the harvest festival took place on Sunday). Tomorrow members of the Shropshire County Association are ringing the bells of Sheriffhales Church in honour of the jubilee, and on Sunday there will be corporate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast in the Church Hall, and a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m., when the preacher will be the Right Rev. the Bishop of Stafford.

The ecclesiastical history of Sheriffhales goes back at least to Norman times. The benefice was constituted at a very early date, since Domesday mentions a priest 'who has two oxen.' The Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin has been so often altered that little can be gathered of its history, except from scanty written records. It is evident, however, that the present north aisle was originally the whole church. The date of the principal extension was in the 17th century. Cut in one of the roof beams of the nave is '16—J.S.—I.B.—C.War—61,' the initials being those of the churchwardens of the time when the nave was built; the pillars and four arches which divide it from the north aisle having been brought from Lilleshall Abbey.

The tower then stood at the west end of the old portion of the church, but it fell to the ground about the year 1717, and the present tower, at the west end of the nave, was completed four years later. The inventory of 1552 mentions three bells and a sanctus bell. After the new tower had been erected five bells were hung in 1722, the principal donor being John, Lord Gower. These bells were quarter-tuned and rebung in 1894, at which date a treble was added, making them a ring of six.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NEARLY 4,000 VOTES CAST FOR OFFICIALS.**

Owing to harvest festival at Bury, the venue of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was transferred to Preston. About 120 members attended during the afternoon, but possibly the wet weather held a few back. The chief attractions were the newly hung ten bells and Mr. Woodhouse's ringing machine. The Vicar of Preston (Canon Wallis) kindly placed the choir vestry at the disposal of the ringers, and there was a continuous stream passing the machine, which was on view and working from 2.30 to service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and Canon Elsee (president of the association) read the lesson. The Vicar gave the address, his theme being church manners. He said he would like to see them more observed at the present time, and mentioned such breaches as strangers' respect to funerals and smoking in the churchyards.

Following tea in the Parish Schools, the business meeting was held. The committee's report mentioned that the association was, with honorary members, 1,563 strong. Death claimed during the year 18 members. The balance sheet showed a gain of £12 18s. 6d. on the year, with a working balance of £106 14s. Both the report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. A. Tomlinson was re-elected as joint secretary for two years. The other offices were filled by ballot, the returning officer saying that 564 voting papers had been returned and 3,963 votes recorded between the 20 candidates. The figures showed that Mr. H. Davenport was elected vice-president for two years, Mr. C. I. Davis hon. treasurer for the same time, and Messrs. A. Barnes and J. Wilkinson auditors.

The representatives to the new Central Council are the Rev. Canon Elsee, Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker and T. B. Worsley.

Four places were suggested for the next annual meeting, and, after spirited voting, Kendal was chosen.

Earlier in the evening Canon Elsee proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Willis and the choirboys before they went, and at the end of the business thanks were given to all who had helped to make this meeting a success.

EBB AND FLOW.**THE CHANGES OF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE.**

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Westhoughton, and although there were heavy rains, the meeting was very well attended. Grand-sire, Stedman, Erin and St. Clement's Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were the methods rung. It was a very useful meeting, inasmuch as many got their first touch in one or another method, and one his first touch as conductor.

The Rev. A. Scott, M.A., of Bolton, a pupil to the art, was in the chair for the business meeting, and two new members were elected.

During the middle of the last century, this tower had a really good band of ringers. They confined their efforts to Grand-sire and Plain Bob only, but they did stress good striking. Then ill-luck befell the tower. Death and work removed several of the band, and they were never replaced at the time. The bells fell into a very bad state, and many futile attempts were made to re-establish a change ringing band. The bells were rung regularly for service, but the ringers only rang rounds and call changes. In 1930, Mr. Fred F. Rigby, himself a ringer, interested himself in the bells, got a young band together, and persuaded the authorities to put the bells in order. They were recast and put into first-class condition.

Great credit is due to Mr. Rigby and that young band for the perseverance and hard work put in to make themselves efficient. To-day the band can ring peals of Grand-sire, Stedman and Bob Major, some can ring also Kent and Double Norwich, and now they are on with Cambridge.

Mr. Rigby has been compelled to leave the district through a member of his family seeking a better climate, but he left a band who can equal their predecessors in the quality of striking, and they are also seeking higher methods.

DEATH OF MR. JESSE B. TYLER.

The death occurred on September 24th of Mr. Jesse B. Tyler, of Clapton, at the age of 51 years. He had been in indifferent health for some time past.

For the last 15 years he was employed as a bellhanger by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Abney Park Cemetery, the chief mourners being the widow, Mr. Jim Tyler (son) and Mr. John Thomas (brother-in-law). The Whitechapel Bell Foundry was represented by Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, and the staff by Messrs. G. Oliver and J. S. Hawkins.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Whitbourne (Herefordshire), on Saturday, September 21st, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in three different methods: J. H. Griffiths 1, G. Soley (conductor) 2, F. Davis 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Partridge and Miss Olive Lewis, who were married on the above date. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Sidney Lewis, who has been a member of the local band for nearly 30 years.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**PLEASANT MEETING AT BULKINGTON.**

Bulkington has always been a popular place for ringing meetings, and Saturday week was no exception. In spite of the very wet afternoon, a fairly large number of ringers put in an appearance there, on the occasion of the monthly practice meeting of the Warwickshire Guild. The towers represented by members included Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Arley, Bedworth, Wolvey and Bulkington, and there were visitors from Peckleton and Croft. The presence of Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former secretary of the Guild, was very welcome.

A feature of the ringing during the afternoon and evening was the numerous touches and courses in the simpler methods for the learners and the less proficient.

An excellent tea (one of the 'features' of the meetings at Bulkington) was prepared by Mrs. Hinde and other ladies, and nobody in consequence was foolish enough to go hungry; while that 'second' or even 'third' cup was in constant demand. The ringers were so busy with the good things on the table that the conversation was rather slack and lacking in enthusiasm; however, they made up for it after tea in the numerous 'welcomes' and 'votes of thanks' proposed, seconded and supported by various people.

It was announced that Warwick will not be available for the quarterly meeting in October, and, therefore, another tower will have to be found.

Mr. Beale, of Wolvey, spoke of the impending departure of the Rev. Stanley Morris, and suggested that a bi-meeting should be held at Wolvey to enable ringers to bid him farewell and success in his new parish of Bilton. The date was left open, but will probably be on the fourth Saturday in October.

Handbell ringing was attempted after tea in the tea room, and the worse it seemed to get, the louder was the applause. 'Tis a cosy place, Bulkington, and we'll certainly come again. M. M.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

Through the kind and cordial invitation of the Halesowen Society, the Dudley and District Guild held their quarterly meeting at Halesowen on September 7th, the weather being warm and sunny. The bells were kept merrily going from 3 o'clock. For the usual service in the church the beautiful Guild form was used at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville (Rural Dean of Dudley), who also gave a very interesting address on the 150th Psalm.

During the service the Rector unveiled and dedicated a peal tablet recording a peal that was rung for the King's Jubilee.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church House, where a substantial tea was in readiness. The business meeting was presided over by the Rector.

Several new members were elected to the roll. The Rector of Halesowen was pleased to become an honorary member. The quarterly peal was proposed to be attempted at Halesowen, with the consent of the Rector and the Halesowen Society.

Cradley was proposed for the next meeting.

The Guild's representative to the Central Council (Mr. Goldclough) gave a short account of the meeting at Shrewsbury on Whit Tuesday.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Netherton (the Rev. E. L. Warren) asking it to be made known that the dedication of the new bells at Netherton Parish Church will take place on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. Albert Prestidge would be glad to know who would be likely to be present so that he may be able to arrange for their welfare. His address is 3, St. Andrew's Street, Netherton, Dudley. On behalf of the members, the Ringing Master (Mr. Clifford Skidmore) proposed and Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded thanks to the Rector of Halesowen; to the Halesowen Society for their kind invitation and their generous hospitality; to the organist and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort of all present; also to Mr. J. H. Cox and his band for making the necessary arrangements by which the members spent a most successful and happy time.

Ringing again took place afterwards.

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NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The meeting advertised for Grafton Underwood is *postponed* to Oct. 26th.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—The meeting arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) has had to be cancelled, owing to the death of the Rector of Sherfield English.—George Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to it not being possible to make any arrangements, the meeting that it was proposed to hold at Edgmond on Oct. 5th has been cancelled.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, St. Andrew's on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pocklington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells). Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the annual dinner will also be for sale. Roll up and make the meeting a success.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall St., Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, October 5th. Eight bells. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—The new bells, by Taylor and Co., for the Canon Murray Memorial Tower of the Annunciation Church, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 5th. Short service at 3 p.m. Sermon will be preached by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short touch will be rung after the dedication by members of the Kent County Association, after which the bells will be available to visitors.—T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, S.S., on Saturday, October 5th. The six bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. A good attendance desired. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, October 5th, a peal board, recording a peal rung for the Jubilee, will be dedicated at Barley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service and dedication at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Waggon and Horses. Please notify Mr. W. A. Tack, 2, Mortimers, Barley Royston, Herts, if you wish tea arrangements to be made for you.—D. Mears, Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Algarkirk on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards, 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m., at Mr. Hanson's Café, Ugate. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 5th, being Goose Fair Saturday. Bells (10) open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobeys, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Charlton-on-Otmoor (5) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden bells (8) available in the evening.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—W. Evetts, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus from Wellingborough Market Street at 3 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head return. Please back this up and let me have names early.—A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Lrthlingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. It is very necessary to acquaint me if you require tea. Come along!—anything you wish from rounds to Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Oct. 5th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

MORCHARD BISHOP, DEVON.—Ring of 6, tenor 15 cwt., restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Sat., Oct. 5th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Public tea, 4.30, in the Memorial Hall (9d. each).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) recently rehung. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Sargent, M.A.). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

STOURBRIDGE.—The bells of St. Thomas' Church will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m. Ring of 8 rehung and part recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

COTHERSTONE, YORKS.—The peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be rededicated by the Rev. C. Snushall, Rector of Romaldkirk, on Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

COTTESMORE, NEAR OAKHAM.—The new treble, to complete the ring to six bells, will be dedicated at the harvest thanksgiving service on Friday evening, October 11th. The new bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me not later than Oct. 2nd if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m. It is essential for those requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, October 9th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowden and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, October 8th, from divisional secretaries, or Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Monday, October 7th. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by October 9th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Applications (enclosing remittance) should be sent to me as soon as possible (in no case later than Oct. 5th), or to any of the district officers and committee. Please bring your wives and friends.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. Please notify your own secretary or the undersigned re tea by Oct. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting. It will greatly assist if those coming for tea will drop me a card.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—At Clifton Reynes, October 12th. Belfry (6) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards, and discussion of future meetings in the deanery. Visitors requested to attend from anywhere near, especially change ringers. Please send a postcard by October 8th to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The South Norfolk Branch meets at North Lopham on Saturday, October 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Everyone who has seen or would like to see a bell rope is heartily welcome.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3.30. Bells (6). Tea will be provided for those notifying me by Thursday, Oct. 10th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Oct. 10th to me.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) in the Institute.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Mid-week meeting, Oct. 16th.—A joint meeting with the Essex Association will be held at Baldock on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Allnut's Café, High Street, Baldock. Please do your best to make the meeting a success.—Geo. Dent and Don. Mears, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Good bus service from Swindon (fare 6d.).—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, provided by the association. Please send names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th. Bells at East Farleigh (6) will be available after the meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., in addition to All Saints'.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. If you require tea please notify me before Oct. 9th.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James' Church (8), Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The St. James' Society extend a very hearty invitation to ringers and their friends to the service at 4 p.m. and to tea after the service. Roll up and make this meeting a success.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 7th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cowfold (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know if you intend to be present by Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

TOTNES, DEVON.—The peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), No. 2 bell recast and the eight bells rehung on hall bearings, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Rd., East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells will be available. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is imperative that those intending to be present notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (new ring of 12) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Kindly notify me regarding tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 19th, and not on the 12th, as advertised on meeting cards. Will all those who intend to be present send word to me on or before the 16th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed and the more the merrier. — J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Hunkley Mount Road, Bury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A presentation is to be made to Mr. F. Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, after tea. St. Giles' (10) and the Holy Sepulchre (8) from 3 to 4.30, St. Peter's (8) from 6 to 8. Tea will be provided at the County Café, Mercer's Row, at 4.45, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 15th. A postcard will do. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—His Grace the Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 5 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Worcester will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ENNISKILLEN, IRELAND.—The Lord Bishop of Clogher will dedicate the bells on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Opening and rededication of the new peal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Further details next week. — A. Coppock, Ringing Master.

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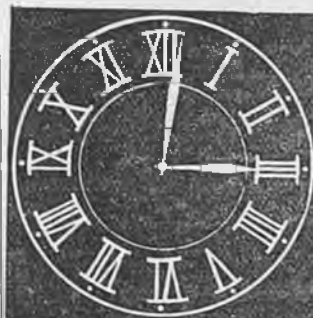
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