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Ringling is getting back into something approaching its former stride, after the disturbance of the war period, and it is obvious from the large number of meetings that are being held in all parts of the country that the Associations are determined to lose no time in endeavouring to recover the lost ground. There are many healthy signs of the revival, not the least of which is the very considerable number of new members that are being elected in many places. The gradually increasing number of peals is also an indication of returning activity, and in this connection it is indeed gratifying to see the reappearance of names that have been long absent through the war. Altogether there seems every reason to be satisfied with the recovery so far as it has gone. There is, of course, plenty of room yet for expansion and effort, for there is still much leeway to make up.

With the coming of the shorter days in the past there was a tendency for the number of meetings rapidly to fall off, but Associations with an eye on the future will do well not to abate their efforts, but to extend their activities as much as possible. There ought to be many centres where united practices could be arranged at frequent intervals, as a valuable means of improving the standard of the methods rung, as well as the standard of striking. A correspondent last week suggested 'exchange' of belfries, and interchange of visits is certainly a step which would serve a double purpose. It would not only be an incentive to additional practice, but lead to an even stronger feeling of good fellowship between ringers than exists at present.

Despite the drawbacks of the coming season, we believe that, with a little organisation, much might be done to develop the idea of united practices among neighbouring towers and the exchange of visits. Half-days are not always necessary for carrying out arrangements on these lines; often a couple of hours in an evening will suffice, and those who are in a position to organise on these lines should not be deterred because they imagine that without a whole afternoon at their disposal the effort would not be worth the while. For the purpose of the practices it does not matter how small is the circle of towers concerned. If there are only two or three in a group much useful work can be done, and, instead of one practice a week, there can be two or more opportunities, while it is quite certain that the uniting of forces will increase the scope of the practice. A further advantage accrues if the meetings are arranged for a specific purpose; and instead of gathering on the off-chance of doing something, to have a definite intention beforehand, so that those who are to take part may come prepared. Many ringers fail to realise the importance of this 'preparation.' The man who studies out of the belfry is the man who gets on best in it.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP Treble	HENRY RUMENS 6
WILLIAM PYE 2	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3	HENRY W. KIRTON 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mrs. Pye, mother of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	ROBERT C. MANLEY 5
WILLIAM G. ENGLAND 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3	FREDERICK DIMOND 7
JOHN M. SKINNER 4	JAMES CHUDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Rung to celebrate the return of Peace. All are local men with the exception of the ringer of the 3rd who hails from Hershams, Surrey.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

HARRY BROWNJOHN Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
JESSE B. TYLER 4	JOSEPH GOULD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN HOBBS Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	*EDWARD W. BRAY 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	C.S.M. A. LEE, R.A.S.C. 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	ALBERT DARNELL 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN H. WHITE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Cook, an Ashtead ringer, who was married on the above date, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Dean.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

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

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.	
ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY 2	EDWIN J. PANNETT 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 7
JOSEPH LAW... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Alice Maud Jeffries, only child of the towerkeeper (Mr. W. J. Jeffries), and Sgt. J. Higginson, R.A.S.C.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt	
*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
†TOM TEBBUTT 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.
Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
LEONARD SHAW... .. Treble	DAVID BREARLEY 5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	WILLIAM HARRISON 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	*GEORGE HILL 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by the REV. J. IL. PILKINGTON.
Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Archie Brearley, and Florence, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Seighford, near Stafford.

DEANE, BOLTON LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
GEORGE PINCOY... .. Treble	RICHARD P. HOLD 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	JOHN POTTER 7
HAROLD ODDY 4	*WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. KEMP Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	*CHARLES A. GRAY 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	ROBERT E. RELLATT... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
*GEORGE MASKELL Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. 2	OLDER WAGHORN 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	FRANK CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS*

* First peal. The ringer of the second hails from East Ham and is approaching his 77th birthday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Changes per minute 25.7. Tenor 15 cwt.	
SAM THOMAS (Cathedral) ... Treble	HAYDN THORPE (Cathedral) 5
J. OSGATHORPE (Rammoor) 2	FRANK WARD (Cathedral) ... 6
J. E. L. COCKEY (Rammoor) 3	WILLIAM BIGGON (Norton) ... 7
JOHN THORPE (Cathedral) ... 4	C. HAYNES (Rammoor) ... Tenor

Composed by FRANCIS HOPWOOD.
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal by the ringer of the 6th. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an affectionate tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Ward, Private, 14th York and Lancaster Regiment, and sometime member of the Rammoor company, who gave his life for his country in action at Gavrelle, July 1st, 1917. The peal was rung by a few of his colleagues, prior to the unveiling by Mrs. Nicholls, wife of the Vicar of Rammoor, of a brass tablet placed in the ringing chamber in his memory, by members of the local company.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
THOMAS NEWNHAM Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
ALFRED H. DOBINSON 2	EDWARD HULL 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
HENRY BOXALL 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 9 cwt.	
WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	TOM SHORT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	FRANK HANKS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.	
KEITH SALTER Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JOHN WOODBERRY 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	JOHN SMITH 7
JOSEPH DAVIES 4	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... Tenor
	ALBERT WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung to commemorate Peace.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen and a half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PRIER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN JAY Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	OLIVER SIFFETTS 6
ALFRED CRIPPS 3	JOHN GOLDING 7
ALBERT D. STONE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by M. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

GLDOWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES KNIGHT Treble	WALTER WOLSENCROFT 5
EDWIN B. SHAW 2	SAMUEL STOTT 6
ALBERT CLEGG 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 4	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Composed by FRED BANKS.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

The ringer of the 6th hails from Oldham Parish Church, the ringers of 5 and 7 from Ashton-under-Lyne, and the tenor from Penistone, near Sheffield.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE LINES Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
GEORGE BASHFORD 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Mr. Harry Chapman, for whom the peal was arranged, belongs to Manchester; and Messrs. Clarke and Inskip to Bedford.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

* CHARLES ANDREWS Treble	* CHARLES DOEL 4
* SIDNEY PEPLER 2	THOMAS F. KING 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. This tower is the 50th in which the Conductor has rung a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

IN THE 'HAUNTED ROOM' AT THE ABBOT'S HOSPITAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4	ARTHUR E. WILKINS 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: PHILLIP PALMER (Master of Abbot's Hospital).

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
IN THE GYMNASIUM, AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	* WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in hand. Witnesses—Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden and Mrs. Pulling. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pulling on the 15th anniversary of their wedding day.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A 'STRIKING' TIME AT ERDINGTON.

The last quarterly meeting for the current year of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday week at the Parish Church of Erdington, and proved most enjoyable. The tower contains a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, tenor 15 cwt. in F, put in in 1904. In that year the services of Mr. Thos. Russas were enlisted for the teaching of a band of beginners, and it must be 'grateful and comforting' to him to see the results of his efforts today. Not all of the original band have 'struck' it, it's true, but some have, and it is undoubtedly due to his efforts, and to his ability as a teacher, that the church has now a regular band of Sunday service ringers, who can—and do—ring peals of Stedman without outside help. Moreover, they are more than mere ringers, they are a part of the organisation of the church, and have good friends in their Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., and the churchwardens. And they are all enthusiastic members of the St. Martin's Guild, so that they are fortunately placed in many ways!

In this age of strikes—striking appears to be a popular form of relaxation at the moment—it may be interesting to recall an incident which happened at Erdington a few years ago, when a man who knew nothing whatever about ringing paid a great compliment, quite unwittingly, to the men who were then ringing a peal.

To be precise, it was on Saturday, February 4th, 1905, eight of us were ringing a peal of Treble Bob Major under the conductorship of Mr. Bernard Witchell, and as it was only the second or third peal on the bells the local residents had not become accustomed to the bells ringing for three hours without cessation. We were rather late finishing, and towards the end a gentleman approached the men who were outside listening, and in a state of great perturbation, inquired why the machinery had not been stopped. It was explained to him that the men who were ringing would be done presently, but he would not have it. He said he could tell when men were ringing any time, but this was mechanical. They had not been able to convince him by the time the peal was finished, but when he saw the men in the flesh he at last believed. So much for good 'striking'!

The Guild's form of service was held in the church at 4.30, when the Vicar gave a helpful address, taking as his text the words in the epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, 'Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same he shall receive of the Lord whether he be bond or free.'

Tea was partaken of in the Church House, an institution that any parish might well be proud to possess, and the tables were very tastefully arranged by the wives and sisters of the local band, who also waited on forty-four hungry people. However, the Erdington men are experienced in the matter of feeding ringers—the Guild has been entertained by them before—and there was a most imposing array of good things, which did not really seem to be much reduced, even when the tea was over. The Vicar and his churchwardens, Mr. Councillor C. J. Houlston and Mr. Fowler, were present, and they also stayed to the business meeting which followed, at which the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

Routine matters over, the Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, for taking the service, and for gracing their proceedings with his presence. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of hearing the bells or seeing the beautiful church, and he hoped for many reasons it would not be the last. He did not know whom they had to thank for the sumptuous meal they had just enjoyed, but he expected his City Council friend, Councillor Houlston, and his Masonic friend, Mr. Fowler, knew all about that. They thanked the organist for his services, the ladies who looked after their creature comfort, Mr. Jonathan Preston for so ably arranging matters with the authorities, and the local ringers for their generous welcome.—Mr. Wm. Rock Small (who did not let a detail like a railway strike interfere with his arrangements, and who had travelled about seven or eight miles on various trams to get there) seconded the proposition in his usual hearty style. He was de-

lighted to be in the company of those he saw around him, and he hoped to be spared his health and strength for long yet, so that he might meet them on many more such occasions.

Mr. Councillor Houlston, who was elected an honorary member, responded for the Vicar and wardens, and said how delighted they were to have the members of the Guild as their guests on that occasion, and how pleased they would be to welcome them again whenever they could come.—Mr. Preston replied on behalf of the local ringers of both sexes, and spoke a timely word about those ringers who turned up without advising him—a matter in which many men are sadly remiss. Ask any secretary.

During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in many methods, the range being sufficiently varied to suit every taste, and the striking throughout was most praiseworthy. Touches or courses were rung of Stedman, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

How some men later on fell to arguing which was the best touch of the day, how others discussed the easiest way home in view of the railway strike, and how they thereby greatly delayed getting a move on, are they not written in the tablets of our memories? Certainly a most enjoyable meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at headquarters in January as usual.
A. P. S.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Harborne. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Lloyd, who also gave an address, was well attended. Tea was provided in the Mission Room by the Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd, between 40 and 50 members being present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. He gave a hearty welcome to the Association, and said he recognised the useful work which they were doing, and the good comradeship which existed at those meetings. He hoped at a future date to have the pleasure of having the meeting there again.

The election of officers for the branch resulted in Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halasowen, being elected Master; Mr. J. Pigott, Smethwick, re-elected representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. E. J. Dowler secretary and treasurer, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded for their past services.—Stourbridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting in January, and Harborne for the quarterly peal. Six new performing members were elected, and the Vicar as an hon. member.

It was mentioned at the meeting that the fund for the memorial window to be placed in the Cathedral at Worcester was going on satisfactorily, that the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Parsons) would be pleased to receive subscriptions as early as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd for providing such an ample repast, and also to the ladies who had assisted.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches in the four standard methods, and Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MOTTS.

LOSS TO IPSWICH.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has to mourn the loss of one of its best-known and most respected members, in the person of Mr. William Motts, who passed away, after a long illness, on Monday, September 29th, at the age of 57. Mr. Motts started his ringing career at his native village of Fressingfield, Suffolk, and rang his first peal—Bob Major—in 1878. In 1883 he migrated to Ipswich, and at once joining the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, rang his first peal with them the same year. From that time onward he took part in practically all the society's performances, including the famous 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1892, the Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, 1898, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1908. He filled the office of Master on several occasions, and on the retirement of the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole became secretary, which office he retained until his death.

He was a remarkably safe ringer of any method, but loving above all things good striking and well-struck Treble Bob was more to him than indifferent London. It was not often he spoke whilst ringing, but those who had the pleasure of ringing with him so often, well remember his occasional 'strike them.'

A most modest man, he was never-failing and punctual in his attendance at all practices and Sunday ringing, whilst his unflinching courtesy will be remembered by the many who have visited and rung at St. Mary-le-Tower. He will be greatly missed by all his brother ringers, and he leaves a place which will not easily be filled.

His peals numbered close upon 400, and, as indicated above, included several of outstanding interest.

On Wednesday, October 1st, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, followed by half-muffled touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was arranged for Saturday last, but, unfortunately, at the last moment one of the band was taken ill, and the peal had to be abandoned.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the railway strike it was impossible to reach St. Athan on Saturday, Sept. 27th, to hold the Llandaff Association quarterly meeting, consequently it had to be postponed until a date which will be announced later in the 'Ringing World.'

Mr. Joe Waghorn, senr., of East Ham, one of the oldest but still one of the most enthusiastic members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, has been visiting the neighbourhood of Tenterden. He scored a peal at Hawkhurst, and desires to express his thanks to the band for arranging the peal, the Salehurst ringers for meeting him at their tower, and to Mr. C. Triba for entertaining him at Tenterden.

There is little difficulty now in changing over the time, but the recent reversion from summer-time upset the ringing arrangements at Halesowen. One gentleman put his watch back on Saturday instead of Sunday, and his failure to appear with his accustomed regularity resulted, we are told, in the bells having to be chimed instead of rung.

STRIKING IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—There is nothing new in what Mr. York Bramble says in his letter in your issue of September 19th. The logical conclusion of his argument would be that practically all peals that have been rung owing to 'trips,' are false as regards their performance, whatever their truth on paper. This fact was pointed out years ago at a meeting of the Central Council. Yet peal ringers have continued to ring peals, and probably will still do so. The claim of the early peals of the 18th century to absolute accuracy—not one bell misplaced or out of course,—need not be accepted literally.

The fallacy in the whole argument lies in ringing being regarded as essentially the mechanical work only, instead of being looked upon as a musical production. The figures of a composition are, of course, only the means to an end, and not the end itself.

And here it should be noted that just what Mr. Bramble would hold permissible in peals—'bad striking' (classified in the letter as 'a'), would ruin the performance entirely in its musical aspect; whereas the occasional trips he calls 'bad ringing' (denoted by the latter 'b'), would in actual practice hardly be noticed in comparison.—Yours faithfully,

G. P. BURTON,
Bracondale, Norwich.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

Carlton-in-Cleveland was the rendezvous for some 70 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association on Saturday, 20th September, when a meeting of the Association was held. Snow and Arctic conditions prevailed in the early morning, but in spite of this set-back, vehicles from Middlesbrough, Ripon, Northallerton and Middleham conveyed enthusiastic members to their destination, and early in the morning the eight bells of the Carlton Church were ringing in fine style. After dinner, the remainder of the members put in an appearance, and various touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent, Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round.

A short and interesting service (at which the names of the members of the Association who had fallen in defence of their King and country were read) was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Pyle (president of the Association) in the afternoon.

The business meeting took place after tea, and several matters of supreme importance were discussed, and various resolutions passed.

A rousing vote of thanks was accorded to the president for his invitation to hold the meeting at Carlton, and his kindness in providing meals for the visitors. The latter was no small task, but was made light of by Mr. Kyle in his reply, delivered in his characteristic breezy manner.

The bells were kept going till a late hour, when the members dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable time, and carrying with them keen regrets that railway difficulties preclude more frequent meetings being held. Members attended from Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Stockton-on-Tees, Whitby, Ripon Cathedral, Northallerton, Middleham, Sharow, Leeds, Hartlepool (St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's), Hurworth, Skelton, and Carlton.

LEICESTER ST. MARGARET'S GUILD OUTINGS

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the members and friends of St. Margaret's Guild, Leicester, had their third outing of the season to Mountsorrel. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor were rung under the conductorship of Mr. Ernest Morris. Tea was arranged for, and some 25 were present. Afterwards, several tunes and a 'rise and fall' were rung on the handbells.

The party then had a ramble on the hills round about, and time proclaimed all too soon the termination of a most successful and enjoyable afternoon's outing. The previous outings were at Swithland and Newtown Linford, and all were admirably arranged by the secretary, Mr. Ernest Smith.

THE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May one who has been a member of the Council from the beginning, first as elected representative of a County Association, and for the last ten years as an honorary member 'elected and re-elected' (as Mr. W. Willson has said) without even the qualification of 'dealing,' offer one or two remarks upon the question so freely ventilated in your columns of late years, in view of the recent discussion by the Midland Counties Association?

It is obvious that we do not at present command the confidence of the general body of ringers. Are we then to be 'mended' or 'ended'? That lies, not with us, but with the Associations. If they all—as one speaker wished the M.C.A. to do—refuse to recognise the Council by electing representatives to it, they can effectually end it. But if they want to see it mended, it is they who must mend it. Reform seldom comes from within to any established body or institution; pressure from outside is needed. But no amount of ink-slinging in the Press, or of criticism by open enemy or 'candid friend' (such as Mr. Willson), will do the job unless the Associations take a more real interest in the Council and its doings than I regret to say they have taken in the past. 'Dry rot' has set in, says Mr. Willson. Very likely. No public body to which I have ever belonged has escaped that tendency. 'Members occupy their places too long, and become like a brick in a wall.' Of course they do, if no one cares enough about the Council and its constitution to see that plenty of new blood is introduced, and useless bricks removed. Let the Associations begin at home, with their own elected representatives, and they will be in a better position to complain of the honorary members: who after all, are only a small proportion of the whole body, and most of whom have some claim, on the ground of past service to the cause or loyal interest in its welfare, to a voice in its concerns.

I thank Mr. Willson for his admission that the Council 'has done good work in the past.' My own time for any work, good or bad, is nearly at an end; but I like to dream of a renovated Council, with the Exercise at its back, entering upon a new career of usefulness.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Oct. 6th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN RINGER.

UNVEILING CEREMONY AT SHEFFIELD.

An interesting little ceremony was performed in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, when Mrs. Nicholls, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Lee Nicholls, unveiled, in the presence of the Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. Tindall), and numerous ringers and friends, a handsome brass tablet in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Ward, of the Rammoor company, who gave his life for his country in the great war.

A well-struck half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung previous to the ceremony by some of his ringing colleagues, including his brother, Mr. Frank Ward. Another brother, Mr. Maurice Ward, was to have taken part, but was prevented from doing so by the railway strike.

The memorial, a handsome piece of brasswork executed by a relative of one of the band, was veiled by a Union Jack.

The proceedings were opened with appropriate prayers, by the Vicar who then briefly referred to the object of the gathering, to the loss sustained by the company in the death of Mr. Ward, who was held in much esteem, and who gave great promise as a ringer. He then called on Mrs. Nicholls to unveil the tablet, which she did, reading the inscription as below:—

To the Glory of God, and in affectionate memory of Arthur Ward, private, 14th York and Lancaster Regt., killed in action at Arras (Gavrelle), July 1st, 1917, aged 24 years. Erected by fellow-bell-ringers of St. John's, Rammoor.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Nicholls, who had performed the ceremony at the unanimous request of the local company, Mr. Cockey referred to the fortunate position in which the band were placed in having the interest and co-operation of the Vicar, and Mrs. Nicholls and the churchwardens, and at the pleasure it gave them to have Mr. Lee Nicholls among them as a practical ringer, and at the progress he was making in the art.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the ringing visitors for their assistance, and to all those present for their interest, the Vicar referred to the pleasure that it gave his wife and himself to co-operate with the ringers, to his keen interest in the art, to the high place which the Rammoor ringers had always held among the Exercise, to the great difficulties with which they had had to contend during the war, and to his belief in their ability to regain their old standard. He concluded by asking those present to stand in silent prayer in memory of two fallen in the war.

After the ceremony the bells were again rung half-muffled, and some good touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round, in which the Vicar and members of the Cathedral, Rammoor, Norton and St. Marie's (R.C.) towers took part.

Thanks are due to Messrs. C. Haynes and J. Osgathorpe for making all the arrangements in connection with the memorial.

NEW GLAMORGANSHIRE BELLS.

A NONCONFORMIST'S GIFT.

The Glamorganshire village of St. Athan now possesses a delightful light ring of six bells, and a new church clock, for which it is indebted to Alderman William Roberts, a native of the parish, and Lord Mayor of Cardiff, 1917-18. There are two new bells, and the old four have been recast. These and the clock have been given as a thankoffering for peace, and in memory of Ald. Roberts' year of office as Lord Mayor of Cardiff. The dedication took place on Sept. 26th, Bishop Crossley officiating. The service coincided with the harvest festival, and was attended by a crowded congregation. It opened with a processional hymn, 'Hail Thee, Festival Day,' which has special reference to the bells. During the singing of Psalm 84, the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and Ald. Roberts proceeded to the tower for the office of Dedication, the bells being chimed when this was concluded, the procession returning to the chancel while the 150th Psalm was sung.

Bishop Crossley, in his address, said in Wales bells ought to find a natural home, because the Celtic people were all great lovers of them. The oldest ecclesiastical bells in the world were in Ireland. One of the most remarkable products of the war was the appearance in the columns of a periodical which was most widely read in England of a letter written by a gentleman, now in Parliament, from whom one would never have expected it. The writer advocated the universal ringing of the Angelus in all churches. But it was not taken up. Influential as the gentleman was, his suggestion was not acted upon.

The Bishop spoke of the generosity of the donor (Alderman William Roberts), who had, he said, elected to commemorate his mayoralty of Cardiff by enriching the place where he learnt his first lessons in work and in citizenship.

A CRUEL ENACTMENT.

The old Church (the Bishop went on) had been cut and wounded to the quick by the tearing away from it of those spots most precious to its memory and its life—the churchyards. 'Had we been of the Mohammedan faith, or had we been even Eastern Christians, the British Government would never have dared to enter upon this cruel enactment.' General Allenby, whose return all England welcomed, was at marked pains to proclaim that all sacred places, with their endowments, should be preserved for ever inviolate for the Mohammedan and for the Christian. 'But, you see, we are not Mohammedans, with their millions behind them,' said Bishop Crossley. 'We are only the remnant of the earliest Christianity in Britain, and so this cruel legislation has been passed by a Parliament all in a hurry for its holiday. And now it is at such a moment that this healing, kindly, generous act is done to the stricken Church by a Nonconformist. Technically, he is not of our communion, but he is wholeheartedly with us. No son of John Wesley is ever far from the old Mother Church of the great evangelist, nor is that Church ever far from him in the great object named after him.'

Bishop Crossley also performed the ceremony of re-opening the ancient hagioscope (a west-end entrance to the church).

During the service a musical programme was rendered by Messrs. Dan Evans, D. Hopkins, T. Hibbert, and G. Griffiths, and later tea was provided in the Church Hall.

A brass tablet placed in the church reads:—

This tablet, placed here by the parishioners, commemorates the casting of the four old bells. Also the gift of two new bells, the restoration of the tower, and the gift of a clock by Alderman William Roberts, J.P., Lord Mayor of Cardiff, 1917-1918, a native of this parish.

The ringing was arranged by the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and carried out by the following: S. Daws and W. Biss, of Llandaff Cathedral; N. Bolton and F. Viles, St. John's Cardiff; J. Bailey, Whitechurch; J. W. Jones, Newport. Doubles and Minor were rung, interspersed with 'firing.'

The bell work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the tone and 'go' leaving nothing to be desired, and being pronounced by all present as excellent. The bells hang in one of the firm's latest type of iron frame, with fittings of the most modern pattern.

Mr. Robert Warner represented the founders at the ceremony.

COUNTY RECORDS.

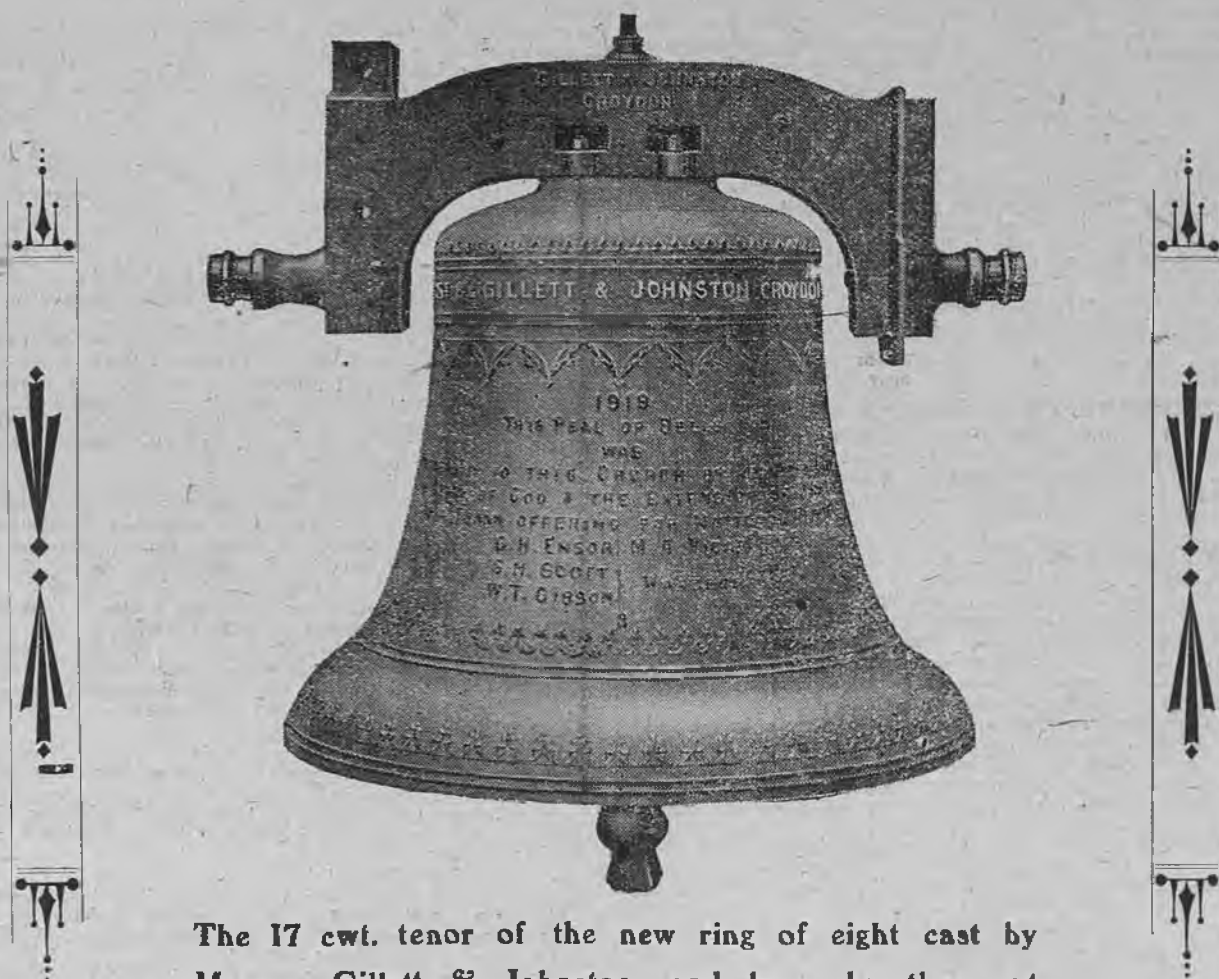
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You asked the question a few weeks ago who held the record for having rung in the greatest number of towers in one county. I think I can claim the honour for Northamptonshire. As far as I can find out there are 182 towers with peals of five and upwards in the county, viz., one peal of ten, 19 peals of eight, 57 peals of six, and 105 peals of five. I have rung on the peal of ten, all the peals of eight—47 peals of six—and 73 peals of five; total 140. The length of Northants, from south-west to north-east, is about 70 miles.—Yours faithfully,

Northampton.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Michaelmas meeting of the S. and W. District of the above Association was held at Staines, on Saturday week, when the peals of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Mary and the new riverside Church of St. Peter were most kindly offered to the members for the afternoon and evening. A number of elderly hands, and some of the district officers were unable to be present owing to the serious strike of railway men all over the country, the trains having ceased to run from the previous midnight. Now we have the 'Labour world' revolutionising the power of steam, just at a time when England proposes to honour the inventor of the steam engine, James Watt, which in its day revolutionised the industrial world, by celebrating the centenary of his death in 1819.

Thanks to the ever-ready 'push cycle' and one of those golden days of autumn which cheer one up in this time of anxiety, 28 members representing 12 towers, and friends attended, and the standard plain methods, with Double Norwich thrown in, were rung to various touches at both towers. Proceedings began at St. Mary's at three o'clock and ended with a 'fall in peal' at 5.

Tea was bountifully provided at St. Peter's Hall, Mr. Churchwarden Sparks and Miss Sparks having generously 'put it on,' in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, at very short notice, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths (caretakers), who had arranged the tables, and a happy gathering made a long evening over the teacups till nearly seven p.m.

For a Middlesex gathering it was rather strange not to see several well-known faces round the tables, the Master Mr. T. Beadle; the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Oram, and Messrs. W. Lawrence, J. J. Pratt, C. Edwards, and others, but no doubt these gentlemen will make up for their unwilling omission at the next merry meeting. However, those present carried on manfully with the aid of mere woman in the unavoidable absence of clergy and officials, and tea and touches went smoothly along, like the proverbial Flying Dutchman. Mr. W. H. Fussell was invited to accept the temporary office of chairman, Master, and secretary, and a resume of the business that followed tea and the cigarettes shows that he was kept fairly busy. The minute book not being available, members were asked to raise objections to those minutes entered at the Association's last meeting, held at Twickenham in the spring, but golden silence gave consent, and they were accepted as read, and approved.

The place of the next meeting was proposed to be held at Harlington, Sunbury or Hillingdon, in the order named for preference, on Saturday, October 25th, subject, of course, to local circumstances, and this was carried by 19 votes to six.

'Any other business' brought out Mr. H. R. Stevens, of Chertsey, and his bonnie daughters, Nellie and Lilly, who were enrolled members, with acclamation. Also Messrs. A. J. Hiscox, C. F. Pannell, J. Rowe, E. V. Harrison and W. E. Butler, all of St. Peter's tower, were elected, the latter an 'old hand,' who had been allowed somehow to leave the 'fold' for a few years.

A vote of thanks to the respective clergy and their tower keepers, to Mr. Sparks and his daughters, was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by Miss Nora Williams, on behalf of the ladies, and endorsed by all present, who also made a suitable little present to the hall keeper for his willing assistance.

St. Peter's belfry was then visited, and method, as well as non-method, ringing indulged in till 9 o'clock. To repeat a remark of the chairman's, the ringers were visiting Staines for the special purpose of 'striking' their bells in spite of the railway strike.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**MEETING AT BRISTOL.**

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday week. Members were present from the following towers in the district: St. Matthew's, St. Michael's and St. Philip's, Bristol; Clapton-in-Gordano, Paulton, Portishead, and Tickenham, and also a lady visitor from Smethwick. Ringing on the ten bells commenced at 3 o'clock, and a short service, conducted by the Vicar, was held in the church at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Cadena Cafe, after which the ladies conducted a business meeting in the belfry.

The resignation of Miss Gillingham as secretary of the Western District was received with much regret, and Miss Smith was appointed to take her place. The following ladies were appointed as members of the 'committee of four': Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol; Mrs. Knight, Clapton; Miss Melhuish, Paulton; and Miss Gillingham, Portishead. Miss Smith and Mrs. Staley were also chosen to represent the district on the General Committee of the Guild.

It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting should take place on the first Saturday in December, the place to be announced later. The meeting closed after expressing thanks to the Vicar and steeple-keeper and ringers of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells. Ringing was then again enjoyed for a short time.

NOTICES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crowle to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea at 5, business meeting following.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 3; tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington); ringing after tea from 6.30 till 8.30.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Owing to present conditions it has been found necessary to cancel the meeting at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11, announced in a previous issue.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elstead Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bells available 4 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,'—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short Service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Divine Service at 6 o'clock.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.) and 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 o'clock. We hope for a better meeting than the last or the Guild might as well 'strike.'—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea (1/- per head) and meeting 5.30. Please notify me by Oct. 15th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3.30: tea at 'The Nag's Head' at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Oct. 15th? After the meeting both St. Mary's and St. Saviour's bells will be available until 9 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; committee meeting 4.15; Service at 5. Tea can be arranged at a reasonable charge only for those who notify me not later than Oct. 14th. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar; will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than October 14th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting at Liverpool will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. Peter's Church 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m., anyone requiring tea kindly write Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place,

Garston, Liverpool, by Oct. 15th. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helmshore Road, Helmshore, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Tower open at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

SET OF 24 HANDBELLS for sale, good condition; largest 8 ins. diameter, smallest 3 ins. What offers?—Strutt, 25, Durlston Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

WEDDING BELLS.

The peal at Deptford, on Sept. 18th, was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice Maud Jeffries, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jeffries, of Lee, Kent, to Sergeant John Higginson, of Knightley, Staffordshire. At the outbreak of the war the bridegroom was in the Royal Horse Artillery, and was very severely wounded at the retreat from Mons.

This peal was specially arranged, as the bride's father is the respected tower keeper of St. John's, Deptford, which position he has held for many years. His old friends, Messrs. Jos. Law and Jhos. G. Deal, whose ages are 77 and 71 years respectively, were specially invited to stand in the peal, and despite their advancing years rang well.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 8th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Cooke 1, A. Laurence 2, H. Good 3, G. H. Stonestreet 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, H. Harrington 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, G. Edwards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Baskerville, wife of Canon Baskerville, who was for nearly 20 years Vicar of the parish.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Flabell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, F. B. Stedman 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Farey, sevr., 8. Arranged for Mr. F. B. Stedman, who comes from Swansea, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Flavell.

FEN DITTON.—St. Mary's Society, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, rang on handbells 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first in the method by all except the conductor: E. Cracknell 1, T. Ward 2, H. Wishbeach 3, A. Palmer 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, H. Newman 6.

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