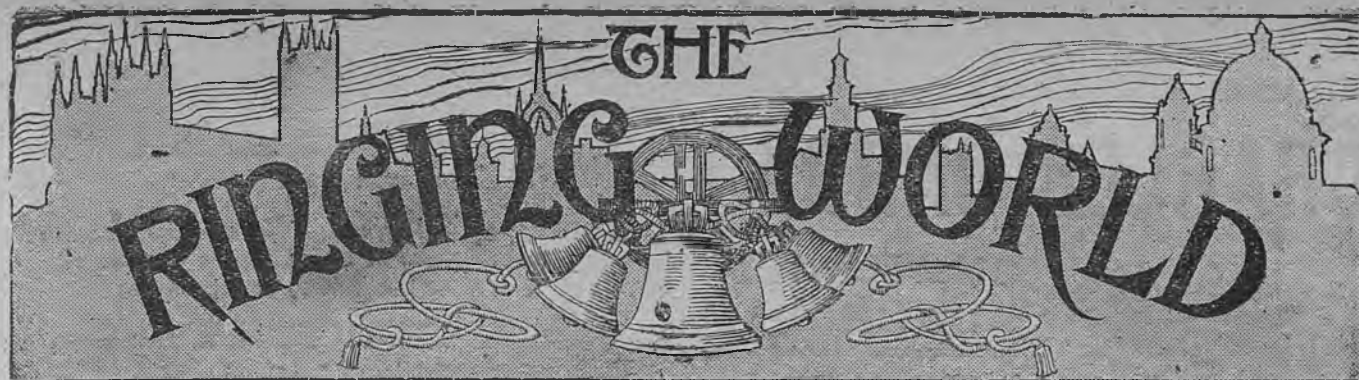




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MODERN WORK.

HULL'S PROPOSED ASSOCIATION.

The spirit of unity which is to be found in every department of life in these days has been one of the most remarkable features of this period of stress and trial, and among ringers it has been exhibited as much as in any other branch of human affairs. There has not only been a steady desire to touch the right note in regard to the occasions upon which ringing should be done, but in the ranks of ringers themselves there has been a great deal more effort put forth to bring about united work among groups of individuals and of towers. There have been some notable results in various parts of the country where the members of different belfries have joined hands and sought to advance the interests of ringing, and anything which will do this deserves commendation.

Such a step has recently been taken at Hull, where it is proposed to establish a Hull and District Association, on similar lines, we presume, to those which exist in the same county with centres at Leeds, Halifax, Sheffield, and Barnsley. These societies, whose boundaries come for the most part in the area of the Yorkshire Association, are strong, healthy organisations, which have done a great deal to encourage change ringing and the efforts of which have proved very valuable in the promotion of the art. Their activities, we believe, have helped rather than hindered the progress of the Yorkshire Association by kindling among ringers, in the districts which they serve, an enthusiasm which has led men to take a more than local interest in matters campanological, and directed their activities to the wider sphere of the county organisation. We know at any rate that many of the officials of the smaller societies are among the most enthusiastic workers in the county association, and it is safe to say that, if the proposal for the Hull and District Association matures, it will by no means weaken the affection which ringers in that part of Yorkshire hold the county association.

There is, in the fact that Mr. A. E. West, the Vice-president of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, was the instigator of the project, and that it was backed by one of the oldest and most respected of Yorkshire Association ringers, Mr. Charles Jackson, sufficient guarantee that the new society will be established on the most intimate basis with the parent county organisation, with which it will doubtless work side by side in the greatest harmony, as do the other societies which are mentioned above. The feeling which has prompted the proposal is that which is animating people in every sphere, a closer unity in the pursuit of common interests, and continued in that spirit there is no doubt the suggested Hull and District Society will, if it materialises, do good work.

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Seven different 720s.

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1—2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3—4

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was arranged for Mr. Claydon, of Earl's Colne, and was his first peal on handbells. Mr. A. Scott, who is sexton and a ringer at the above church, and kindly lent the bells, heard all the peal, and when the ringers came down from the tower they were congratulated on their excellent striking. This is supposed to be the first peal rung on handbells in Sudbury.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 20, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1—2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5—6

MISS EDITH K. PARKER... 3—4 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... 7—8

JAMES HEMMING ... 9—10

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: GEOFFREY HEMMING.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 1—2 | FRANK SMITH ... 5—6

JOHN D. MATTHEWS... 3—4 | JAMES HUNT ... 7—8

Conducted by J. HUNT.

RINGERS MEET IN FRANCE.

HOW THE CENSOR UNEARTHED A KINDRED SPIRIT.

In an interesting letter Pte H. Harrington, who learned his ringing at Hever, in Kent, and who is now with No. 358 Co. A.S.C., Motor Repair Unit, B.E.F., writes to us of his experiences since joining the army at the beginning of September, 1914. He enlisted in the Rifle Brigade, and when he went across the channel on being transferred to the 1st Battalion, he found the regiment in the firing line, and was just in time to take part in the second battle of —. They had a truly awful time, being under bombardment for ten days. He, however, survived, although the battalion lost heavily, and his brother, who was with him, was wounded. After four months in that district they went further south at the time the British took over part of the French trenches, and there they had a comparatively quiet time. After three months, Pte Harrington, who was formerly in the motor trade, had the opportunity of transferring to the motor transport, and was eventually drafted to the 3rd A.S.C. Repair Shop.

"It was here," he continues, "that I met the first ringer since leaving England, namely, that very well-known ringer, Captain J. H. B. Hesse, who is in the A.S.C. By rather a curious coincidence I wrote to one of my brothers, and mentioned something about ringing, and Capt. Hesse happened to censor it, and, of course, he noticed it. He sent to inquire who I was, and I began to wonder if I had said something I had no business to, but in a few minutes my mind was put at rest on that point, as Capt. Hesse came up to where I was working, and told me who he was. I recognised the name then, and he stayed and had quite a long talk about bells and ringers, and you may be sure I was very pleased to meet him, not having met a ringer before, since I arrived in France."

Pte Harrington concludes: "No doubt you know, as well as I do, that the bells in France are not hung for ringing. More is the pity. I wish they were, as it might be possible to get a band together, which would help to pass a few hours away in one of the best forms of recreation that there is."

RINGERS' HYMN.

Copies of the new hymn, specially written for ringers by the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) can now be obtained from "The Ringing World" Office, price 2s. 6d. per 100.

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TEWKESBURY ABBEY RECORDS. PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday week, when two tablets recording the ringing of peals of Grandsire Caters were unveiled by Miss Smith, sister of the Vicar, in the belfry which had been prettily decorated for the occasion by Mrs. F. S. Wilson, and Mrs. E. J. Wilson. There were present the Vicar, the churchwardens (Messrs. T. W. Moore and A. Baker), Miss Smith, Mrs. F. S. Wilson, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, of Portishead; Miss E. Johnson, of Hinton; and ringers from Gloucester, Sandhurst, Newent, Lydney and Leigh.

The Rev. E. F. Smith (Vicar) presided, and prayers having been offered, he said they had few things in connection with the Abbey Church that they had more reason to be proud of than the tower, and they were gathered together that afternoon for the unveiling of two tablets recording the first two complete and successful peals rung of the ten bells. For many centuries they had a fine peal of bells, but in the last few years it had been enriched by two new bells, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Wardell Yerburch and Mrs. F. W. Godfrey. While the ten bells had been rung frequently, no complete peal had been rung until January 8th, when members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers rang the first complete peal, which was half muffled in honour of those who had fallen in the war. In the month of July some of the same gentlemen who had rung then also rang a complete and successful peal, and the Vicar and churchwardens had given a tablet to record the ringing of that peal. They felt those peals were worthy of recording, for not only were they the first peals rung on the ten bells, but were the first complete peals rung in the church for the past six years, whilst no complete peal had been rung by Tewkesbury men for 26 years. Both the peals they now recorded were conducted by the same gentleman, Mr. John Austin, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Bell Ringers' Association, a position he would fill with great honour. Mr. John Austin was greatly appreciated throughout the county. He had a record of 500 completed peals, which was a great record, for as they knew there were a great many peals begun and not completed. In conclusion, the speaker bore testimony to the excellent work Mr. F. S. Wilson had done in that belfry, and he was in no small degree responsible for the two extra bells. He warmly appreciated his work, for he had done much to make the ringers realise that they were church officers of a very important kind.

Miss Smith then graciously unveiled the two tablets, the second of which is in marble, and reads as follows:—

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Tewkesbury. On Saturday, July 29th, 1916, in 3 hours and 17 minutes, at the Abbey Church, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5021 changes), tenor 22 cwt. in E: Jesse Gillet treble, Joseph D. Johnson 2, Francis S. Wilson 3, John Austin 4, Thomas Baldwin 5, Charles W. Dyson 6, Thomas Newman 7, Ex-Sergt. J. Williams 8, George Condict 9, John W. Davis tenor. Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and conducted by John Austin. T. W. Moore, A. Baker, churchwardens. Revd. E. F. Smith, M.A., Vicar."

A short touch having been rung, Mr. John Austin, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their gift, said it was quite a pleasure to come over to Tewkesbury Abbey to ring. Since he had first come there years ago there had been many great improvements in the tower.—Ex-Sergt. Williams, of Newent, seconded.

Mr. F. S. Wilson said he had been asked by the ringers to thank Miss Smith for gracing the belfry with her presence that day, and for so kindly unveiling the records of peals, which would stand out in the history of the Abbey. He had been requested by the ringers to ask Miss Smith to accept, as a small remembrance of the event, a framed photo of the marble tablet. This was handed to Miss Smith by Mr. John Austin, and suitably acknowledged.

Messrs. T. W. Moore and A. Baker (churchwardens) having spoken, the proceedings terminated, and a short touch was rung, in which Mrs. E. J. Wilson, one of the lady ringers of Portishead Church, Bristol, took part, this being her first ring upon ten bells.

Previous to the ceremony the bell ringers and friends were entertained to tea in the Vicarage Grounds, and selections on the handbells were given.

'CLIPPING' SUNDAY AT PAINSWICK.

The quaint custom of celebrating "Clipping" Sunday at Painswick was observed last Sunday. In addition to the time-honoured ceremony in which the Sunday scholars join hands in "clipping" the Church, the occasion is always regarded as a ringing festival. This year, on account of so many ringers being in H.M. Forces, the attendance was not so large as usual, but about 30 Painswick Youths and visitors from Bristol, Gloucester, Dursley, Newent, Minchinhampton, etc., kept the bells merrily going. An excellent 500 of Grandsire Caters was rung for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Cinques for the "clipping" service at 3 p.m., and before the evening service touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Royal. An excellent touch of Grandsire Cinques, and the twelve bells lowered splendidly in peal brought a most pleasant gathering to a close. All the ringers much admired the excellent "go" and tone of the bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District, held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday last, was well attended, ringers and friends being present from Gainsborough, Scotter, Brigg, Bigby and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The bells, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in the standard methods. Tea was provided at the Vicarage long room, to which 27 sat down, including the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey), and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Vicar of Bigby). To the regret of those present the latter gentleman had to leave immediately afterwards.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Tinker.—Three new members, Messrs. Anthony Davis, Arthur Clark and Seth Garbutt, all of Kirton Lindsey, were duly elected.

The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild, and stated he was proud to be with such a set of men. He told those present that they could do more in the belfry than the parson in the pulpit, by proving themselves loyal to their Church, and by being God-fearing men.

Mr. T. H. Parkin, of Scunthorpe, strongly recommended the use of rope guides in the tower, and Mr. Luard, of Blyborough Hall, who happened to call upon the Vicar at the close of the meeting, had the matter explained to him, and kindly gave a donation towards the fund for putting these guides in.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, after which the tower was again visited, and further ringing was indulged in until about 7.45, when a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT AT LOUTH.

The Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild held a meeting at Louth on Saturday week, when members were present from Grimsby, Gainsborough, Scunthorpe, Bigby and Waltham, in addition to the home contingent. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major and Minor were rung on St. James' Church bells during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea was partaken of by 30 members, after which the Rev. H. T. Parry, of Bigby, presided over the business proceedings.—Upon the motion of Mr. J. W. Seamer, seconded by Mr. T. H. Parkin, it was decided to discontinue the meetings until the early part of 1917.

The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Lenton) was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. T. Robinson, the home band's correspondent, for the excellent arrangements made, upon the proposition of Mr. Heyhoe, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.—Mr. T. Robinson made an appropriate reply.—The reverend chairman was heartily thanked for presiding over one of the most successful meetings ever held at Louth.

"LUCKY JIM."

ENGLISH RINGER'S WEDDING IN AMERICA.

"At the Church of the Advent, 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27th, 1916, James Fitzroy Laker, 292, Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Mass., to Edith M. Smith, late of Wickhambreaux, Kent, were united in Holy Wedlock by the Rev. George Nattress."

So the records of the church read. This event is an interesting episode in the life of a bellringer, same as any other mortal, more especially when it happens in a foreign country—and to a lady of his own nationality. It enables him and his wife to live amid strange surroundings outside and home comforts inside their home. So you see where Jim is lucky. Jim himself hails from Wickhambreaux, and, after three and a half years, the young lady finally decided to venture through mines, submarines, etc., to a strange country for the wedding. So it's lucky Jim, and Plucky Lou. They have the best wishes of the writer and all ringing friends on both sides of the ocean.

To mark "the day" a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in the morning at the tower attached to the Perkins' Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass. U.S.A., in 26 minutes by the following: Alex. Matthews 1, P. J. Alfrey 2, E. D. Randall 3, Rd. Newton 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, J. F. Laker 6, covered by J. J. Goodhead 8. In the afternoon, before the wedding, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung, and, after, a few rounds and "fring," and 360 Bob Minor was rung by above ringers, except, of course, the bridegroom (it was too hot to ring any more). The happy pair went by boat to Portland, Maine, to spend their honeymoon, and on a subsequent day the members of the Boston Guild of Change Ringers made a wedding present to Mr. and Mrs. Laker, at their residence, 292, Chestnut Street, Chelsea, of a very pretty clock which strikes hours and half-hours. In making the presentation Mr. R. Newton spoke in high terms of the bridegroom, and remarked what a pretty bride Mrs. Laker made. He hoped that their future life would be just as pretty.

After a pleasant evening, passed with songs and handbell ringing, and a few words well put by the chairman (Mr. R. Newton) about their brothers across the Atlantic behind the guns, and their sisters in the factories, etc., and a reply by Mr. and Mrs. Laker, the happy proceedings concluded with the singing of "God save the King."

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Tulett 1, J. Paice 2, W. Hillman 3, G. Norris 4, E. Lindup 5, A. W. Groves (conductor) 6.

JOHN GARTHON.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II.

The peal rung at Norwich in 1715 is named on the board as Grandsire Bob Triples, and the name tells us not only what method was rung, but also what manner of composition it was, and enables us to judge pretty nearly whether it was true or not. It is usually assumed that the title, Grandsire Bob, was used by the ancients to mean exactly what we mean now by Plain Bob. Snowden says* "What we now call Plain Bob on six bells and upwards was then known as Grandsire Bob. The word Bob was, therefore, a special title to distinguish the Plain Bob method from that of Grandsire," and further, "Grandsire Bob on six bells . . . proves to be merely Bob Minor." Shipway, too, refers to the Norwich peal as "Bob Triples," and incidentally throws doubt on the truth of its composition.** But Grandsire Bob did not mean quite what we now call Plain Bob. It meant one particular way of calling Plain Bob. On this point there is no doubt. We have a most clear and complete description by Fabian Stedman, and when we have studied that we shall be able to decide fairly easily what style of peal was rung at Norwich, and whether it was true or not, especially as we have evidence that 11 Norwich men knew Stedman's book.†

Generally speaking, there are two ways of composing peals which consist of extents. The two ways are quite distinct, though they are often used together in the same composition. I will call them, for convenience sake, the ancient and the modern ways, though the terms are not good ones, and might, if they are used as anything more than terms, be misleading. The modern way is as follows: You have a given method on a given number of bells, and you want to get a composition that shall contain the full extent of the rows; whether it be the full extent with the tenors together, or with certain bells fixed, or the total possible number. The first thing you do is to set down the rows you want in a certain number of separate independent courses.

Suppose, for instance, you want a peal of Bob Triples. You have 5040 rows, and these 5040 rows will go into sixty separate courses, each of which is a complete round block. For convenience sake you call each of these courses by the course-end—the lead end when the seventh is at Home. Thus, the 84 rows of the plain course we call 23456. The 84 rows of the course that contains the row 2516347 we call 52634; and so on.

We set down sixty of these course-ends, each course-end stands for 84 rows, and we know at the start that the whole 5040 rows are contained in these sixty courses, and not one twice. But they are all separate and independent Round Blocks. Our task is so to call bobs and singles that these sixty are all gathered up into one Round Block.

Different men work in different ways, but they all come pretty much to the same thing as the following: Start with any one of the sixty courses—the Plain Course if you like, but any other will do. Let it be the Plain Course, and in it there are six places where you can call bobs. Select one of them—say, the second lead end. You produce the row 357624, and that belongs to the course we have called 64523. If this is not one of the sixty courses we want, then we may not call a bob there. If it is, complete the "Q set"†* by calling two more bobs, the first, six leads from the one we have already called, the second six leads further still. The actual rows produced will be—

— 357624
— 735624
— 573624

The last bob brings us back into the Plain Course, and what we have done is to take three separate courses, viz., 23456, 64523, 42653; and, by three bobs, weld them into one Round Block. Next in any place in these three courses, call a fresh bob, say, at the first row of the second course, and again complete the "Q set." We add by this means two more courses, and instead of five separate Round Blocks we have now one Round Block—

23456	M	4th In. Out.
64523	—	—
26543	—	—
42563	—	—
42653	—	—
23456	—	—

So we go on, adding courses two at a time till we have included all the courses we want and no more.† Then our peal will contain the 5040 rows we want.

This roughly is the style that most competent modern composers work in. Of course, there are many things in many methods that complicate matters, such things, for instance, as internal falseness. If you could set down 5040 rows of Stedman Triples in 60 separate and independent courses, as you can the 5040 rows of Bob Triples it would be the easiest thing possible to compose peals of it. But you cannot set down more than 40. And, therefore, to get your peal you must use composite courses made up of bits of courses. Neither can you in Cambridge Major set down enough true courses with 7—8 together to make up a 5000. Again you have to use bits of courses. These are the cases which do show the composer's ingenuity and ability.

When we consider that the whole duty of a composer is to join courses together, and that the method itself decides how rows and leads are joined together, it would seem that the foregoing is not only

the best, but practically the only way of composing peals. But it was not the way of the ancients. They had other ideas, and to appreciate what they were we must go back to the birth of change ringing and study the way it developed from round ringing and crude changes on three and four bells to the highly complex thing it undoubtedly is now. And first of all we must notice that change ringing was not the invention of one man or one band, or of several men or several bands. It was a natural growth; and it has, and does, develop by reason of its own inherent qualities. As I have said elsewhere, a very close and prolonged investigation has led me to the conclusion that ringing developed as it did because it could not have developed in any other way, and that individual men, eminent or otherwise, had little to do with the matter. The Exercise does not ring Plain Bob and Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative, and the others, because it prefers these methods, and has deliberately selected them from the thousands possible. It rings them because they are the methods in the proper succession of the development of the science. Individual men and individual bands have no doubt considerable latitude, but the Exercise as a whole has none.

And what is true of the methods we ring is true also to a very large extent of the compositions we ring; is true, absolutely, of the earliest compositions. Garthon's Grandsire Triples, Vicars', Taylor's and Holt's peals. Annable's Bob Major and many more are not just individual efforts of clever and outstanding men. They are steps in the natural development of ringing—inevitable steps that must have been taken if the art was to go on growing. If one man had not found them out, another would. If Annable had not discovered his Three-Part, or Holt his Ten-Part, those peals would not have been lost to us. Someone else would have composed them in due course. This does not in the least detract from the credit of those eminent men. But it does help us the better to understand what the true function of a composer is.

In this regular development of method and peal Garthon's Grandsire Bob Triples had its proper place, and we must next see what that place was.

* Snowden's "Grandsire" 1st Edition, pp. 116-117.

** Shipway's "Campanalogia" Reprint, Vol. III., p. 71.

† See letter by Edward Crane in "Norwich Gazette," 1913.

†* I presume everybody knows now roughly what a Q set is. See Glossary, page 32.

‡ It is, of course, obvious that if you start with one course and keep adding two you will always have an odd number in your Round Block, and, as every extent consists of an even number of courses, the plan of composition given above by itself will not produce the full extent. But that is another story, apart from my present subject.

RINGERS' OUTING.

AMONG NORTHANTS TOWERS.

The annual outing of the St. Edmund's Society, Northampton, took place on Saturday week, when a visit to various churches in the Thrapston district was made. The members were fortunate in having their full complement, as one of their number, who is now in the army, was home on his final leave before proceeding to the front, and another who was engaged on munitions at Peterborough, also made the journey, and brought with him a few fellow enthusiasts from that city. Making Thrapston the base, the party left that town by brake on a glorious day for Woodford. Here they were met by Mr. F. Wilford, the secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, who had motor-cycled over from Northampton. The ringers soon had the bells in motion, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob being rung. There also a few of the party had a pleasant surprise, for while their fellow members were ringing, a member of the Woodford ringers (Mr. T. Wilson) invited them into his orchard, and asked them to sample some of his fruit, whilst a basket of choice plums was thoughtfully sent for the remainder of the party. The visitors then proceeded to Great Addington, where they were received by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Meggy). Touches of Double Court and Plain Bob Minor were rung at this church. Ringstead was then the destination, and here the excursionists were met by a few of their own members, who had kindly raised the bells for their use. Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung before leaving for Raunds, where on the heavy peal of eight touches of both Stedman and Grandsire Triples were accomplished. The party then returned to Thrapston to partake of dinner, the meal being served at the White Hart Hotel, where a splendid repast was provided. A two miles' walk to Tichmarsh was the next item on the day's programme, and at this village touches of Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round on the splendid peal of bells. Then the party retraced their steps to Thrapston to their headquarters for tea, and afterwards rang touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church, thus completing a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the visitors are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, all of which were found in good condition, and also to their host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Warren) for their excellent catering.

CLOSER UNITY AMONGST RINGERS. PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR HULL AND DISTRICT.

A most interesting and encouraging meeting of ringers took place on Saturday week at Sutton, near Hull, when about 20 ringers from Hull and district were entertained, by Mr. Arthur West, the Vice-President of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association. The ring of six at the Church of St. James' were open for the use of the ringers by the kind permission of the Vicar, and were by no means neglected during the afternoon, being kept going to Kent Treble Bob, (including a 720) Plain Bob and Grandsire until 4.30, when a visit was paid to the Ship Inn for tea, kindly provided by Mr. West, and served with great credit by Host Tindall. After tea further ringing took place in the tower, and subsequently a visit to Holly Bank, the residence of Mr. West, was thoroughly enjoyed. A walk round his gardens, and handbell ringing on the lawn, were striking features of the occasion.

Mr. Charles Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. West for his kind invitation and generous hospitality, and Mr. West, in replying, stated that, as everybody connected with ringing knew, he had the Yorkshire Association at heart, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see the ringers drawn more closely together with good fellowship, etc. He would also welcome a closer union of Hull and district ringers, by the formation of a society which would, without a doubt, improve the ringing and give practice to those members who in these times are unable to obtain the necessary assistance, owing to their bands being disorganised by the call of their country. Mr. West stated he was very pleased to welcome the old members, including Mr. Hy. Jenkins—who is the oldest ringer in Hull—and hoped the time was not far distant when he would have the pleasure of not only entertaining the Hull and district, but the whole Yorkshire Association, with the Eastern district and the Hull and district combined.

Further handbell ringing brought a very enjoyable and successful meeting, which gave satisfaction and gratification to everybody concerned, to a close.

We are asked to state that names of towers in Hull and neighbourhood, willing to join the Hull and District Society, should be sent as soon as possible, with the number of members, to Mr. E. Cutsforth, 5, Vermont Villas, Vermont Street, Hull.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. EIGHT BELL CONTEST.

The Halifax and District Association held a quarterly meeting and contest on Saturday at St. Wilfrid's Church, Calverley, where there is a peal of eight bells, tenor 10½ cwt., which had been kindly placed at the Associations' disposal by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton). Four companies took part in the contest, each set ringing 704 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, preceded with a plain course for practice. The judges for the day were Messrs. Broadley, of Bradford, and W. Popplewell and J. W. Hudson, of Calverley. The draw for order of ringing took place at 3 p.m., and the bells were kept merrily ringing till 7 p.m.

The general meeting was then held in the school, the President, Mr. J. Cotterell being in the chair, supported by the Vicar, and the society's officers.—Eight new members were elected from Almondbury and Calverley.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, also to the local company for the arrangements they had made for the benefit of the Association, and the motion was unanimously accorded.

The result of the contest was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows: No. 1 company, Earlsheaton, 163 faults; No. 2, Birstall, rang out; No. 3, Halifax, 257 faults; No. 4, Almondbury, 279 faults. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the trophy to the winners, expressed his pleasure in welcoming the ringers to Calverley. He congratulated the Earlsheaton company on their success, and presented the silver cup to Mr. Hardy, remarking that he hoped their own company would be able to win it on some future occasion.—Mr. Hardy suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was carried.

The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On receipt of my "Ringing World" last week, I found a somewhat belated report of the annual general meeting of the Oxford Guild, held at the Chapter House on July 29th. The resolution moved by myself (re serving members' subscriptions) is correct as stated, but, as one who followed the business of the meeting somewhat closely, the amendment is not so. I understood it to read: "That the secretary be instructed to write Branch Secretaries recommending them to do all they could to make up the deficiency caused by members serving with H.M. Forces." No sum was mentioned nor levy suggested. I merely mention this so that the various Branch Secretaries should be in no way misled in their actions, the amendment being simply a suggestion to meet the deficiency.—Yours fraternally,

40, Cardiff Road, Reading.

A. D. CULLUM.

WANTED: A LEADER. EXERCISE LACKS ORGANISATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Judging from last week's issue, the Exercise seems to be in a bad way. In one week we have discussed "Bells as a Public Nuisance," and "Grumblers," and a means of keeping ringing going at all. I am afraid it is not all a case of seeming. That there should be any need for such articles is a scabbing indictment of the organisation of the Exercise. We are, apparently, as a ship foundering in a storm, rudderless and pilotless, drifting whither we know not. We lack everything that even remotely approaches centralisation. The public protests that have appeared in the papers seek to undermine our very foundations, and, therefore, concern every Association, every company, every individual ringer, but where is our official reply to our accusers? If outsiders find indisputable faults in us, then for Heaven's sake let us acknowledge them, unless we do wish to be stopped altogether; but when we are accused wrongly, let us, as any other corporation would, define our position firmly and in a common-sense way, and not be content to labour under the stigma that we selfishly ring on, in season and out of season, with no care for the suffering and inconvenience we may be causing others. Surely we ought to stand up for ourselves at least to that extent. The difficulty is, that nobody wants to take the lead in writing that letter. To my mind there is no doubt whatever whose duty it is. I think nobody would dispute that the gentleman who will take the chair at the opening of the next meeting of the Central Council is at present the acknowledged head of the Exercise, and, therefore, it is to him, as the only man whose signature can represent us all, that we look for the official reply to public criticisms. (I do not know at present who this gentleman is.) It is the fault of the Exercise itself that there is any hesitation in such a reply. We create an officer to whom it is obvious that we ought to look as our chief, but we invest him with no formal power. We prefer to exist in a state of campanological anarchy, every man for himself and the Exercise benefiting not at all. But now, in the face of this common danger, we must all pull together if we would survive, and the only way we can do that is by placing our trust in the President and taking our lead from him. A state without a ruler soon goes under, and the same thing is bound to happen to a Guild without a Master, for the Exercise is, or should be, in fact if not in theory, very similar in organisation to one of the famous craft guilds of the Middle Ages.

Then we have, too, the suggestion that youths under military age should be taught the art in order that the practice of it may be continued after the war. No one, I suppose, will have any adverse criticism of the suggestion. Teach the boys, and teach the ladies, too, where you can get them. I know of towers where both have been done. But why, one cannot but ask, should it be left to a few isolated companies to take the initiative, and the rest to follow if they cared, in a step that should be made in every short-handed tower throughout the kingdom? Surely in a vital matter like this the initiative should come from headquarters, and be transmitted through the Association secretaries to the local companies, it being made almost a condition of continued membership that some action was taken along the suggested lines.

Finally there is the letter on the "Grumblers." The writer speaks of a tower where business is all at sixes and sevens. It is, unfortunately, the usual condition when enthusiasm wanes, but the real trouble is that there is no such thing as loyalty to a common cause to supplement, sustain, or replace enthusiasm. Once a company gets a little weary in well-doing, the bottom is gone out of the ringing, and nothing that anyone can do will keep it together, because the answer he invariably receives is: "Well, I only ring because I want to; and if I no longer want, there's an end of it." This answer should never be made. There should be more esprit de corps, more feeling that, having once laid a hand to the plough, it is traitorous to look back. And this spirit can only grow with the idea of centralisation.

There are dark and difficult days ahead for ringing; and we shall only win through by striving altogether for the common good. But we must have a leader. Let our chief take up the reins: I think very few would resent it even now; and all would have great cause to be thankful later on.—Yours truly,

H. W. F.

[We would point out to our correspondent that the Central Council is at present without a President, no meeting having been held since Sir Arthur Heywood's death.—Ed. "R.W."]

ANOTHER MILITARY CROSS.

Distinction on the field of battle has been gained by yet another ringer—Lance-Corpl. A. A. Anderson, of the 7th Buffs, of Canterbury, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the fighting on July 1st in the big push. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Havelock Street, Canterbury, and joined up at the commencement of the war. His home is at St. Stephen's, and he is well known and highly respected by all who knew him. His work was that of gardener in the employ of the Rev. P. P. Somerville. He has since been promoted to the rank of corporal.

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THE WARGRAVE PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a “neighbouring ringer,” and well within the sound of the beautiful peal (a lasting tribute to the memory of their founder) I cannot refrain from upholding your leading article of July 14th. Surely the apology should come from the Rev. S. Winter. There is little doubt all arrangements were made by him. Does he expect the ringing fraternity to visit Wargrave to see his “Magazine”? No! Then why on earth did he not send to “The Ringing World” an explanation with reference to the opening of his bells. Mr. Winter is an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and surely he must have expected the ringers of the Diocese to pay him the courtesy they generally do on all occasions like this. It is a matter of great regret that the Vicar of Wargrave did not take more tactful action, and that his ringers (good fellows, and several I have known from my childhood) did not see that a proper explanation appeared in “The Ringing World” during the early days of July.—Faithfully yours,
Shiplake. OWEN W. PORTER.

THE VEIL LIFTED.

Dear Sir,—Your issue of the 15th inst. has raised the veil of mystery that overhung the opening of Wargrave bells. We ringers of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild now know that the order “No outsiders wanted,” did not only come from the parson and churchwardens, who might be excused, because they do not always know the ways of ringers, but also from the ringers themselves who surely ought to know better. I wonder who were the neighbouring ringers whose advice they asked? I have not heard of any inquiries sent to this part of the branch. I can scarcely believe that any ringers could wish to keep their bells to themselves on such an occasion, but, as the ringers of Wargrave, or at any rate a majority of them clearly show they did, I, for one, shall be a long time before I ever go there to ring.—Yours, etc.,

A SONNING DEANERYITE.

[The above letters reached us last week too late for insertion.—Ed. “R.W.”]

SOME QUESTIONS RAISED.

Dear Sir,—Although the Vicar's letter and your leading article of Sept. 15th shed some welcome light on the exclusion of outsiders from participation in the opening of Wargrave bells, there are still some points which it would be interesting to have cleared up. For instance, who were the neighbouring ringers who so cordially welcomed the arrangement shutting them out of the tower, and who were the special representatives of the Diocesan Guild who were present by invitation? It is not for me to quibble with the Vicar as to who he should invite and what arrangements he should make for the ringing, but it was surely a slight to have representatives of the Diocesan Guild present by invitation, and not allow them to ring. And then, what about the protest passed at the full meeting of the belfry? If rumour is true the foreman who proposed the resolution of protest is not the foreman that we have known at Wargrave for twenty years or so, and if this is the fact would it not have been better for the Vicar to have said so, because from what I have heard, I imagine every ringer who knows Wargrave has undoubtedly associated the moving of the resolution with the wrong man. There are other questions which I might well have raised, but I have already trespassed sufficiently on your valuable space. Enlightenment on these matters, however, would be interesting. Yours faithfully,
O. D. G. RINGER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Haresfield on Saturday week, and, although owing to very obvious reasons, the attendance was not up to the usual standard, yet 17 members attended from Stroud, Stonehouse, Haresfield, Minchinhampton, Dursley, Frocester, Avening and Painswick. The beautiful peal of bells were rung during the afternoon to various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor till 5 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. F. A. Lefroy) gave a most interesting address. Kind friends had tea laid on tables on the Vicarage lawn, to which the visitors all sat down and a most pleasant time was spent.

A business meeting followed, and one new member was elected, and Painswick selected for the annual and Woodchester and Chalford for the monthly meetings.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to Mrs. Lefroy.

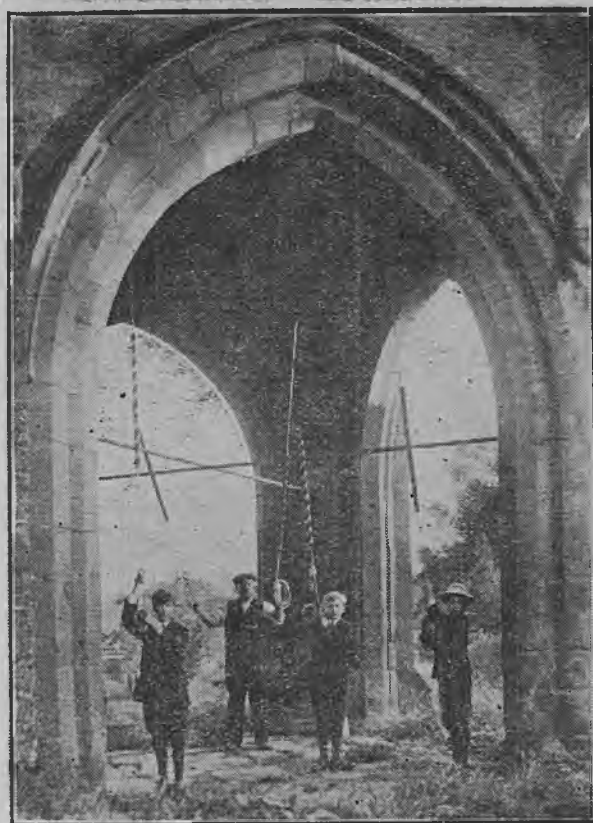
The bells were kept merrily ringing during the evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Stratford 1, R. Hall 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8.

A UNIQUE RINGING CHAMBER.

Our illustration shows the very remarkable ringing "chamber" at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, at Newnham, near Daventry. It is open on three sides to the winds of heaven, for the lower portion of the tower to which the ropes are brought down forms a porch to the church entrance. The floor of this unique ringing chamber is laid with rough slabs of stone, overgrown with weeds. There are in the tower six bells, the dates of which vary from 1632 to 1660. The tenor is about 17 cwt., and, considering the condition of the frame, the bells go fairly well.

Needless to say, not much ringing can be done at this curious belfry, except under very favourable weather conditions. The height of the arches is 15ft., and the least puff of wind has the disconcerting effect for ringers of blowing the ropes over the iron cross bars, which can be seen in the picture, and which help to strengthen the tower. The ringing "circle" is also very queer. The treble is in the middle of the belfry with 2, 3, 4, along one side, the tenor in the corner diagonally from the 2nd, and the 5th in a like position relatively to the



NEWNHAM BELFRY, NEAR DAVENTRY.

4th. Thus the treble man's position must put at least one bell behind him, so that he needs eyes in the back of his head to see it. The local band, unfortunately not a change ringing one, do most of their ringing in a small chamber under the bells, using the bare ropes, but in this apartment the tenor man is completely hidden in one corner by the clock case.

A little while ago a band of Central Northants ringers visited the tower and scored a 720 of Bob Minor: T. Law, W. J. Allen, W. R. Parker, A. J. Mawby, and F. Hopper (conductor), all of Northampton, and A. Andrews (Daventry).

The visitors found the local men very ready to welcome them. Mr. Abel, one of their number, quickly made arrangements for the ringing, and Mr. Capel, the steeple-keeper, who is seen in the picture, very kindly let down the ropes from the floor above so that the photograph might be taken by Mr. Andrews, to whom we are indebted for the use of the picture.

PRACTICE AT WORCESTER.

At the ringing practice at All Saints' Church, Worcester, on Saturday, ten members were present, the following towers being represented: The Cathedral (1), All Saints' (4), Suckley (1), Malvern Link (1), Upton (the Western Branch Master) and Madresfield (the Branch Hon. Secretary), together with Mr. J. R. Newman, hon. general secretary of the Worcestershire Association. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung, and two or three learners got a useful practice.

THE SOUND OF BELLS.

PREVENTION OF ANNOYANCE TO THE PUBLIC.

The very important question of doing away as far as possible with annoyance to the public by the sound of bells was raised last week by a correspondent who, quite rightly, is anxious to draw out the best advice from those sources where successful experiments have been made. One very satisfactory method of reducing the noise from the bells in the immediate vicinity of the tower was introduced by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, when placing a ring of eight bells in St. Mary's Church, Oatlands Park, in 1913. At this church the belfry is completely open, and there are no louvres at all. The wealthy residents, whose houses were directly underneath the tower, were very adverse to bells, but they are now quite satisfied as the result of the introduction of armoured glass screens in the belfry windows. These screens are quite simple, but it is important to remember that the glass should be in panes of about 18in. by 18in., so that any of these can be removed at any time, so as to regulate the sound.

A great deal of the trouble regarding bells is entirely due to the fact that certain bells throw into certain windows, and when bells are ringing the particular bell against the window you may happen to stand under will appear to be more prominent than the rest of the peal, with far from pleasing results. By enclosing the sound of the bells within the tower you hear all the bells with equal volume, and the harsh blow of the clapper is eliminated, and the sound is allowed to travel out at the point of least resistance, namely, the glass which is also a good conductor, and has certain musical properties. One cannot say that brick is a good conductor, or is in any way musical!

The effect of armoured glass screens is such that bells when heard at the foot of the tower sound like bells some considerable distance away, but the volume of sound is hardly diminished when heard at a long distance.

These screens also enable the belfry to be light and clean, and ingress of birds is prevented, and the metal fittings and framework, etc., are not affected by the rain which would otherwise drive in; so that as well as being efficient as sound diffusers they are also economical, as the life of the framework, fittings, etc., will be increased by many years, and would not require the application of the paint brush or the services of the bellhanger.

We believe that the idea of these screens first occurred to Mr. Robt. Warner when he was travelling between Montreal and Winnipeg, as all the Canadian trains are fitted with three windows, one behind the other with a narrow space in between, and it was by raising these windows one at a time that he noticed the difference in the sound as they were travelling along, especially in some of the deep cuttings through the rocky gorges. As a matter of fact these windows are designed for the sound and cold.

These armoured glass windows have also particularly shown their worth at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, where many complaints were formerly made with regard to the noise of the bells, but these are now stopped.

If there are no houses in the near proximity of the tower it is even then advisable to have these armoured glass screens fixed up to a certain distance, and to leave the stone tracery of the windows open, so that the sound of the bells is diffused when it passes down the louvres, and has free access through the stone tracery of the windows above the louvres, thus passing in a straight and upward direction.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last the members of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild held a successful meeting at Tarporley, ringers attending from Bunbury, Crewe, Wybunbury and Wistaston, and Nantwich, together with a few friends from the Chester and Northwich Branches. Touches in the four standard methods were rung, and those who were not advanced sufficiently to take part on an inside bell were assisted in the art of "drumming," or hunting the treble.

The business meeting was held in the "Done Room," with the Master (Mr. C. J. B. Cooke) in the chair.—Five ringing members were proposed and accepted, together with three non-resident ringing members.

The Master then referred to the coming departure of the Rev. J. F. Amies, curate at Christ Church, Crewe. He thanked him for the interest he had taken in the branch, and, therefore, the Guild, and hoped he would continue to take an interest in ringing and ringers in his new sphere of labour.

The Rev. J. F. Amies thanked the Master for the kind things he had said, and for the way in which he had been treated during his stay in the district by everyone with whom he had come in contact.

The Rector of Tarporley was then thanked for his kindness in providing tea for all, and for the use of the bells.

'DOING THEIR BIT' IN AMERICA.

English ringers in America have been "doing their bit" on the other side of the Atlantic by helping to raise money for the Prince of Wales' Fund. All the Boston Guild members belong to the Cabot Lodge of the Order of the Sons of St. George, and they organised an Empire Day festival, which was held in Convention Hall, Boston. Mr. Ernest E. Randall was hon. secretary of this, and other ringers took an active part on the committee. A sum of 650 dollars was raised, and the Order of the Sons of St. George had up to August 1st raised in all 14,526 dollars for the fund.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT ERDINGTON.

Erdington is a suburb of Birmingham, and Rose Cottage, the residence of Mr. W. Cheshire, is some six miles from the centre of the city, and takes its name from the three thousand odd rose trees in its gardens. It was amongst these trees that the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques recorded last week was rung, and it is probably the first peal of Cinques to be rung in the open. It is not "everybody's job" to ring a peal under these conditions, and the writer knows some good handbell men who cannot ring if anyone is moving about them. But at Erdington, during the ringing, there were all kinds of distracting noises—tram cars, motor buses passing every few minutes, and a brass band, which nearly eclipsed the sound of the bells, while now and again one could hear voices, and among them was recognised that of Mr. W. Rock Small. Overhead aeroplanes flew, while other winged things settled on the necks and other exposed parts of the anatomy, where the ringers could not get at them. However, despite it all a good peal was rung. It was the composition of Mr. Cornelius Charge (not by the conductor as stated).

In the spacious dining-room of the Rose Cottage afterwards some excellent courses in the "hand and mouth stroke position" were got through, some 40 persons taking part. Afterwards another pleasant hour was spent on the bowling green, and some exciting games were played till dusk drove the party indoors, where some excellent singing was enjoyed, those contributing being the Hostess (Mrs. Cheshire), Madam Anderton, Mrs. A. Walker, and last, by not least, Miss E. K. Parker. Among others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. B. Gough, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. J. E. Groves, and many other ladies and gentlemen. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire for their kind invitation and hospitality.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday last a most successful and pleasant meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. The fine weather brought a large gathering together from the four corners of the branch, including Manchester, Pendleton, Flixton, Prestwick, Oldham, Hyde, Birch, Miles Platting, Didsbury, etc. Several lady ringers from Miles Platting and Reddish, assisted by the local lady ringers, took part in the ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan, M.A.) presided over the business meeting. He gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, wished the Association every success, and hoped the ringers would keep in mind the responsibility of their office in calling people to service. His reminiscences of the Parish Church of Beguilly, Radnorshire, of which his father was Vicar, were listened to with much interest, and it is hoped that ere long the tower will be restored, and room made for a ring of bells.

Birch was chosen for the next meeting, which will be held on Oct. 28th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his presence during the evening, and his homely and timely remarks.

Touches were rung during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

A pleasant surprise during the afternoon was a visit by Cpl. Washbrook, son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Although permanently injured in his right arm, Cpl. Washbrook took part in the ringing. Pte Harry Washbrook, a younger brother, is at present in Cambridge, having been brought back from France suffering from fever effects. The sympathies of all ringers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Washbrook in their very anxious and trying time.

DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Kilpartrick, of Boxley, Kent, which took place on Sept. 9th, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased, who was 56 years of age, had been a ringer for 34 years, and captain of the local company for 30 years. He was also a member of the choir for upwards of 30 years.

The interment took place on September 12th, many relatives and friends attending. Amongst the many wreaths that were sent, was one each from the ringers and choir.

On Sunday, the 10th, and Tuesday, the 12th, muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the Parish Church as a last tribute of respect to the deceased by Lance-Cpl. Clark, R.E. (Hemel Hempstead), Spr. J. W. Shepherd, R.E. (Hemel Hempstead), Spr. A. H. Harber, R.E. (Walsall, Staffs), Spr. W. G. Housley, R.E. (Matlock, Derbyshire), Spr. F. J. Oxenbury, R.E. (Twynford, Hants), Spr. A. E. Moore, R.E. (Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk), Cpl. L. L. Grey, R.E. (Wickham Market, Suffolk), G. Pound, W. Hope and A. Pantony (Boxley). The ringing was conducted by Spr. A. E. Moore.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evensong, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Wibberley 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, S. B. Bailey 3, J. Baddeley 4, J. F. Ryles 5, W. P. Deape 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. C. Harmer 1, H. Lewis 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. J. Finch 8.—On Sunday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Lewis 1, H. C. Bond 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. C. Cuss 8. Rung as a farewell to G. Dore, who left next day to join the 16th Gloucestershire Regt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 2nd, for morning service, 1008 Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, J. M. Rumsey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. Sampson 5, G. Wilson 6, J. M. Button 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 16th, for morning service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, Corporal A. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 22nd, for evening service, 1008 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. Sampson 5, A. Keeble 6, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.—On July 23rd, for morning service, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob: Major J. M. Button 1, A. Keeble 2, J. M. Bailey 3, G. Wilson 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 30th, for morning service, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, E. H. Bailey 2, S. Wolfe 3, G. Wilson 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, July 5th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Bassett 1, T. Miles 2, C. Read 3, A. L. Brown 4, D. Snelling 5, A. H. Winch (conductor) 6, A. Dean 7, W. Cropely 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Newhall 1, J. H. White 2, E. Tarling 3, A. H. Winch 4, E. Dodd 5, H. Boxall 6, A. Dean (conductor) 7, W. Lynch 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On July 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mildred's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, C. W. Player 3, W. H. Lambert 4, W. Savage 5, A. Allen 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Neve 8. P.C. A. E. Edwards resides at Salehurst, Sussex, and, as he was visiting Tenterden, the above was arranged specially for him.—On July 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. J. Mantitelow 2, F. Sharpe 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, G. Neve 6, J. Arthur (conductor) 7, H. Holdstock 8. Arranged for Messrs. Sharp and Arthur, the former being on a holiday in the neighbourhood, and the latter just lately removed to Sutton Vallance from Petersfield, Hants.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Edington 1, F. K. Howell 2, H. Thurston 3, F. Poole 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. Poole 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. Holister 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Monk (conductor) 1, M. Woodcock 2, Sapper C. R. Walker, R.E. (T.) 3, A. Kinchin 4, G. Parrott 5, G. Brooks 6, J. Brooks 7, T. Bull 8. For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: M. Woodcock 1, Sapper C. R. Walker, R.E. (T.) 2, B. Hollis 3, A. Kinchin 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war. The ringers belong to the Bolton (near Bradford) company: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, J. Palfreman 3, A. Gill 4, A. Whallen 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, B. C. Howe 7, S. Palfreman 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal was rung by the Gargrave company: J. Beazley 1, J. Langstroth 2, C. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, G. Wane 6, A. Jones (conductor) 7, J. McKell 8.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. G. Knowles (conductor) 1, E. E. Barber 2, W. Ranford 3, H. Grosvenor 4, F. Stanton 5, G. Popnell 6, E. Gibbs 7, C. Camm 8. For evening service, at Madresfield, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. M. Troughton 1, C. Camm 2, E. E. Barber 3, H. Grosvenor 4, G. Popnell 5, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Howes 1, A. Dean 2, J. N. Frossell 3, T. Beadle 4, A. H. Winch 5, G. Spencer 6, W. J. New (conductor) 7, A. Beckensale 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: J. N. Frossell 1, C. J. Tricker 2, G. Spencer 3, F. G. Goddard 4, E. F. Cole 5, Staff-Sergt. A. T. Verrall 6, J. Howes (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

MANFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—For Matins, on Sunday, August 6th, 720 London Surprise Minor: Arthur Munks 1, J. E. Wheelton (Norton, Staffs) 2, C. Rogers 3, T. Bettison 4, J. Radford 5, Alfred Munks (conductor) 6. For evensong, 360 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet: Arthur Munks 1, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 2, T. Bettison 3, R. Shepherd 4, C. Rogers 5, Alfred Munks 6.

ACTON.—On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Fruin 1, C. Edwards (first 720) 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Holloway 5, B. Brewer 6. For evening service the first 518 of Holt's Ten-part: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, Sergt. Verrall 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, C. Edwards 4, E. Newell 5, R. Holloway 6, B. Brewer 7, J. Fruin 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, August 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, in honour of the birth of a son to Pte and Mrs. Ernest Morris, 600 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, Pte E. Morris (Sherwood Foresters), conductor, 2, A. Ballard 3, W. Aldridge 4, J. Morris 5, Gunner T. H. Hardy (R.G.A.) 6, H. Peach 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 13th, for services, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Hedges 8; 336 Double Norwich: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Morris 4, C. W. Clarke 5, T. Best 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 45 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, N. Davis 2, S. Grove 3, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 4, J. Broad 5, W. Short 6, W. H. Smith 7, J. Woodberry 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Miss W. M. Cooper 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, E. Hancox 4, *W. Burden 5, *G. Cutts 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, P. Kedge 8. *First quarter-peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, August 20th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Johnson's), in 46 mins.: E. Hobbs 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, J. E. Groves 3, B. Gough 4, Miss E. M. Clarke 5, G. Poppall 6, J. Preston 7, T. Bicknell 8. Rung to oblige the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th, who were on a visit to Erdington. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 5th. The latter handled her bell in fine style, and bids fair to become a fine ringer.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On August 22nd, 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Wigmore 1, J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) 2, G. Davis 3, J. Abery (Theale) 4, Rev. E. M. Thorpe (Vicar of Bucklebury) 5, A. Matthews (Midgham) 6, W. Lawrence (Baling), conductor, 7, F. Freeman 8. A touch of 308 Grandsire followed, in which E. Piggott rang the treble and S. Chapman the 5th. It was the "first inside" by the latter. Two ladies were present, and took part in the ringing, the Misses Davis and Franklin. After the practice the company was hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. G. Davis.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Woodhouse) ringers from Nutfield and Reigate met at the Church of St. Katherine, and rang two 120's of Doubles, H. Morley, of the local band, taking part; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Ewins 1, G. Hoad 2, A. Wood 3, W. Claydon 4, E. Snelling 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6; and 360 Kent Treble Bob: W. Claydon 1, H. Ewins 2, G. Croucher 3, A. Wood 4, F. W. Rice 5, G. Hoad (conductor) 6. A touch of Woodbine was also rung. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells: also Mr. H. Morley for having everything in good order for ringing.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1264 changes): W. Hoad 1, C. W. Cooper 2, G. H. Pagett 3, A. W. Dodd 4, J. Bass 5, G. Poppell 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, W. Ward (first quarter-peal) 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 27th, for morning and evening services, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: Pte E. McWilliam, R.A.M.C., of Leeds; Pte F. Hammond, of Rotherfield; and Pte G. Piper, of Brighton, 5th Norfolk Regt.; Sapper F. W. Naunton (conductor), Royal Engineers; J. Spencer, A. J. Naunton, W. Sawyer, L. Naunton, E. Chatten, W. Legood, G. Bertram.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Gillett 1, T. H. Gillett 2, J. R. Bartram 3, Lance-Corpl. Signaller Ernest Bartram 4, C. Dalby 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, Jos. Gilson 8. Longest length by A. Gillett. For evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Spiby 1, T. H. Gillett 2, J. R. Bartram 3, Lance-Corpl. Signaller E. Bartram 4, C. Dalby 5, W. Jaggard 6, W. James 7, Jos. Gilson 8, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 9, G. Pike 10, covering with 8, 6, 10. Rung to welcome Lance-Corpl. E. Bartram, home on leave from Ireland. Also as a farewell for J. R. Bartram, who has joined the Motor Mechanical Transport, A.S.C.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—At St. James' Church, on August 29th, 540 Bob Minor: H. Smith 1, Miss Cushing 2, J. Williams 3, J. E. Burles 4, James Burrows 5, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 6.—On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss Stuart 1, John Burrows 2, H. Smith 3, J. Williams 4, J. Henry 5, James Burrows 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, E. Beech 8.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on September 3rd, for evening service, as a welcome to Pte J. Hogg, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, home on convalescent leave, after serving in Gallipoli, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Pte J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on August 29th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): J. Methers 1, A. Deacon 2, A. Mawby 3, B. Soden 4, F. Wilford 5, H. Key 6, F. Hopper 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8, G. Flavel 9, S. Lawrence 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. W. Gibbins, a much esteemed churchwarden of St. Giles'. — On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. Key 1, T. Hanes 2, B. Soden 3, W. Rogers (conductor) 4, J. Methers 5, W. Faircy 6, F. Hopper 7, H. Blundell 8, G. Flavel 9, W. Allen 10.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, by permission of the Vicar, the bells not having been rung for some months next, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. J. Pratt 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, W. Horne 5, E. Hancox 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, H. Chandler 8.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.—On Sept. 3rd, for the afternoon service, a 360 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Rolland 1, S. Hillier (conductor) 2, Miss E. Jones 3, W. Lawrence 4, T. Merrett 5, H. Brownlee-West 6.

BARNES.—As a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Cook and C. Hunt, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 10th, in 42 mins.: J. Willmott 1, F. Skevington 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Barrett 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—For the evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 1, Miss Edith Jones (West Baling) 2, G. T. Leader 3, R. Whittington 4, W. Lawrence 5, E. T. Cooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, F. Purdue 8. The quarter-peal is the composition of J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), and was rung on the anniversary of Mrs. Whittington's birthday.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 17th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. J. Smith (first-quarter) 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King (conductor) 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, T. Kendall 6, Pte H. Walker (Beds Regt.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

WOLVERLEY.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): A. Wright 1, H. Martin 2, R. Moy 3, W. H. Porter 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, A. Morris 6. Arranged for H. Martin, of Birkenhead, who was on a visit to his native parish, and who was formerly a member of the Wolverley band.

CREWE.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 506 Grandsire Caters: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, H. Overton 3, G. H. Crawley 4, R. D. Langford 5, A. Crawley 6, G. Harding 7, J. Dentith 8, R. T. Holding 9, Spr. M. Jervis 10; conducted by R. T. Holding. Spr. M. Jervis belongs to the Canadian Engineer section. He has been wounded, and is now on furlough, after being discharged from Leicester Military Hospital.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): H. Webb (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Wood 2, H. Briggs (conductor) 3, E. Chamberlain 4, J. Garrett 5, H. Wright 6.

TRING.—On Sept. 16th, at Tring Parish Church, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, O. Bayes 3, B. Jarman 4, Pte W. J. Croft (5th Beds Regt.) 5, Lance-Corpl. R. Kindell (5th Beds Regt.) 6, A. King (conductor) 7, W. Redman 8. The ringers of the 3rd hails from Berkhamsted; 4th, Harpenden; 5th and 6th, Halton Park Camp; 7th, Luton; the rest are local men.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss A. Lindsay 2, Miss A. Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, T. Stuart 6, J. Burrows 7.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, J. D. Drewett 2, Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 3, J. A. Lambert (conductor) 4, C. Bance 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. H. Joiner 7, J. Currell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Meadows, who hails from Suffolk.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind. *W. Pike 1, A. Addicott 2, F. Boucher 3, P. Jones 4, G. Cooke 5, *J. Jones 6, F. Evans 7, *H. Challas 8. *First 720.

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We are asked to acknowledge the following sums received from the Manchester branch of the Lancs. Association for the "John Potter's Helping Hand Fund": Eccles, 5s.; Pendleton, 10s.; Ashton St. Michael's, 7s. 6d.; Manchester Town Hall, 8s.; Pendlebury, 5s. 9d.; Manchester Cathedral, 5s.; Worsley, 3s. 6d.; Baulow Moor, 2s.; R. Newton, 5s.; A. Barnes, 2s. 6d.; J. Watson, 2s. 6d.; W. C. Hunt, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Moss, 1s.; W. W. W., 2s.; W. Brown, 1s.

NOTICES.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tower open, 3.30—7.30, and 8—9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, September 30th. Meeting in the Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Harlestone, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — E. J. Butler, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, September 30th. Permission has been granted for the use of the following towers: Chorley, St. Lawrence (8 bells); Whittle-le-Woods, St. John (8); Coppull, St. John (6). Ringing all day up to service time. 4 p.m.—Service at St. Lawrence, Chorley. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Howson, M.A., Rector of Woolton. 5 p.m.—Tea in the Church Institute, price 1s. 3d. Will intending visitors kindly inform Mr. T. Lofthouse, 3, Mayfield Road, Chorley, before September 27th. 6 p.m.—Meeting in the same room.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30, meeting at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, E.C., by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. Jessop Teague), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 4 to 7 sharp. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Dore (8 bells), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members please note alteration in date?—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting afterwards. Short service at 5. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. The ring of 6 at Batley Carr will also be available. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Phillip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 3 till 6. Tea near the station after, members 7d., others 10d. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 5th and 19th for handbell practice, and on the 10th and 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (1½ miles from Whittlesford Station, G.E.R.) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (eight) available from one o'clock. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. A special service will be held in the Church at 6 o'clock. Tea provided by the Association at 6.30. A general meeting will be held after tea for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Great Bentley on October 7th. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions for 1916.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Whitworth Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton, Lancs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 7th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hazleden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Hon. Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, October 7th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting in the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m. Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, 7th October, commencing at 3.30 p.m., until dusk. A business meeting will follow at the Earl Derby, King Edward Road. A hearty invitation is hereby extended to all ringers.—T. Walker, hon. sec.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1916, at Wellington, Salop. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Belfry Prayer at 4 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting and ringing after. Please reply by Oct. 9th.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church (Kirk) on Saturday, October 14th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors (who notify their intention of being present to Mr. L. J. Williams, 10, Canal Street, Church, on or before October 7th) at the invitation of the Rector.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 14th next. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea provided by the Vicar in the Jubilee Room for those only who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Oct. 14th. By kind permission of the Rector, bells available at 2.30. Service at 6 o'clock; ringers' own form of service will be used. Tea and business at the Institute after; tea, 3d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Members requiring tea let me know not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—E. J. Harding, District Secretary, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practices will be held at Cranleigh (8 bells) on the first Saturdays in October, November, and December; at Bramley (6 bells) on October 21st; at Godalming (8 bells) on November 18th; at Wonsers (6 bells) on December 16th. Bells available from 3 till dusk.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting on October 14th at Shoreditch. Tower open 2.30. Tea to those who notify me by October 10th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

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