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THE STANDARD OF STRIKING.

Several correspondents have entered the field recently on the subject of striking in peals, showing that the question is, as it should be, one of wide interest. Indeed, good striking—whether in peals or at any other time—is the very essence of our art, and for that reason should stand first in the actual practise of ringing. Good striking in peals is not possible with a band that cannot strike well in touches, and good striking cannot be achieved in the higher methods if it is not obtainable in the simpler. Yet, although these things are well recognised truisms, there are scores of peals attempted by bands who can have no hope of putting up even a passable performance. The indifferent striker is quite sufficient to mar a peal, and there are some men who never would become good strikers. Thus it is that effective ringing becomes largely a question of the individual ability of the units comprising a band.

Many a man at the beginning of his ringing career suffers through lack of a tutor sufficiently capable of properly instructing him in striking. The importance of a beginner being thoroughly drilled into putting his bell into its exact place in rounds, and of gauging the compass, as well as in adopting a good style, cannot be exaggerated, for it is the foundation upon which the future must be built up. If every band would realise that it is as important to be able to strike their bells as it is to be able to ring a method without trips, before thinking themselves sufficiently proficient to attempt peals, the average of peal performances would reach a higher standard. Unfortunately, indifference to good striking in the early stages seems to breed a contempt for it as the company advances in its peal ringing ambitions, and it is very true, as one correspondent points out this week, that with some ringers it is only the scoring of the peal that counts—the rest does not matter.

Ringling in the last half-century has spread apace, and the natural tendency has been, perhaps, to lower the standard in the matter of striking, although there has been a higher level reached in the complexity of the methods rung. But the method is not everything, and if we would achieve perfection as nearly as we can reach it, no band ought to attempt a peal until their striking in smaller performances reaches a high level of excellence. This would be no check to a band's ambition, rather would it act as a spur, for one peal rung well is worth far more than two rung badly, and, as has often been remarked, a good peal of Grandsire is better than a bad peal of London. It is true, as we mentioned above, that good striking in a peal is largely dependent upon the individual ability of the ringers, but even eight good ringers do not always get good ringing. Oftentimes this is the result of the men

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being misplaced, and a conductor, who is also a good general, can, if he chooses, reshuffle the band with beneficial results. But no amount of shuffling will make a bad striker into a good one, and it is only by his own perseverance, patience and the sympathetic coaching of those among whom he rings, that this defect can be overcome; and this is the line that must be followed if the standard of striking, as well as of method ringing is to reach a higher level.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

*GEORGE RADLEY 1	... Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2		CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3		WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4		EDWARD P. DEFFIELD 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5		WILLIAM PYE 11
WILLIAM SHETPARD 6		WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WILLIAM POOLEY 1	... Treble	FREDERICK RICE 5
CHARLES DEAN 2		GEORGE F. HOAD 7
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3		WALTER CLAYDON 8
WILLIAM BEESTON 4		FRANCIS T. HOAD 9
HENRY F. EWINS 5		ROBERT BRETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1	... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2		JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3		CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4		LEONARD P. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Keeble, it being his first peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER 1	... Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2		EDWIN J. HARDING 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3		WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES 4		OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of W. G. Rowe, a member of the local band.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE SCARRETT Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE 5
*JOHN TUDOR 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	ALFRED E. TULLICK 7
FREDERICK W. TAYLOR 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major upon the bells. The ringers of 3 and 6 belong to Drayton, the rest to St. Chad's, Salop. Rung as a Peace Peal for the town of Wellington. The band desire to convey their best thanks to Messrs. Waller and Moss for kindly arranging the peal and the Wardens for the excellent tea after the peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	WILLIAM H. WEBB 5
*EDWARD BRETTE 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM COLEY 3	ALFRED DAVIS 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	GEORGE PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to W. H. Webb, also rung in honour of his being elected Ringing Master of the above branch.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	GEORGE ABLITT 5
FRED J. SMITH 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE FLEMING 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ALFRED F. LEADER Treble	GEORGE T. LEADER 5
THOMAS S. SMITH 2	EDWIN T. HOOPER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	PERCY E. JONES 7
*WALTER G. BEDFORD 4	ALFRED J. PERRYMAN Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Conducted by EDWIN T. HOOPER.

A peal of thanksgiving on 'Elliman Day' to mark the cessation of Naval, Military and industrial strife. * First peal. First peal in the method upon the bells, which were re-cast in 1913, and the first in the town of Slough by an entirely local band.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

T. STRINGER Treble	*G. LUCAS 5
E. DAVEY 2	T. GASSON 6
F. R. HOUNSELL 3	A. ABSALOM 7
H. J. GRAVETT 4	†A. E. BERRY Tenor

Conducted by T. GASSON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

NEWPORT, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT EVANS Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM DONALD WASE 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 6
JOHN HERBERT RIXON 3	WALTER LAGO 7
JOSEPH HANLEY 4	JACK GARBETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

This is the only peal rung on the above bells since the year 1812. All the band hail from Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale. It is the first time a complete band from Coalbrookdale have rung a peal away from their own Church.

OLDHAM.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
OLDHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. LAWTON Treble	S. STOTT 5
A. CLEGG 2	J. LEES 6
E. B. SHAW 3	H. BARLOW 7
F. TAYLOR 4	C. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Hampson, who died from the effects of wounds received in the war.

PUTNEY.
THE PUTNEY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH HERBERT Treble	*WILLIAM H. WORSLEY 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	JOHN P. KENT 6
ARTHUR JONES 3	EDWARD CASSEL 7
HORACE ADAMS 4	*THOMAS BOLTON Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung to replace a Peace Peal attempt which came to grief after two hours ringing, also as a compliment to the conductor, it being the 38th anniversary of his first peal of Stedman Triples.

* First peal in the method.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRED OVERTON Treble	CHARLES TAYLOR 5
J. B. BUDD 2	RALPH S. LONG 6
J. W. SEAMER 3	*FRED METCALFE 7
†STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	JAMES LAMB Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire. Great credit is due to the tenor man for his ringing, he being in his 78th year.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	K. HENRY BARTRAM ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 2	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 6
GEORGE CLEAL ... 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... 7
WILLIAM WEBB ... 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

CHARD HOPE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	JAMES WAGHORN ... 5
GEORGE FULLER ... 3	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Edwin Lambert of the East Surrey Regiment, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, October 22nd, 1918.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD G. BOOTH ... Treble	THOMAS HODD ... 4
TRAYTON BOOTH ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
*JOHN H. EDWARDS ... 3	*CHARLES CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. The treble ringer is only 14 years of age. All the ringers belong to Salehurst. The peal was rung to welcome home from H.M. Forces the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Luke's Day, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings.

THOMAS BUTLER ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... 3
JAMES W. HAYNES ... 2	HAROLD FOLWILL ... 4
WALTER C. STARMER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30th, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JAMES R. KEMP ... 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, of Norwich.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON. Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

PETERBOROUGH.—On August 10th, after evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. Jutson 1, Kathleen A. Jutson 2, G. Parker 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, W. Ayre 5, R. Richardson 6.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A NEW MASTER.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday week, and was attended by members from Allesley, Berkswell, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Coventry, Lutterton, Rugby and Stony Stanton. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Guild form of service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Evans). Tea was partaken of in the hall of the almshouses, upwards of 40 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting followed, Canon Back (president of the Guild) being in the chair, the Rev. Canon Evans, Rev. Canon Fortescue and the Rev. J. T. Owen being also present. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. Canon Fortescue as a vice-president.

The President stated that Mr. James George wished to relinquish his office as Master of the Guild. Mr. A. Roberts was elected to fill the vacancy, and was congratulated upon his election.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rugby in January next.—Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. Randle for kindly arranging the tea, and to the president for presiding were carried with applause.—The Rev. Canon Evans and Canon Back responded.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

Quite a re-union took place on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, when over 50 ringers attended a meeting of the North and East District of the above Association. Many members present had not long returned from service abroad, besides whom, many others, well known to the Exercise, were amongst those who took part in the ringing, including Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, W. Doran, C. Dean, J. Thomas, G. B. Lucas, I. G. Shade, T. Groombridge, J. Waghorn, J. W. Jones (Llandaff Association), W. E. White (Midland Counties Association), etc., whilst the ladies were represented by Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss Williams (Hillingdon), and Mrs. J. W. Jones, the two former joining in some of the touches rung.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the president, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., who was supported by the District Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, and the hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles.—The President, on behalf of the Association, extended to Mr. Coles a hearty welcome after his 2½ years' service in Salonica and Constantinople, and congratulated him on his safe return home.—Mr. Coles briefly replied, thanking the members for the welcome they had given him, expressing great satisfaction at the way in which the work of the society had been carried on; and saying how very pleased he was at being back with them once more.

Two new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting was decided upon.

The President read an extract from the Association's annual report for 1905, which, he said, was interesting, in view of the present discussion in the pages of 'The Ringing World' on toleration in the belfry. The writer, after having said a few words on the subject of unity amongst ringers, went on as follows: 'Another hindrance to the cause of brotherhood rests not infrequently in the want on the part of a conductor of a tender regard for the faults and failings of beginners. The worst of it is that many thus act of set purpose, imagining that it does a beginner good to learn his work through much tribulation. There is an appearance of plausibility in this; but, in reality, it is a fatal mistake. A sensitive man, mistaking the emphatic utterances of a conductor, will lose heart in precisely the same proportion as a conductor loses his patience, and a speedy end is made of that feeling of brotherhood, which might, and ought to have been fostered. A really gifted conductor will have patience with his pupils, and in the long run will assuredly reap his reward; for patience will inspire perseverance, and gentleness an affectionate regard. Other instances might be given where ringers are in the habit of showing a great want of consideration for others; but we have said enough to show that the welfare of an association depends not so much upon mere numbers, as upon the spirit of Christian unity which pervades its members. May we be able to apply this touchstone to ourselves, and in the result, may we all be more intent upon making our association a brotherhood—for assuredly we ought to feel that life is too short for it to be otherwise.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Lampen, and to Mr. J. H. Wilkins, concluded the meeting.

Afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Plain and Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, October 19th, for service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryan 2, G. Pigott (conductor) 3, V. G. Hemus 4, H. Withers 5, J. Eaton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**S.E. DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the S.E. district was held at Writtle on Saturday week, members attending from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Bentley, Fryerning, Earl's Colne, and the local company, also Mr. Richardson, of Brookley. The ringing included Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. At the tea and business meeting which followed, the District Master, Mr. W. Lincoln, presided.

Mr. A. Edwards proposed that Mr. W. Lincoln be thanked for his past services, and re-elected District Master.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Radley and carried unanimously.—Mr. Lincoln, in thanking the members for re-electing him, stated that he hoped to see a larger attendance at the monthly practice at Chelmsford, which was held on the last Saturday in the month, so that progress could be made.

Mr. T. Lincoln proposed, and Mr. Radley seconded, that Mr. F. Edwards be re-elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Edwards stated that he wished to be relieved of the duties this year, but if no one else would accept he was prepared to serve another year.—On the motion of Mr. H. Kirton, seconded by Mr. J. Wood, Mr. P. Timson was thereupon elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Timson thanked the members for electing him, and said he would do his best to give satisfaction; if not they would know what to do at the next annual meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. Kirton a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. F. Edwards for his services as secretary during the last five years.

The election of Mr. E. P. Buckingham as a member of the Association was confirmed. Broomfield was selected as the place for the meeting upon a date to be decided later, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. S. Grover for allowing the Association the use of the bells.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I appeal through your columns for sympathy and assistance on behalf of Mr. Charles Gordon, of Beddington, Surrey, who is suffering from bronchial catarrh, and has been unable to work since last June. He was one of the founders of the Surrey Association, and has been a regular Sunday ringer at Beddington for over 50 years. I think there are many ringers who know who would be glad to help him in his distress, especially among the older mem-

bers of the College Youths. Any subscription, however small, will be gratefully received by Yours sincerely, Alfred J. Trappitt, 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday last, forty being present. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held in church. An excellent tea was afterward served at the Tiger Hotel, and was followed by a liberal distribution of cigarettes and tobacco, which had been kindly provided by a local lady. At the business meeting, sixteen new members were elected.—Mr. Groves (hon. sec. of the Western Division), in proposing six members of the Angmering branch, wished it to be notified that the Vicar and churchwardens extended an invitation to the association to Angmering on Saturday, November 15th. Those intending to be present should notify Mr. C. Hills, May Cottage, Angmering, not later than Wednesday, November 12th.

Votes of thanks to the preacher for his excellent address, and to the lady who kindly provided tea and tobacco for the members; also to the ladies who assisted her, concluded the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 3 o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, Heane, Hurstpierpoint, Seaford and Shoreham.

SHARNBROOK BANDS' PROGRESS.

On Sunday last, for evensong, at Sharnbrook, Beds, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor was rung by: E. C. Allen 1, W. A. Norman 2, G. C. Bell 3, R. C. Allen 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

On various recent dates the same band have rung 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford Bob Minor. Each of these 720's is the first in the method by the local band whose enthusiasm and success speaks well for their future progress.

BUCKNALL.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 16th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Preston 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, W. Wheeldon, junr. 3, C. Preston 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell for Miss Alice Wheeldon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many and various are the events which we ringers celebrate by peals or touches. On October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Deptford for the harvest festival, and it is noted that it was also the 17th anniversary of the partial destruction of the tower by a heavy gale.

Mr. William Pye, whose peal total is now within measurable distance of a record, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his first peal, with a peal of Stedman Cinques at Waltham Abbey on Saturday.

Birstall bells, which have been recast at the Croydon Foundry, will be opened on November 8th.

NEW BELLS FOR PONTEFRAC.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 23rd, the first parish solree at Pontefract since the beginning of the war, was held. In the course of his address, the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Capron, M.A.) announced that he had that day received a promise of the gift of two new bells (to make a ring of ten) from the Misses Robson, of Bournemouth, and Mrs. E. Crossley Atkinson, of Micklegate House, Pontefract, daughters of the late Mr. G. S. and Mrs. Robson, formerly of Northumberland House, Pontefract, and to whose memory the bells are to be installed.

ST. NEOT'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Presumably by a printer's error, a mistake appears in the translation of the inscription on one of the new bells at St. Neot's (page 447 of the 'Ringing World' for Oct. 17th). In the second column, 5th line, the last word should be 'dine,' not 'die.' The reason for the 'more joyful' ringing thus becomes apparent.—Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

PEAL SCORING AND STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Two correspondents in last week's issue emphasise the importance of good striking in peals, although their letters are written with rather differing aims.

But surely the real cause of most of the bad striking that occurs in peals can be attributed to the absurd estimation in which so many ringers hold peal-scoring, and to the kind of hero worship paid to those who have rung so many hundred peals.

Of course, peal ringing should not be abolished altogether, but it should be kept within proper limits and for proper occasions (the birthday of the youngest sister of the ringer of the fifth, and similar domestic events should not be—and probably were not actually—occasions for peals). If the general public knew instinctively why ringing was taking place protests would not be heard so often.

In the country very many towers still remain, where for no obvious reason the bells are not always rung for service. Let the Exercise realise that it is, to those who do this regularly that the highest praise is due—even though the method be plain and the mistakes many.—Yours, etc.,
R. O. STREET.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, between 40 and 50 ringers being present, including several lady ringers. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. on the fine new ring of eight from the Croydon Foundry, which were kept going up to 7.45 p.m. in various standard methods. Tea was provided by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Ensor), to whose untiring efforts the provision of the bells was due.

The business meeting was held after the ringing in a large hall at the Vicarage, Mr. H. Burton (Master) presiding. Four new members were elected, including the Vicar, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. W. G. Whitehead (Bushey), and Mr. F. Bell (Putney).

St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Giles', Camberwell (two ten bell towers) were proposed for the next meetings in December and January respectively.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness to the Association and hearty welcome. Some good touches on the handbells concluded the evening.

EASTBOURNE.—Sussex County Association.—On Sept. 14th, for morning service, at Christ Church 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: 1. Hobbs 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, W. D. Smith 4, E. Gower 5, G. W. Stokes 6, W. J. Robinson 7, A. D. Barker 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Hobbs 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Smith 3, A. Gower 4, E. Gower 5, G. W. Stokes 6, W. J. Robinson 7, A. D. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Sept. 23rd, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, A. Gower 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. H. Taffender 4, G. W. Stokes 5, E. Mallard 6, W. J. Robinson 7, W. Bridge 8.—On Sept. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, E. Gower 2, J. Sharp 3, W. J. Robinson 4, G. Woodiss 5, G. W. Stokes 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. H. Deadman 8.

PARTING THE TENORS.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

So much has been said about parting the tenors and the effect when they are together being so agreeable, that the writer determined to see if it were possible to keep them, and in Royal and Maximus, the fixed bells, together continually. On considering the matter he saw that it could be done, and getting to work with paper and ink, the extremely simple method herein put forward was evolved.

In Plain Bob, the tenors are kept together better than in any other method, and because of this, together with the moderate length of the courses, and the facility with which the 2nd can be kept from dodging behind with the tenor, it is accounted the finest even-bell method by many Surprise ringers. In Bob Major, the tenors are together until they are parted by the 7th making seconds in the third lead; and as they are brought together again by the 8th, making seconds in the following lead, they are only parted for the shortest possible space. Now, substituting fixed bells for tenors if the fixed bells are to be kept together continually, it is obvious that the leads in which they make seconds must be cut out. This can be done very elegantly, and also very unconventionally by causing the treble to make sixth's in the third lead, thereby compelling the 6th to make seconds before it otherwise would, and bringing up the unobjectionable penultimate lead. This is invariably true, figures being very accommodating when treated in the right way; and in all numbers the fixed bells course one another uninterruptedly, saving only that the 8th must necessarily course a working bell; and, in Major, to avoid a very disagreeable effect, care must be taken that the 2nd be not allowed to precede it. To state the case as briefly as possible, the fixed bells are never required to make either called or uncalled bells, and, therefore, the number of leads must agree with the number of working bells. The method has the Plain Bob lead ends—with the objectionable leads eliminated—it has the Plain Bob order of succession, and it is perfectly symmetrical, the axis of symmetry being between the two blows of the treble in sixth's. But notwithstanding these virtues it fails to comply with the rules of the Methods Committee, who, so long as the bells, no difference being recognised between heavy and light bells, are in the Plain Bob coursing order at the lead ends, allow them to be parted without further let or hindrance; so that Oxford, Cambridge, London and Superlative comply with the rules equally with Kent and Bristol. In short, the Methods Committee set up a highly elastic and imperfect standard of coursing order, and disallow the perfect standard.

It is difficult to make the features of a method clear without an exhibit, and the reader is invited to look at the undernoted plain courses. The selected Plain Bob leads are denoted by their last rows in the usual way, and the short leads are set out in full. A Peal of Major is appended in which the 2nd never dodges behind with the tenor, and the 6th is eighteen times right and wrong.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.	5016 Major.
76 Changes.	92 Changes.	108 Changes.	W M H 23456
12345678	1234567890	1234567890ct	— — — — —
13527486	1352749608	13527496c810	— — — — —
15738264	1573920486	157392c41608	— — — — —
51372846	5137294068	513729c4c810	— — — — —
53127486	5312749608	53127496c810	— — — — —
35214768	3521476980	352147698c0ct	— — — — —
32541678	3254167890	3254167890ct	— — — — —
23456187	2345618709	2345618709ct	— — — — —
24365178	2436517890	2436517890ct	— — — — —
42631587	4263158709	4263158709ct	— — — — —
46213857	4621385079	46213850719c	— — — — —
64128375	6412830597	641283057c9	— — — — —
61482735	6148203957	614820315c79	— — — — —
16847253	1684029375	16840213c597	— — — — —
16482735	1648203957	164820315c79	— — — — —
14263857	1426385079	14263850719c	— — — — —
12345678	1234567890	1234567890ct	— — — — —

Repeat twice, substituting a single for the last bob at M in the third part, and repeat the whole.

HONOUR FOR BECCLES RINGER.

MR. A. E. MICKLEBURGH ELECTED MAYOR.

At a special meeting of Beccles Town Council it was resolved that Mr. Councillor A. E. Mickleburgh be Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Mickleburgh has been a member of the Town Council for about 20 years, with one or two short breaks, and is vice-chairman of the Wangford Union, and a member of the National Insurance Committee for East Suffolk. For many years he was on the Board of Management of one of the largest Friendly Societies, and established and is Editor of the Society's Journal.

The Mayor-elect is a ringer of many years' standing, and a member of the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association.

Mr. Mickleburgh was for many years with Messrs. Wm. Clowes and Sons, Ltd., printers, but for the past 22 years has been in business on his own behalf.

TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.

MR. JOHN AUSTIN 'OWNS UP.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As your correspondent's remarks on toleration applies to myself, I feel I ought to explain that for some weeks past I have been trying to get the ringing back to its old form at St. Michael's, Gloucester, and for several weeks we have been practising Stedman Caters. On this particular occasion we had tried three times to get a touch, each time coming to grief through someone getting lost in the slow. After the third attempt I put on my clothes and said: 'would not ring it again until they had learnt the slow work properly,' but I was persuaded to have another start. We rang three courses successfully.

Now, Sir, your correspondent says he has had 24 years' experience in four different associations; all I can say he has not made good use of his experience, or he would be able to ring Stedman Caters or anything else in that time, but there are certain classes of ringers who will never make good ringers if they had 50 years' experience; that is their misfortune.

In your article on the front page, you refer to the case of a teacher putting on his hat and leaving the class if a pupil failed to come up to his standard. I think instead of the teacher leaving the pupil would be told to stand down till he made himself efficient, and to my mind that would be the best way to serve ringers who come in the tower and attempt to ring methods they have not previously worked out at home.

At the present time young ringers have splendid opportunity for improvement, and it rests entirely with themselves. I can remember the time when it was a favour to sit and look on while the ringing was in progress, then ring the five minutes bell Sunday after Sunday; the only time you got a chance was when they were one short. Happily, all that is changed, and no young ringer need be disappointed; if he is determined to get on he will always find someone willing to assist him, but his first thoughts must be learn to strike properly; than whatever method he wants to practice get pencil and paper at work at home and make himself thoroughly acquainted with it before going to the tower. In conclusion, I should just like to say it is the first time I have been accused of not having patience or tolerance for young ringers, and I leave it to the Exercise and those who have visited St. Michael's, Gloucester, whether they have not been made welcome, or whether I have not any tolerance.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN AUSTIN.

ANOTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Bennett that toleration is very necessary; but there's the rub, is it not necessary on both sides? My short ringing experience has been like the first verse of Gray's Elegy. I have seen the ploughman (ringer) homeward wend his weary way; because he had been trying to leave behind him on this earth the small store of wisdom handed down to him, and the ground he was trying to leave that seed in looked on him—as a crank, an old fool who didn't recognise that they were better men than he was, and that they knew all about ringing, and the best ways to learn a new method before their first year was out, and if he suggested that they might bring their ears to practice with them and the striking would be improved, then they of course wouldn't suggest that he didn't know anything about striking, and that they were conferring a favour on him, and doing the tower an honour to allow him to kneel, and beg and pray of them to come to practise, and come early. And then if he grumbles because they haven't looked at that Plain Bob at home they think he should be glad they came at all; useless as they are when they can't supply their tooth in the wheel, and don't trouble that they have spoilt one more week. Yes, of course toleration is necessary. I know it well, but I can assure Mr. Bennett that in my short roam round the ringing isle that I have never seen the older and experienced ringer he mentions, who throws cold water on the aspirations of the novice, but I have seen the eyes of the said older and experienced one light up with joy when he found one bit of promising material whereby he could advance the art, and at the same time spend infinite time and trouble all for nothing, just to be able to say 'that is one of my lads'; none of the old ones answer that, but they know on whose side the toleration has been required.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

THE DEVON GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. A. L. Bennett is wrong. Plymouth and Exeter are not the only two places in Devon where change ringing is practised, and Grandsire is not the only method, as the peal boards on the walls of the Plymouth belfries will prove. He is also wrong when he states that the Devonshire Guild is very backward. When he gains more experience he will wonder how change ringing ever came to be established in 'Stoney' Devon at all. 'Tis always better to be sure of facts before rushing into print.

2, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

E. W. MARSH.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by
Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at
St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the
7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THOMAS HUGHES OF HANWELL.**DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE 'OLD SCHOOL.'**

There passed away recently yet another of the 'old school' of ringers, in the person of Thomas Hughes, of Hanwell, Berks. Though not looking the part, 'Tom' was for very many years the village blacksmith at Hanwell, with the exception of a few years that he worked in Portsmouth Dockyard, and a very clever and skilled smith he was. He took to change ringing 'like a duck takes to water,' when after the rehanging of the grand old six in 1887, Alfred Thomas, landlord of the White Hart, and some time secretary of the St. Martin's Youtas, Birmingham, trained a band of change ringers in the picturesque village of Hanwell, famous for its glorious cherry orchards. Of that band, A. Thomas, I. Hitchman, A. Hitchman, and now 'Tom' are no more. They learnt to ring, and what is far more important, to strike the rough-going musical ring of six, with its 19 cwt. tenor and 60 lb. draught of rope, through such methods as Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Treble Bob, Double Stedman Slow Course, etc. But for business and domestic worries, Tom Hughes would no doubt have become a fine ringer, as he never experienced any difficulty in 'picking up' a new method, and when the writer 'dragged him out' to ring in a peal of Grandsire Triples, a few years ago he rang his bell most beautifully throughout, although he had had no previous practice. That peal was conducted by a Hanwell ringer, the band including no less than six Hanwell men.—R.I.P.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Bolton branch was held at St. Paul's Walkden, on Saturday last, and close upon forty members attended, including visitors from Worsley and Pendlebury. Some good striking was achieved in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. This speaks well for the progress in the branch, as several of the members had their 'first touch' in the method.

The President of the Association (Canon Elsee) was present, and gave some very interesting facts of the doings of the Central Council.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, where the bells are now being renovated.

At the close of a very successful meeting, Mr. Wm. Dickenson, of Deane, generously entertained the ringers to refreshments.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEWES.—At Southover Church, on Sunday, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 43 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, G. Sturt 3, J. T. Rickman 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. I. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8.

FULBROUGH.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wood 1, S. Stone 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, P. H. Doick 4, J. Burdfield 5, R. Whittington 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. Piest 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, who were spending a short holiday in the district.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Aldhelm, in 53 mins., on Sunday evening, August 24th, 1919, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): Cyril S. Webb 1, Herbert E. Webb 2, Joseph W. Pemberton 3, Ernest H. H. Lane 4, Herbert Wilcox 5, Edward Jenkins 6. * First quarter.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 31st, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the anniversary of the wedding of S. Featherstone, a date touch of 1919 changes of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, in 1 hour and 12 minutes: W. Sterry (Dedham) 1, G. Green (Langham) 2, A. Smith (Langham) 3, H. Lilley (Langham) 4, S. Featherstone (Stratford St. Mary) 5, A. Catterwell (St. Morkesley), conductor 6.

EAST MOLESEY (SURREY).—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. N. Frossell, J. Howes, W. A. Woodrow, F. G. Goddard, A. Woodrow, C. H. Dobbie, W. Shepherd (conductor), A. H. Winch.

ROCK FERRY, BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild. — On Sept. 17th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: *F. Bantan 1, E. J. Brookes 2, *J. Cooke 3, S. F. Barnes 4, R. Birchall 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6. * First 720. First 720 as conductor. The ringers of 4 and 5 belong to Oxton, 2nd to Kidderminster, the rest to the local band. This is the first 720 on the bells since the signing of peace. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bantan 1, E. Williams (first in the method) 2, J. Cooke 3, R. Birchall 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, S. F. Barnes 6.

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss N. Shorter 1, F. Shepherd 2, R. Stevens 3, J. Iressa 4, Miss P. Shorter 5, H. Chaffey 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, W. Shorter 8.

LANGHAM.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sept. 31st, 720 Plain Bob: A. Canham 1, G. Green 2, A. Smith 3, H. Lilley 4, A. Catterwell (conductor) 5, A. Bacon 6.—On Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Catterwell (conductor) 1, G. Green 2, A. Smith 3, A. Bacon 4, H. Smith 5, H. Lilley 6.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.; Service in Church at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after the service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 28th.—W. Lather, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—A. Knights, 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed quarterly meeting (owing to the railway strike) will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price and J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Luton. Bells available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Sec. Luton District.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, 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 Marsham on Saturday, November 8th. Bells available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea by the Vicar, Rev. G. Brocklehurst. Members intending being present at this meeting please notify the Secretary at once.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6

o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The General Meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 8th.—Rev. E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wostenholm Hall at 6 p.m., at a charge of 1/- per head, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells will be available for ringing at the Parish Church. The service will be taken by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Half-fares will be allowed to members up to 2s. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. a head if the names of those wishing for it be sent to Mr. T. H. Harman, 33, Rom Road, Faversham, so as to reach him not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BELL OPENING.—Official opening of Birstall bells, which have been recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will take place on Nov. 8th. All ringers are invited. Tea provided, free of charge, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Herbert Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Moulton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th, all those requiring tea.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea free to those who advise the Rev. Cole-Hamilton by Nov. 12th. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockeill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Bellringers' service at 5. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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.

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ST. MALLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Wednesday, Oct. 30th, in 42 mins., on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): G. W. Monk, junr., 1, G. Monk 2, W. Stamway 3, E. Millward 4, J. Marshall (conductor) 5, W. Wilts 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

720's AT LEYTONSTONE.

At St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on October 6th, 720 London Surprise: W. Doran 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Prior 3, E. Smith (first in the method) 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

On October 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Riches 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, W. J. Rundle 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, G. Dawson 6.

On Oct. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Riches 1, W. J. Rundle 2, W. Theobald 3, P. H. Avery 4, E. Smith 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6. W. J. Rundle hails from Plymouth, and was on a visit to the neighbourhood.

On October 13th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: W. Doran 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. First in method by G. L. Joyce.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Aug. 10th, for evening service, 720 York Surprise: H. Rogers 1, M. Rogers 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, T. Bettison (conductor) 4, J. Radford 5, C. Rogers 6.

GLANBROOK, KENT.—Kent Association.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, in 45 mins., a quarter-deal of Grandsire Triples: L. Honess 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, W. H. Lambert 3, J. Blake 4, C. Tribe 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, O. Hodges 8.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Major: W. Miller, jun., 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, E. Jenkins 3, S. Rogers 4, W. Crickmer (conductor) 5, H. Hall 6, J. Hall 7, D. Collins 8. Ringing on the birthday of H. Hall. D. Collins belongs to Worlingworth, the rest to Earl Soham.

EXETER.—The Devonshire Guild. — At St. David's Church, on Oct. 12th, in connection with the harvest festival, a quarter-deal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. H. Webber 1, R. Hamilton 2, F. J. Davey 3, A. W. Searle (conductor) 4, J. Locke 5, W. Lethbridge 6, J. R. Sandover 7, W. Brewer (first quarter) 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Friday, October 17th, on handbells, a quarter-deal of Bob Major (1280 changes): R. Brough 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, R. Lathbury 5—6, A. Clarke 7—8. Ring in and out of the Tittums.

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